

OPEN WORSHIP

We are so pleased that our church can be open, but please remember to observe all the rules concerned with COVID: Stay apart, only chat outside, not inside, please do not congregate in the church or the vestibule; wear a face covering and sanitise your hands as you arrive.

CHURCH WEBSITE [gurc.net]

Please do use our website for all your information needs.

Besides the Sunday recordings with added subtitles, chapters and organ voluntaries, there are pages for:-

Chronicle, Diary of events, Hall Hire, Handbook & Directory, Hymns & Songs, Junior Church, Home & Overseas Mission and links to Church House/Southern Synod offices. There are over 50 pages in all. There is now added an A-Z Index Page complementing the Site Search box.

Graham Redman – Web Master

OFFERTORY

We do value and need your donations. If you donate by banker's Standing Order, or are in our envelope scheme then we are very grateful; please keep up with them. If you are not able to attend church then our Treasurer Matthew is very pleased to receive your cheque.

DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

D.E.C have launched an appeal to provide life-giving supplies to those in desperate need in India, particularly the most vulnerable communities, as they face a devastating Covid surge. We always seek to support such appeals. You will be able to contribute via the collection plate each Sunday from 23rd May to 6th June inclusive. Please place your donations in an envelope marked "DEC India Appeal". If you are not attending church at this time please consider sending your donations to me by post.

Matthew Smith-Treasurer.

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

We hope to hold two informal meetings a month, initially in Bobby's garden, on 15th & 29th June, and 2nd & 4th Tuesdays in July and August, suitably spaced out. All gatherings start at 2.15 pm but not if it is wet. All members are welcome for Tea, Cake and Chat! We will resume our meetings in the church buildings in September. *Bobby Hitchin.*

Contributions for Welcome: E-mail : welcome@gurc.org.uk

During June 2021 Editor will be Alan Paterson.

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WELCOME

**We are here to worship God and proclaim the love
of Jesus Christ to all**

**Sunday 30th May 2021
Trinity Sunday**

**10.30 am Morning Worship : Mr Stuart Dew
Duty Elder : Mr Matthew Smith**



This is the Flower Super Moon for May

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday: Father God, this day we pray for our church, for your people gathered together, for Stuart Dew our preacher today, for our technical experts who send out your word to those joining us at home.

Monday: Lord, when weariness or hurt tempt us to give up, or pull back from serving You, keep us resolute, O faithful God.

Tuesday: Lord, You have come to the seashore, neither searching for the rich nor the wise, desiring only that we should follow. O Lord, with you eyes set upon us, You have spoken our names, all we longed for we have found by the water. At Your side we can seek other shores.

Wednesday: O Lord open our lips and our mouths will show forth your praise. O God make haste to help us. Glory be to the father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Thursday: Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth you have for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for You, ready my God, Your will to see, open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Friday: When all the world is wounded, with nations primed for war, when horrors of destruction loom larger than before, when we, confused, encounter those who delight to kill, O Prince of Peace draw nearer and help us know you will.

Saturday: Father God, we look forward to worshipping you tomorrow and partaking in Holy Communion. Be with us, we pray, both in and out of your church. We love the place O Lord wherein your honour dwells.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY HEAR ALL OUR PRAYERS. AMEN

Church Family Prayers

Throughout the year we remember in our prayers all those in our Church Family. This week let us remember :-

Mrs Penny Norfolk; Mr & Mrs Brian & Lindsey Parsons;
and Mr & Mrs Alan & Pam Paterson.

Also please pray for Carole Culliss, in hospital having suffered a stroke.

NOTICES

Please do remember the Elders' Election, details given last week and on the Church website. Serious consideration is absolutely vital by everyone. Nominations must be handed to an Elder by today, Sunday 30th May

READINGS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE.

Reading:- John 3 verses 1 - 15

Hymns:- R&S 34 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God almighty
MP18 All over the world, the Spirit is moving
MP488 O breath of life come sweeping through us.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 6th June our Morning Service at 10.30 am will be conducted by our minister Rev Andrew Sellwood, with Holy Communion.

All are very welcome.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY by ZOOM

Wednesday evening 2nd June at 7.00 pm. We will be studying Chapter 18 of Acts of the Apostles. For an invitation to the meeting please e-mail Andrew.

BIBLE SOCIETY requests for prayer as received from Mrs Mary Stewart. Pray for the three Bible Societies of Israel: Victor Kalisher of Israel Bible Soc. Nashat Filmon of Palestinian Bible Soc., and Dina Katanscho of Arab Israeli Bible Soc. These 3 leaders are crying out to God and are saying "**pray with us**" for the situation in Israel. The suffering has been increasing every day. Even though a "cease fire" has been agreed many will continue to suffer. **Pray for the Arab Israeli Bible Soc** who are providing Arabic Bibles and other tools for Arab citizens to help them understand their role as peacemakers in this war-torn region.

Pray for the Bible Society of Israel. Give thanks for a growing tolerance and openness in general Israeli society towards the Gospel. Give thanks for Bible stories being shared with children because "they are written by Jews and happened in Israel amongst the Jewish people **Pray for the Palestinian Bible Soc** who have been declaring the Gospel among Palestinian youth in the West Bank and the Gaza strip and upholding the Bible in Jerusalem. Give thanks for the Bible Day which is creating peace and unity among different church denominations. Thousands of Bibles, books and audio players were given away to encourage local Christians to work together. Worship and drama took place at this first large scale Christian event.

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ELDERS' ELECTION
JULY 2021.

The election of Elders this year will take place at the July Church Meeting. Five Elders are due to stand down:- Mrs Rosina Bayley, Miss Chris Howie, Mrs Bobby Hitchin, Mr Matthew Smith and Mr Wilfred Rhodes. They have served up to two three year terms and extra years in addition; and will not be standing for re-election.

Mrs Mary Redman, Mrs Caroline Hibbs and Mr Ryan Thomas have served three years and are willing to stand again.

Nomination papers will be available on the table at the back of the church through-out May. These will need to be returned to the Vestry or an Elder by the last Sunday in May.

Each nomination will need to be signed by a proposer, a seconder and the nominee, and the nominee will need to have been a Church Member for a minimum of two years. Please prayerfully consider who you would like to nominate, and if approached please prayerfully consider your answer.

If you have any questions about being an Elder, please ask Andrew or any of the Elders.

All these details are in Welcome throughout May