# SORING 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 – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020

The beginning of The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity **3 Epiphany Sunday** 

## TODAY'S SERVICES

10:30 Family Service

18.00 Communion Service: Rev Andrew Sellwood

Duty Elder: Mrs Val Gill

Please join us after the 10:30 Service for tea and coffee. We welcome those who join us for the first time, so please make yourself known to us!



There are many items of interest for you to take away at the back of the Church OUR SERVICES ARE RECORDED AND ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE TO LISTEN TO AGAIN

### **TODAY'S HYMNS AND READINGS**

O, give thanks to the Lord	Gen 1-2 from The Eager
My Jesus, my Saviour	Readers Bible
	Psalm 104
0	Lev 25:2-7
• •	Matt 22:37-39
Great is thy faithfulness	
	O, give thanks to the Lord My Jesus, my Saviour Morning has broken Our God is a great big God Great is thy faithfulness

### **DIARY:**

Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	18.15 - 19.30	Junior table tennis	
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 - 11.30	Table Tennis	
	<b>1</b> 4.15	Coffee Cake & Chat	
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 - 11.00	The Ark	
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 - 11.30	Table Tennis	
	14.00 - 16.00	Kestro	
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Church Meeting	

### NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020

10:30	Morning Service: I	Rev Tony Trevithick
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18.00 Evening Service: Mr Wilf Rhodes

### ► ▲ Church Family Prayers ▲ ► ◀

During the year we remember all of our Church Family. This week: Rev John Jennings, Maureen & Vic Joy

### **BIBLE SOCIETY - OPEN THE BOOK**

Do you like telling stories to children? Would you like to bring the Bible to life in a school near you? Please look at the poster on the board at the back of the church regarding an introduction and training day. For further information please speak to Eileen

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- Sunday: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, bow down before him, his glory proclaim.
- **Monday**: Loving Lord, we thank you for the assurance in your word that you will never leave us nor forsake us. Help us to live each day in your company.
- **Tuesday:** As we enter a new decade, pray for our church, asking to know God's will for us, both as regards outreach to the surrounding community and our own growth spiritually in knowledge of and love for our Lord.
- Wednesday: Thank the Lord for relief organisations such as TEAR Fund, MAF and many others. Pray for safety for all their staff, and wisdom in responding to calls for help in time of crisis.
- Thursday: Pray for persecuted Christians around the world it is believed that currently around 250 million in 35 countries are subject to direct and hostile persecution. Ask for courage and perseverance for all who are suffering.
- **Friday:** Ask God's blessing on our Queen, Members of Parliament, civic leaders and all those with heavy responsibilities workers in the NHS, emergency services, teachers, and police service.
- **Saturday:** Gracious God, teach us to offer you our willing and joyful discipleship, and to play our part in working for your kingdom.

As we enter a new year let us renew our commitment to reading the bible aloud in Church each day. If enthusiasm is waning, let us persevere. Only a matter of weeks to go. Let us carry on with joy, to complete what we have begun. Please recommit to support this initiative and sign up to take part, by adding your name to the schedule at the back of the Church. Let us cover each day, preferably in pairs, so we can support each other. In addition please follow the schedule at home. The readings for the coming week are:

Monday	20 Jan	Isaiah	63 - 66
Tuesday	21 Jan	Jeremiah	1 - 4
Wednesday	22 Jan	Jeremiah	5 - 8
Thursday	23 Jan	Jeremiah	9 - 12
Friday	24 Jan	Jeremiah	13 - 17
Saturday	25 Jan	Jeremiah	18 - 22

Let us grow together as a family through sharing this discipline.

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### **Pastoral News**

We heard of the passing of our friend Jim Hope. He and his wife Grace, who died in 2017, became members at Goring in 1996. The funeral service will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 11.20 at Worthing crematorium.

No flowers, any donations are welcome for the Alzheimers society. Please remember Jim's son lan and the Hope family in your prayers.

### **Advance Notices**

### **Christian Unity**

United service at the end of the Week of prayer for Christian Unity will be held at English Martyrs Church on 26th January at 6.00 pm. Refreshments will be in the barn Please come, everyone welcome. See more about the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity by linking to our Church website <u>GURC.org.uk</u>

There will be NO evening service at our church that day.

### GLAD

Our next meal on Tuesday 18th February will be at the North Star on the Littlehampton Rd at 7.00 p.m. They want our orders in by Tuesday 4th Feb. There is a list and menu at the back of the church, please add your name and choice of starter and main course, desserts can be selected on the evening. If you haven't joined us before please do give it a try, we have a lovely social evening together. Any questions to Val Gill.

### **Family Service**

The next Family service will be held on Sunday 16th February at 10.30am. Details to follow

### Flowers

The flower rota for 2020 is available in the vestibule – please sign up

### **Church Meeting**

Church Meeting minutes for the November meeting will be in the Vestibule for anyone to pick up. Next Meeting is on Saturday 25th January at 10.00 am.

### Wanted

Someone with a computer to join the rota of Welcome Editors. On duty only every 4th month, so 3 times a year. Please apply to Wilf Rhodes

Regular employment.!

# The closing date for **Chronicle** articles is **Sunday 2 February**

Please remember to keep up to date with what is happening in this Church through our Website and/or App.

All known dates are recorded and the on line Diary is constantly being reviewed and updated.

WELCOME EDITOR for next week is Carol Webber E-mail for Welcome – <u>welcome@gurc.org.uk</u>

