

Goring United Reformed Church

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WELCOME

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

Sunday 19th January 2025

Morning Worship: Revd Richard Brunton, Living Hope
Duty Elder: Mrs Hilary Redman

NEXT WEEK:

Next Sunday our 10.30am service will be led by Revd Bill Garlick

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

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 editor for January 2025 will be Barbara Hillman

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

To God be the glory
Shine Jesus Shine
Crown Him with many Crowns
Take my life and let it be

Luke 9:57-62

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

Barbara Popplestone, Donna Potter, Katherine Pritchard, Geoffrey Redman

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DAILY PRAYERS *leading up to Church meeting, we look to our URC*

Sunday: We pray for our General Assembly, the governing body of URC and the final authority in all concerns of its common life – that they may seek, know and follow God's plans for the church and his kingdom.

Monday: We pray for the Moderator of the General Assembly, Rev Tim Meadows, as he continues his year leading the URC in the UK. We pray for God's hand in his work and role within the General Assembly.

Tuesday: We pray for the Assembly committees carrying out the work of the General Assembly eg. Children and Youth Work, Resources, and Ministry - that they may be diligent and faithful to their calling by the Lord.

Wednesday: We pray for the Synods and especially our Southern Synod meeting, responsible for matters in our area. We pray for our Moderator Rev Bridget Banks and the decisions taken that affect the church life.

Thursday: We pray for our own District Council, and Rev. Roger Wood supporting our search for a new minister. May the Lord be at the head of all endeavours undertaken by all in this current situation.

Friday: We pray for our own serving Elders and Officers – all the Vals, along with Hilary and Mathew – that they be filled with God's Spirit, strength and wisdom in everything they have to do in their service to our congregation.

Saturday: The day of Church Meeting, pray for congregation and members attending, the discussions held and decisions taken on the running of GURC. That we remember we are here as part of God's family and kingdom.

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

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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

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 the month again: 25th January 10am

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

Mid-week Praise – 3rd Thursday of the month: 16th Jan 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: 2.15pm Cornwall Room

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CHURCH NOTICES

January Church Meeting will be held on next SATURDAY MORNING again!

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WELCOME EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGED

Please note that our WELCOME email address has changed from 'welcome@gurc.org.uk' to 'welcome@gurc.net' so this falls in line with our website address <https://gurc.net>.

Therefore, from now on please use this new address for contacting the Welcome team and refrain from using our old address ending in .org.uk.

Also, the Church Secretary or any office based email enquiry should be sent to 'office@gurc.net' Thank you to all. *Graham Redman*

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Chloe is running a quiz on Weds 19th February 3pm to raise funds for her trip to Africa. Tickets are £3. Please see the leaflets at the back of church, and talk to Chloe or Mary for tickets or more details.

As approved at the November Church Meeting we are holding a special 3 week collection to support the DEC's "Middle East Humanitarian Appeal", in response to the conflict in the Middle East, which is devastating lives. Millions of people across Gaza, Lebanon and the wider region urgently need shelter, food and basic supplies! Please give generously. *Matthew Smith*

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We have received a Certificate of Recommendation from the ADUR UKRAINE SUPPORT ASSOCIATION in response to our giving to the appeal that was launched in recent months. It's on the table at the back of the church. Also a message sent by their recipient charity in Ukraine. We donated specific items which were collected and dispatched by our good friend Amanda Cherry (nee Stewart) and sent directly to those in need in Ukraine:

"Now, when Ukraine is standing against Russian aggression, we can't win and survive this without unity and support. Thank you for your help in these difficult times, for all of us, you give not just material values but hope that together we will overcome any difficulties. Thank you for your care and participation, your support and your sincere and sensitive heart. Good deeds, words of support and understanding that Ukraine is in your heart, like a lighthouse shining for everyone who fights for freedom and the future of our children in a free country!" *Hilary Redman*

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Last year around 75 people from 12 churches of several denominations met together at St Richard's to pray and share together in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. There will be another meeting this year at St. Richard's on Jan 19th. Please pass this invitation to anyone who might be interested.

Evening prayer will be in the style of the ecumenical community in Taizé, France. It is a very simple and beautiful form of worship that is mostly singing and accessible to people from a wide range of church backgrounds.

- * 5.00pm Song Practice
- * 5.30pm Reflecting and sharing together
- * 6.15pm Evening Prayer with Songs from Taizé
- * 7.15pm Soup and Bread together
- * 8.00pm Finish

Everyone is welcome to take part in any part of the evening they wish to. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 will be 18th - 25th January.

Yours, in the unity of Christ, *Fr Steven Emerson*