GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

# WELCOME

24 MAY 20

Our help comes from the lord, who made heaven and earth

**PSALM 124** 



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## DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday:

Loving God, take our faith, weak though it is, and fan a new flame of love within our hearts. So may we set out into another week with renewed purpose, resolved to live and work for you, in the assurance that you are with us now and always.

Monday:

Pray for the business community at this time - those unemployed, others furloughed, and still others unsure whether their previous jobs will restart when the present crisis abates.

Tuesday:

As our country has just marked mental health awareness week, thank God that 'we have an anchor that keeps the soul' and that this is available to all who call on him. Remember the work of the Samaritans, busy as always giving ear to the distressed, and having to cope with the training of prospective new volunteers on-line.

Wednesday:

'Three things of Thee, dear Lord, I pray: to see Thee more clearly, to love Thee more dearly, to follow Thee more nearly, day by day.' (St. Richard of Chichester)

Thursday:

The educational establishment needs our prayers - government, teachers and parents alike, all trying to make the best decisions for the learning and well-being of children and young people.

Friday:

Thank the Lord for the loveliness of nature at this season: blue skies, differing cloud formations, flowers in abundance, and bird song all around us.

Saturday:

As we near the conclusion of our year-long Bible reading initiative, thank God for his gift to us of his Word - 'a lamp to our feet and a light to our path' (Psalm 119:105). 'May we never take it for granted but continue to read and learn from it daily protect me; you are my refuge and defence.' (Psalm 71:1–3)

## PRAYERS, READINGS, NOTICES

#### CHURCH FAMILY PRAYERS

During the year we remember all in our Church Family.

#### This week:

Gordon Brunton, Olive Bushby, David & Margaret Butcher

#### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

Here is your last list of daily bible readings for the coming week. Please read prayerfully and meditate on what God is saying to you/us day by day.

Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	Revelation	4-8
Tue	$26^{th}$	Revelation	9–13
Wed	$27^{th}$	Revelation	14-18
Thu	$27^{th}$	Revelation	19-22

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### NOTICES

#### DAILY HOPE FREE PHONE LINE (0800 804 8044)

For those who are unable to access the internet, and would like to hear some short talks based on well known hymns, you can ring a free phone line. They run for a week, and there are 5 talks on a loop. You can dial in whenever it suits you. This week's talks focus on how we live our lives as Christians and are based on the following hymns:

- What A Friend We Have in Jesus – exploring prayer
- Lord For The Years, Your Love Has Kept & Guided – thinking about the Bible
- Thy Hand, O God, Has Guided – looking at the church
- It Is Well, With My Soul considering how to find peace in times of fear and grief
- Breathe On Me, Breath of God – exploring how the Holy Spirit supports, guides and equips us (this will not be released until Pentecost Sunday)

In addition the phone line will also be playing Thine Be the Glory, which was originally only available over the Easter period, and considers how the risen Jesus comes to each of us gently and personally.

#### RECIPE BOOK

I think it's about time we revisited the Church Recipe Book we produced in 1999. If you have any favourite recipes you wish to share I'm happy to have them sent to me via email or snail mail ready to be collated into a booklet. It could be a main meal, dessert, cakes or biscuits Anything you enjoy cooking. Or a recipe you have adapted during this time of isolation.

Val Gill

# SUMMER CHRONICLE AVAILABLE: REMINDER

If you wish for a printed copy of the Summer Chronicle please either let Graham know, or access our website at gurc.org.uk and click on 'The Chronicle Magazine' image, and you will be able to print one yourself. Any problems, let me know.

Graham Redman

