

# Goring United Reformed Church



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# WELCOME

Sunday 22nd December 2024  
Fourth Sunday in Advent  
Wednesday 25th Christmas Day  
AND

Sunday 29th December

**We are here to :- Grow closer to God,  
Support and encourage each other,  
Share the love of Jesus.**

**Services at 10.30 a.m. for Morning Worship  
Conducted by The Elders & Members :-  
Valerie Cooper; Caroline Hibbs; Valerie Gill  
Duty Elders: Mrs Valerie Gill; Mr Matthew Smith;  
Mrs Valerie Cooper.**

If you are visiting us for the first time we do especially Welcome you.  
Please make yourselves known to our 'Welcomers', and  
ask for a leaflet for Newcomers, with details of our church life.



## **HYMNS & READINGS**

**Arranged and announced by Elders and Members**

### **22 December ADVENT 4**

#### **CANDLE LIGHTING**

- MP 102 Come thou long expected Jesus  
CP 714 Still the Night  
Reading Luke 2 v. 8 – 18  
MP 337 In the bleak midwinter  
MP 713 Tonight all the world is sleeping  
MP 35 Angels from the realms of glory  
Reading Luke 2 v. 21 – 23 ; 25 – 28  
MP 83 Come and join the celebrations  
CP 717 Love came down at Christmas

### **25 December CHRISTMAS MORNING.**

- Reading Psalm 96 v. 1 - 4a  
MP 491 O come all ye faithful

#### **CANDLE LIGHTING**

- MP 114 Ding Dong merrily on high  
Reading Luke 2 v. 1 – 6  
MP 690 This heavenly child  
MP 83 Come and join the celebration  
MP 393 Joy to the world!

## **FUTURE SERVICES**

- December 24 Tuesday – Christmas Eve Nativity Service 5.00 pm  
December 25 Wednesday – Christmas Morning Worship  
December 29 Carols for Joy

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MINI FISHES – Baby & Toddlers Group Mondays 9.30 am

COFFEE & CAKE drop-in afternoon – Mondays 2.00 pm – 4 pm.  
In the Church

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP – Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
next meeting January 14:- AGM and Bowls.

TABLE TENNIS Tuesdays and Fridays 9.30 am -11.15 Main Hall  
There will be no Table Tennis during Christmas week-  
24<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> and resume on 31<sup>st</sup>.

ART & CRAFT CLUB 1st Saturday in the month : 9.30 -12.30 a.m  
next meeting January 4 in Church

BIBLE STUDY Weekly on Wednesdays at 7.00 pm in Church.  
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## **PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**

**from our study book “Radiant Dawn”**

### **SUNDAY**

Lord of the loving heart, may mine be loving too. Lord of the gentle hands, may mine be gentle too. Lord of the willing feet, may mine be willing too. So may I grow more like you in all I say and do.

### **MONDAY**

Lord we turn from the darkness of sin and ask that Jesus, the Radiant Dawn, may shine on us. May his presence give us light in our darkness, and guide us safely into the path of peace.

### **TUESDAY**

May we live today by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, confident that Jesus is Lord. Keep our faith anchored to the historic events of his life, death and resurrection, and lift our eyes to see him at work throughout the world.

### **WEDNESDAY**

All glory to you, Father, for the gracious gift of Jesus, your son. May the .Radiant Dawn blaze brighter until we see the full light of Jesus’ never ending day. Lighten our darkness to the honour and glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **THURSDAY**

Lord Jesus Christ we worship you. By the power of the Holy Spirit convince our hearts that you were born for us, and let this assurance fill us with joy. Father, we thank you for Jesus. Amen.

### **FRIDAY**

Glory to God in the highest! Your life gives my life new meaning – I have purpose for today and hope for the future. Hallelujah! Praise and honour and glory to you. Amen.

### **SATURDAY**

The Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. Amen.

### **Church Family Prayers:**

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

Paul Long; Bill Marshal;

Sue Mitchell and her family.

## NOTICES

We still have leaflets to be delivered in our local area, advertising this year's Christmas services. They are at the back of the church. Please help by taking them to post through people's doors.

*Outreach Group.*

### CAROL SERVICES

Our service on 29<sup>th</sup> December will be "Carols of Joy" organised by Caroline Hibbs, of carols and readings supplied by members.

Emmanuel URC are having their Candlelit Carols today Sunday 22<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00 pm followed by refreshments.

Sompting URC are having their Carol service on Christmas Eve, 24<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm. We are all welcome to join them.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Craft Club have made a large Christmas Card for us all to sign instead of sending individual cards. This will be at the back of the church, along with a box for donations to a local charity.

### FREEWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES and GIVING

Envelopes for next year are at the back of the church for those who usually have them. If you would like to join the scheme, please let me know. This allows you to set aside your weekly giving, even when you are unable to attend church. Alternatively, you may wish to give via your bank's Standing Order. Please see me if you are interested. If you are a tax payer then please do make your gifts Gift Aided. Again I can give details

Finally, you may wish to consider leaving money to the church in your will. Not only would the church benefit but inheritance tax liability is reduced for your estate.

*Matthew Smith - Treasurer*

We have received a letter of good wishes from Eileen and Peter Heckels. They are well, enjoy being grandparents and Peter preaches most Sundays.

*Wilf Rhodes*

Please let the Welcome Editor know your organisation's dates of closure & opening again over the Christmas and New Year break.

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