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A note from the Pastoral Secretary

Have you recently noticed that there have been some Sundays when we have had no flowers? If you would like to help provide flowers and/or find out how the flower ministry works please talk to Hilary or one of the elders and see if you can take part in the special 'ministry of flowers'.

If you don't see Hilary on Sunday morning, give her a ring on 07763083111 or 01903 260568 and she will talk to you about it. Thank you, *Hilary Redman*

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Tuesday Fellowship: Meeting on 11th March in the Cornwall Room at 2.15pm. Our speaker will be Tony Hall, a friend from Goring Probus, and an expert on Scouts and Scouting. Everyone welcome!

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CHURCH PASTORAL AID SOCIETY - Ministry Among Women Friday 4th April, 9.15am - 2.30pm. Offington Park Methodist Church. Speakers: Rev David and Mrs Sandra Hill:- 'This too will pass'. Ladies are invited to this day of worship, talks and fellowship. Cost: £7 including drinks - take your own packed lunch. See notice on board, or speak to Eileen for a booking form. *Eileen Rhodes*

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Advanced notice. We will be holding a plant, book and craft sale on Saturday 26th April. Please start saving books to donate and, if you are starting to plant seedlings, please consider planting a few extra.

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The Church Secretary's email address has changed to office@gurc.net with immediate effect, the welcome email address for notices etc. is welcome@gurc.net. Thank you to all, *Graham Redman*

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New Here?

Please pick up a 'New Here?' leaflet from the back of the church or visit our website www.gurc.net under 'Publications' on the top Menu.

Please email any contributions for Welcome to: welcome@gurc.net
The editors for March 2025 will be Ryan Thomas and Barbara Hillman

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WELCOME

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

Sunday 9th March 2025

First Sunday of Lent

**Morning Worship: Mrs Valerie Cooper
Duty Elder: Mr Matthew Smith**

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 16th March 10.30am service will be led by Rev David Hill

Our Sunday services are recorded to watch later: <https://www.gurc.net>

TODAY'S SERVICE: *Hymns and readings shown on our screens*

MP507 O Lord our God, how majestic is Your name Exodus: 16:1-19
Chosen people in the desert Exodus: 17:1-7
MP1334 Cornerstone Luke 4:1-13
MP712 O soul, are you weary and troubled
MP880 Lord, I come to You
MP1384 Your love, shining like the sun (Read together)
MP269 I do not know what lies ahead

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PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY *this week we remember:*

Giles & Rita Wilson, Denise Woods, Gaynor Anderson-Easy and family

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DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday: From the rising of the sun, to the going down of the same, the Lord's name, is to be praised. Blessed be the name of the Lord, from this time forth, and forevermore!

Monday: Father God, as we look around at the world that constantly changes its direction, so we never know what news we will face each day. Help us to focus on you, and lead us to what we should pray each day - the people, the situations, the actions that need your intervention

Tuesday: Father God, we stand in solidarity today with all our brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering poverty, war, persecution. May we be united in your love, and work to build your kingdom here on earth.

Wednesday: Hear heaven's voices sing their thunderous anthem rings through emerald courts and sapphire skies, their praises rise. All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honour are to God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

Thursday: Father God, we thank you for giving us the light of the knowledge of your glory in the face, the words and the actions of your son Jesus Christ. open our eyes to see you in him - and how you see us as your children, fearfully and wonderfully made.

Friday: Father God, today please lead me in all I say and do. Whenever I fall out of step from your will, draw me back. Lead me to repent and try again. Guide me with the light of your love now and always.

Saturday: The week you gave us, Lord, is ending. We thank you that your Church, unsleeping, over continent and island the voice of prayer is never silent - your wondrous doings heard on high.

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Please remember to use our important resource, the online Prayer-book accessible from the front page of our website <https://gurc.net>

For those in the congregation not online – we have a Prayer board at the back of the Sanctuary by the Refreshments area, where you are welcome to add any prayer requests you might like to share.

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REGULAR DATES FOR THE DIARY

More details can be found on-line at: www.gurc.net/diary

Art & Craft Club – 1st Saturday of the month: 9.30am Sanctuary

Lent Bible Study – Wednesdays 7.00pm Sanctuary, with Jonathan Cooper

Church Family Breakfast – 2nd Sunday of the month: from 9.45am

Church Meeting – Last Saturday of every second month: 29th March 10.00am Sanctuary

Coffee, Tea & Cake Drop-in & Warm Space - Mondays 2.00pm Sanctuary

Mid-week Praise – 3rd Thursday of the month: 20th March 7.00pm Sanctuary

Mini Fishes – Mondays 9.30am Main Hall in Term-time

Senior Table Tennis -Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30am Main Hall

Tuesday Fellowship – 2nd Tuesday of the month: 11th March 2.15pm Cornwall Room

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CHURCH NOTICES

Would you like a Large-Print version of the Welcome Sheet on a Sunday Morning? If so, please speak to Barbara Hillman and it can be arranged!