Dear Church Family,

We hope you are all doing OK as these unprecedented conditions continue. Also that, those of you who are able to, have been able to enjoy getting out and about a bit more now that restrictions have been eased a little. Please stay safe.

In this week’s newsletter we are revisiting our giving during this time. The PCC met this week to look at how we are faring under the present restrictions. We have had a significant drop in income from our hall lettings and also from those who normally contribute weekly in the collection plate. We realise that some of you will also be experiencing financial hardships and difficulties, this appeal is not intended for you. However if you are fortunate enough to be financially secure at this time please can you review what you are able to donate to the parish and those causes that we regularly support. For example you will probably know that Christian Aid week finished last Saturday, but it is not too late to donate. Also we make an appeal for the Diocesan Family Support Work (FSW), because again not being at church means that we cannot make our regular contributions to the food banks. We include an up date from FSW as well a reminder of how you can give.

Parish Giving

If you can give further over this time, please consider making a donation directly to our bank account by BACS transfer. Bank Account name: Goring Parochial Church Council, Bank Code: 20 98 74, Account Number: 40025496 Reference: Please use the reference: Cashcoll.

As we mentioned last week this may be the time to consider regular giving through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). Ian Hill our Parish Giving Officer will happily talk with you about this and help you set up this regular way of giving. He can be contacted on his mobile number 07711 696641. You might also be interested to know that the PGS has launched a new telephone service designed to enable prospective donors to set up a direct debit over the phone. The telephone number is 0333 003 1271. You will need the name of the parish: Parish of Goring by Sea and the parish number, which Ian can provide.

Please have a look at the video using this link to download the short film from Christian Aid you can use the “Donate” button on the top of that screen. Alternatively if you are unable to make an online donation please contact Julie Marlow on 01903 249685 who will be able to make arrangements for you to send a cheque to her or to collect from you (at a distance!).

The latest newsletter has been sent to us from Martin and the Family Support Work Team:

As we continue to stay and work at home in the lockdown period, we want to say a huge thank you to those who have kindly carried on supporting us through this pandemic. These past few weeks, while challenging for many, have proven that we can help each other through these difficult times. We have been overwhelmed with the generosity and the wonderful support we've received.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have received lots of thank you messages from our families, who are incredibly grateful for the continued support. For some families, they are thankful for receiving a food bank delivery, and for others, it's just being able to speak to a practitioner over the phone for some comfort.

Please keep checking our website and social media sites for further news. We will update these as often as we can, but in the meantime, we would love it if you could carry on supporting FSW in any way you can. Whether it's big or small, a donation will go a very long way for our families at the moment.

Thank you and stay safe.

https://www.familysupportwork.org/get-involved/donate/
Worship

It was a delight to be able to worship together, face to face, this week at the Thursday Morning Prayer - Ascension Day service. If you weren’t there be sure that you were missed, and please try and join us next week online or by telephone.

Thursday Morning Prayer will be held every Thursday at 10.00am via Zoom.

https://www.zoom.us
Meeting ID: 955 2642 8233
Password: 386017

To join by telephone 0203 481 5237 or 0203 481 5240 or 0203 051 2874

You will be able to join from 9.45am

The order of service for the day can be downloaded from the Church of England website.


If you would like some assistance with the use of Zoom particularly joining by telephone, or have any questions please contact: Lucinda Cox: 07905 161991 or Gill Keevill: 07715 120841

Additionally there will as usual be a live stream of

Evening Prayer on Tuesday 6.00 pm and Sunday Eucharist on Sunday 10.00 am

https://www.facebook.com/StMaryAndStLaurenceGoringBySea/

NB. On Sunday the 7th June we will be streaming our Family Service at 10.00am followed by a live stream of the Eucharist at 11.00 am

If you haven’t dialed in to The Church of England Daily Hope Line. 0800 804 8044.

We can strongly recommend this.

Thy Kingdom Come

Details of this year’s event can be found on https://www.thykingdomcome.global this year we are keeping it simple:

“List 5 lovely people and within 5 minutes pray for them all. Do that everyday between May 21-31st.


Don’t forget to send in your news

Do you have something that you would like to share, especially to encourage us all? It could be a favourite or special prayer? Something you are reading or have seen that has interested you helped or made you think recently? Please share it with us. Send to Gill Keevill (gilliankeevill@me.com) or mobile number: 07715120841.

Pastoral visits

Please let Fr. Keith or the Wardens know if you have a personal pastoral concern or may know of somebody in need.

God Bless you all, Gill, Janice, Ruth and Geoff.