



What's happening in the Parish of Goring by Sea this week?

Services this week

Full details of all services and parish events can be found in the current monthly edition of Newsletter **Extra**. The 10.00am service is usually streamed on the 1st and 3rd Sunday via our Facebook page.

Advent			
St Mary's Church Sunday 4th December	St Mary's Church Sunday 4th December	St Mary's Church Tuesday 6th December	St Laurence's Church Thursday 7th December
08.00am Said Eucharist (BCP)	10.00am All Age Worship (No Eucharist)	10.00am Said Eucharist (BCP)	10.00am Said Eucharist (CW)
All Age Worship. St Mary's Church 10.00am			

Parish Events This Week

Coffee Time. St Mary's Church every Tuesday after the 10.00am service

**The
Children's
Society**

We are pleased to tell you that the result from the box opening this year amounted to £565.00 including Gift Aid. This will bring seeds of hope to the children and families the Society supports so thank you so much for your generosity. *Di & David Burt*

Messengers. Christmas Concert

Saturday 3rd Dec 7.30pm at Shoreham Baptist Church

See last weeks newsletter for full details. No tickets required - just turn up. There will be an interval with refreshments and the whole thing will probably be over by about 9.00pm. We would love to see some of you there. If you can't make that they are also singing to the crowds in Shoreham Community Centre 12.30-1.30pm the same day (3rd Dec) while the Christmas Craft Fayre is on.

Up and Coming Events

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

This will take place in St Laurence's Hall on **Saturday 10th December from 10am to 12noon**. All you need will be supplied, and hot drinks and mince pies will be served. Tickets are £15 (£10 donation to Pakistan and £5 for materials) and you will have your completed wreath to take away.



Please reserve your place early by emailing Ruth Jepson

ruthmjepson@gmail.com telephone 07860 641915 or by contacting the parish office.

Saturday Afternoon Games. St. Laurence's Hall

10th December 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Refreshments provided.

All Welcome



Home Groups

From January 2023 we will restart our existing Home Groups and hopefully be launching some new ones. Later this month you will be given the opportunity to sign up for a group.

What is a Home Group?

“ Home Groups. Cell Groups. Small Groups. Connect Groups. House Groups – all names that you may have heard before and which you can use fairly interchangeably. But, whatever you call it, these groups are united by a common idea: A smaller setting provides a space for deep community to form and for exploration of teaching in a way that is not possible in a Sunday service. A home group, then, is a group choosing to push into this idea, intentionally pushing deep into community and teaching together. Practically, this means a small group of church members meeting regularly to share life and grow in faith together. There is no typical set of activities in a home group but the following are commonplace:

- A meal
- Praying together
- Studying the bible
- Exploring an aspect of the Christian faith
- Catching up on one another's news
- Worship
- Studying a book together

In many ways it doesn't matter what a group does exactly. What matters is that the group's activities centre around the discipleship of the group's members. This is the key: growing in love for God and for one another.”

Homegroups.co.uk

On the following Volunteers and Vacancies page you will find a request for volunteers to host and or lead a Home Group. Please pray about this - maybe God is calling you to this service.

Volunteers and Vacancies- Sharing in Mission

This is the page where we provide opportunities for you to bring your gifts to God and join in the church's mission to grow the Christian family.

Home groups

We are keen to expand the number of Home Groups we offer. Many of you have been asking for more groups and many who have attended the Alpha Course are keen to continue with fellowship and to grow in the Christian faith.

Are you able to offer your home to host a group? (For most groups this will be once a fortnight). Groups would normally be around 8 people.

Would you be interested in leading a group? Help and support will be given to those who will lead groups. You might choose to lead a group with another person; this helps with consistency to cover when you may not be able to attend.

Please email, ring (or talk to) Janice Lelliott who will co-ordinate these responses, saying what you feel able to offer. janlelliott@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 07564 344192 Please include

- **What you are offering to do e.g. host a group or lead a group. You may wish to offer both if so please indicate this.**
- **What day and time of day you or your home could be available. (We hope to have day time as well as evening groups)**
- **What is the maximum number you are able to accommodate.**
- **We are considering offering an Online course** for those who may find it difficult to get to a meeting, for example those who find it difficult to get out, or have child care or family to accommodate; please let us know **if you have the necessary skills to host and / or lead an online group.**

Treasurer and New Finance Team

Thank you to those who have offered to help with some of the finance tasks. This is most encouraging.

We are still in need of a Treasurer from 1st January 2023.



Christmas Services Parish of Goring by Sea

Sunday 18th December

Nine Lessons and Carols at 6pm – St Mary's

Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th December

Eucharist with Carols: 11am – St Laurence's

**Carols 'round the Crib: 4pm – St Mary's (in
the Molson Garden weather permitting)**

Midnight Mass: 11.30pm – St Mary's

Christmas Day, Sunday 25th December

Eucharist with Carols: 10am – St Mary's



**We wish you a happy and blessed Christmas
and look forward to meeting you**

St Mary's Church

Ilex Way

BN12 4UZ

St Laurence's Church

Brook Barn Way

BN12 4BY

There will be a retiring collection after all services at
St Mary's on the 18th December 2022
For this quarter's Mission Focus: Pakistan Flood Relief.
Please see November's Newsletter Extra For more detail.

Parish Information

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The Parish Office is normally open from 10.00am-12.00noon each day.

There are days when we are unable to cover absence, if you wish to be sure your planned visit isn't wasted; **we advise that you ring first to check the office is open.**

St Mary's and St Laurence's Churches are Open for Prayer

Open Monday to Saturday (inclusive) 10.00am to 4.00pm and Sunday 12.00noon to 4.00pm.

Prayer Circles

There are people who will pray regularly about any concerns you, your family or friends may have, and will keep all requests confidential among themselves. To request such prayers please telephone either Sylvia on 01903 529743 or Julie 07940 588880

Pastoral Visits.

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

If you have an item or notice for our weekly newsletter, please make sure it reaches the parish office, preferably by e-mail, on Wednesdays by 11.30am. Hard copy can be sent but should arrive by 10.00am on Wednesdays. If sending by email, please put 'Newsletter' in the subject box. Photographs are also welcome.

Donations You can donate direct to the Parish of Goring by Sea and our various fund-raising events by using this QR code.

