



GILGAL BAPTIST
CHURCH

To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl
Registered Charity 1134864



Sunday 5th April 2020

Palm Sunday

“The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’ Matthew 25:40

Services on Social Media: This Sunday we are trying out some new forms of broadcasting our services as Steve explores “Facebook Live” for our Palm Sunday Family Service. Please look out for this and join in if you can at 10.30am Sunday morning. We also plan to place the message by our Pastor from that service on our face book page and website so that you don’t miss out.

Good Friday Communion: Our Pastor plans to broadcast on our media sites a Good Friday Communion service from the Manse at 11am on Good Friday. Please listen out for more information early next week.

Prayer Needs

Those Bereaved: Rev. Teddy Kalongo, pastor of Trinity, and his family in the passing of his mother, in Zambia.

Please remember Gwyneth Bridger and family in your prayers following the death of her husband Billy. The funeral will be on Tuesday 7th April at 3.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium. Immediate family only. Although we cannot attend, we can all especially pray for Gwyneth and her family.

Please pray for the people affected by the coronavirus pandemic, as well as those helping to look after them. Pray especially for health workers at the forefront of our nation's care for the sick at this time.

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.

On a wider Christian news theme, please remember in prayer the court cases being pursued by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and by Destiny Church, Scotland, both of whom had venues cancelled because of their uncompromising stand on Christians morals and values. Pray for genuine tolerance in this age of political correctness and increasing intolerance to historical, biblical, evangelical Christianity.

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.

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 You tube page with many of these videos included. Well worth a look if you are online.

Easter Magazine and Newspapers: We have a number of Easter iBelieve magazines and many copies of the Easter New Life newspaper available for distribution. If you would like a copy, or would be willing to take one or two extra copies to pass on to others, please let our Pastor know and they will be delivered to you.

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 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 this service to some of the most vulnerable in our community at this difficult time.

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