

GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

- a joint pastorate with Sompting URC



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

WELCOME

Sunday 20th September 2020

10.30 Rev Andrew Sellwood
Duty Elder: Mr Wilf Rhodes



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday: Father, as we worship You today - 'Speak, Lord, in the stillness, while I wait on Thee; hushed my heart to listen in expectancy.'

Monday: Loving God, lead us forward we pray, and help us to continue on the path You set before us, secure in the assurance that whatever we face Your grace will be sufficient for us, for whenever we have needed You, You have been there.

Tuesday: We praise and thank You, Lord, for the beautiful world You have created for us - its variety and wonderful mixture of mountains, valleys, streams and oceans, trees and plants, animals and birds. Help us daily to appreciate all Your goodness and to seek to live responsibly as faithful stewards of what You have entrusted to us.

Wednesday: Father God, we pray for the young people of the world: those dear to us - near or far - and those of whom we know little or nothing. We thank You for many with so much to offer, showing enthusiasm and helpfulness and a joy in living; we hear too of broken and needy homes, of violence and drug abuse, and a 'don't-care' attitude. Lord, guide and direct those who work in any capacity with today's youth, that the future of this world in their hands would be a better place.

Thursday: Pray for our church as we face the future. Hold our minister, Andrew, and the elders before the Lord, asking that God's will for our fellowship will be revealed and that we move into whatever lies ahead of us with obedience, courage and a joyful spirit.

Friday: 'Faithful One, so unchanging, Ageless One, You're my rock of peace. Lord of all, I depend on You. I call out to You again and again. You are my rock in time of trouble, You lift me up when I fall down; all through the storm Your love is the anchor - my hope is in You alone.'

Saturday: Tearfund requests our prayers for South Sudan, one of the poorest countries in the world. Despite rich natural resources and good farmland, factors such as political instability, conflicts, drought and flooding have caused widespread hunger and high infant mortality. Ask the Lord to bless the church in that land as it endeavours to bring people together in reconciliation, forgiveness and love for God and one another, and for Tearfund in the humanitarian work they are engaged in there.

Church Family Prayers

During the year we shall be remembering in our prayers
all those in our Church Family. This week:-

Rosemary Terry, Susie, Ryan, Charlie & Joe Thomas

Celebrate International Day of Peace

Monday, September 21, is International Day of Peace. While we should have peace and be at peace every day, it often feels we are far from that ideal. So, to recognize our dream for global peace and to honour so many who are working hard to make that dream a reality, we are planning several things for Monday, September 21st. Please look for a complete outline next week..

Sunday 27th September

Morning Worship 10.30 - Rev Andrew Sellwood

Sunday 4th October

Morning Worship 10.30 - Mrs Valerie Cooper

Sunday 11th October

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HARVEST FESTIVAL AND GIFT DAY 27th SEPTEMBER.

We will still be supporting the Food Bank therefore a monetary donation could be made along with the weekly offering in a marked envelope for Food Bank or a cheque can also be given/sent to Matthew made out to the church. Due to the Covid restrictions we are not able to receive harvest gifts as usual. account and he will collect it all together and send it to them. It is also possible for those who go shopping to put donations into the baskets provided in supermarkets. We know not everyone goes shopping so perhaps you could ask the person who does your shopping to buy a little extra for those in need. We ask the Lord's Blessing on this giving at this very difficult time for us all. Thank you ... The Eldership.

Rev Andy Twilley would like to organise a worship time on Zoom, on the subject of "Sharing our Faith with others".

This is open to everyone interested, and will also be available via a 'phone line. Andrew and the Elders are very keen to have this. Andy is always lively and informative. Please let me know if you are interested and we will have a date from Andy when he returns from his holiday shortly.

Wilfred Rhodes

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Another Message from your treasurer

GIFT DAY

Gift Day was initially planned for Pentecost Sunday and some of you made your donations electronically at that time. However the sum raised to date totals only £1,100.

So Elders have decided to have “another” Gift Day on Sunday 27 September (Harvest).

This year it’s about balancing the books.

I had to do a financial projection for Synod as to the financial impact of Covid for Goring. The shocking result was a shortfall of between £20,000 and £25,000. Synod, very generously, recalculated our MoM contribution as a result, saving us some £4,296 and mitigating the shortfall significantly. So, I think you can calculate for yourselves how important Gift Day (2) is this year.

Our “target” remains £8,000, but our hope is for a lot more. I would urge you to be even more generous in your giving this year. As always I would encourage you to get on your knees and pray, both for the Lord’s provision and yours. I trust the Lord will come to our aid but we have to give him as much help as we can – to use the TRIO axiom “The responsibility is OURS”.

If you are unable to attend Church I will be happy to receive cheques by post or bank transfers – please contact me if you need more information

May the Lord continue to bless each and every one of you, and his Church, in this most difficult of times. He truly is the God of miracles and I know our finances are safe in His hands.

Matthew