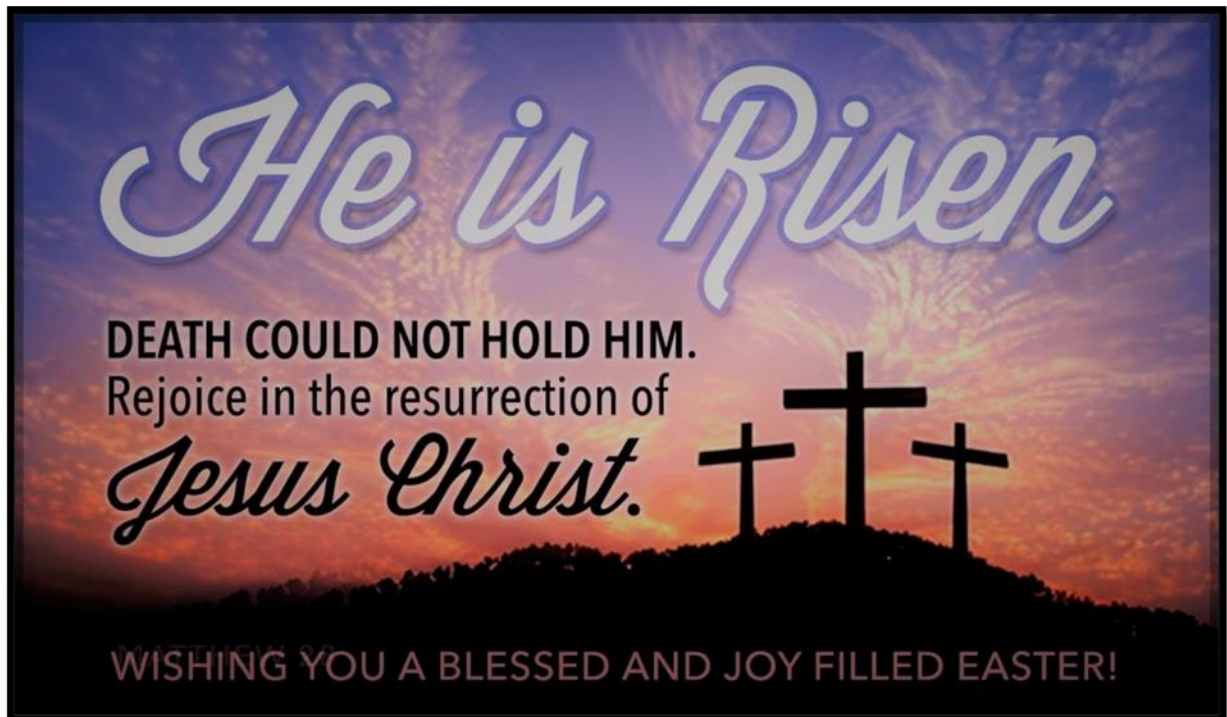




GILGAL BAPTIST
CHURCH

To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl
Registered Charity 1134864



Sunday 12th April 2020

Good Friday

The Power of Sacrifice (Matthew 27:32-54)

Easter Sunday

Behind The Stone (Matthew 27:57-61 and 28:1-9)

“For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but was made alive by the Spirit, through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison, who disobeyed long ago...” 1 Peter 3:18-20

Services on Social Media: We invite you to join us on YouTube, Facebook and through our church website <http://gilgal.co.uk/news/pastors-blog> at **11am on Good Friday** for a home Communion Service, and at **10.30am on Easter Sunday** morning for a Resurrection Declaration and Celebration service.

Prayer Needs

Those Bereaved: Please remember Gwyneth Bridger and family in your prayers on the death of her husband Billy, and also Mary Gough following the death of both her brother in law and her sister in law within the last few days. Pray for all who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

Those in Residential Care: Ann Thomas (Picton Court); Doug Davies, Margaret Carey-Jones, Pat Eales (Monkstone House); Beryl Surringer (Newton Care Home); Carole Vanden Branden (Breaksea); Charlotte 'Lyn' Davies (Penylan House, Cardiff). Pray for the health and safety of both residents and staff during this difficult lockdown period.

Pray for our Prime Minister: The bible calls on us to pray for our national leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-3). Let us pray for our Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, and all who are ill due to the coronavirus (Covid19).

Perhaps we could especially pray for the Christians in countries where other faiths are the majority, who are often last in the queue for help in this coronavirus epidemic.

Prayer Chain: Please send any emailed prayer requests to Alan Harris at a.harris476@btinternet.com or alternatively you can call Alan on 784118.

Telephone Prayer: Just to let you know, that anyone wanting to be prayed for, over the telephone, can contact Karen Challenger as Prayer Ministry Team Leader. This facility is available to those of you who perhaps would not use the Prayer Chain but would have visited the Prayer Corner on a Sunday, had that been available to you. Of course if you are happy to use the Prayer Chain, then please continue to do so. Karen can be contacted on her mobile 07795 516369. If for some reason she is not available, please leave a message and she will get back to you.

We have put in place a number of strands for keeping in touch with each other as a church. We have prioritised those who are unwell or in especially vulnerable groups. Our mental health can be as important as our physical health, so if you would like someone to be in contact with you every now and again, please let us know.

Congratulations to Rosie Perkins on passing her first year of study at The Light Project, Chester.

Church Announcements

Gilgal Videos: Martin, Steve, and Alie have been posting our own Christian videos for our Church, Megamakers, Teens and Sunday Club, on our church website and Facebook pages (Gilgal Baptist Church Porthcawl, Jellybeans Toddlers Group Porthcawl, Gilgal Holiday Club etc) and Carolyn Thurston has been posting on Gilgal Ladies. We are also developing a Gilgal YouTube page with many of these videos included. Well worth a look if you are online.

Lockdown: As you may have already guessed, the Church Members AGM has been postponed. All meetings and services at the Park Avenue buildings are cancelled until further notice.

Do You Need Help? If you need help to collect essential food or medicine please contact Pastor Martin (at his home 771168) or Daphne Harris (786249) and we will do all within our power to help.

Do You Need Financial Help? We know that millions of people have been affected financially by the lockdown. The church has a Benevolent Fund which can be called upon in times of crisis. Please contact Pastor Martin if you think we might be able to help meet a particular need.

Your giving to Gilgal: If you normally give to Gilgal using the offertory envelopes, then at this time of enforced, prolonged lockdown you might like to consider setting up a standing order, making an online payment or putting a cheque in the post. Please give John a ring on 772115 to discuss your options further.

Foodbank continues to operate at the Y Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am until 12 noon. Please pray for Margaret, John, Alison and team as they provide practical help to some of the most vulnerable in our community at this difficult time.

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