



GILGAL BAPTIST
CHURCH

To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl
Registered Charity 1134864



Sunday 22nd March 2020

On Mothering Sunday, we give thanks for our families and for the family of the church.

All our mid-week meetings and Sunday Services are currently cancelled in line with the government and health board advice.

On Sunday, we hope to open the church for personal prayer from 10am to 12 noon, and from 5pm to 6pm. The size of our sanctuary allows us to keep to the social distancing guidelines.

The vulnerable and elderly are encouraged to stay home and stay safe.

In this fast-moving situation this may change, so please watch out for updates.

We are planning to produce podcasts for adults and children this weekend, to fill the gap of not having a Sunday service. This is all new to us and we will try to let you know when these are ready. Please join our face book page 'Gilgal Baptist Church, Porthcawl' and check our website for regular updates.

Prayer Needs

In Hospital: Margaret Carey-Jones; Billy Bridger.

Those in Residential Care: Ann Thomas (Picton Court); Doug Davies, Pat Eales (Monkstone House); Beryl Surringer (Newton Care Home); Carole Vanden Branden (Breaksea); Charlotte 'Lyn' Davies (Penylan House, Cardiff).

Others for Prayer: Anne Burnell; John Sheppard; Pat Wilson; Jeff Harber; Peter Davies; John Lewis (Son in Law of Margaret & Mostyn Jones); Max Cridge; Dilwyn and Ann Jones; Gwyneth & Bill Bridger & daughter Susan; Barbara Jenkins; Caryl Gill; Lynda Edwards; Daphne Harris.

Please pray for the people affected by the Coronavirus, as well as people helping to look after those who are affected while trying not to get infected themselves.

Prayer Chain: Please send any emailed prayer requests to Alan Harris at a.harris476@btinternet.com **and** to Caryl Gill at carylgill1@gmail.com or alternatively you can call Alan on 784118.

Pastors Steve and Martin will often be working from home over the next few weeks. Please contact us on our personal phone numbers and email (not on the church office phone).

If you have a problem please let us know. If you need someone to collect medical prescriptions or visit the shops for food we can help. Stay in touch with each other and particularly remember those who do not have family living close by.

Jesus said, "Love one another and love your neighbour as yourself."
So we ask all at Gilgal to lovingly support each other through this challenging time.

The scripture that the Lord has especially laid on my heart at the moment is Philippians 4:6-7: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

God bless,

Pastor Martin Gillard.

Church Announcements

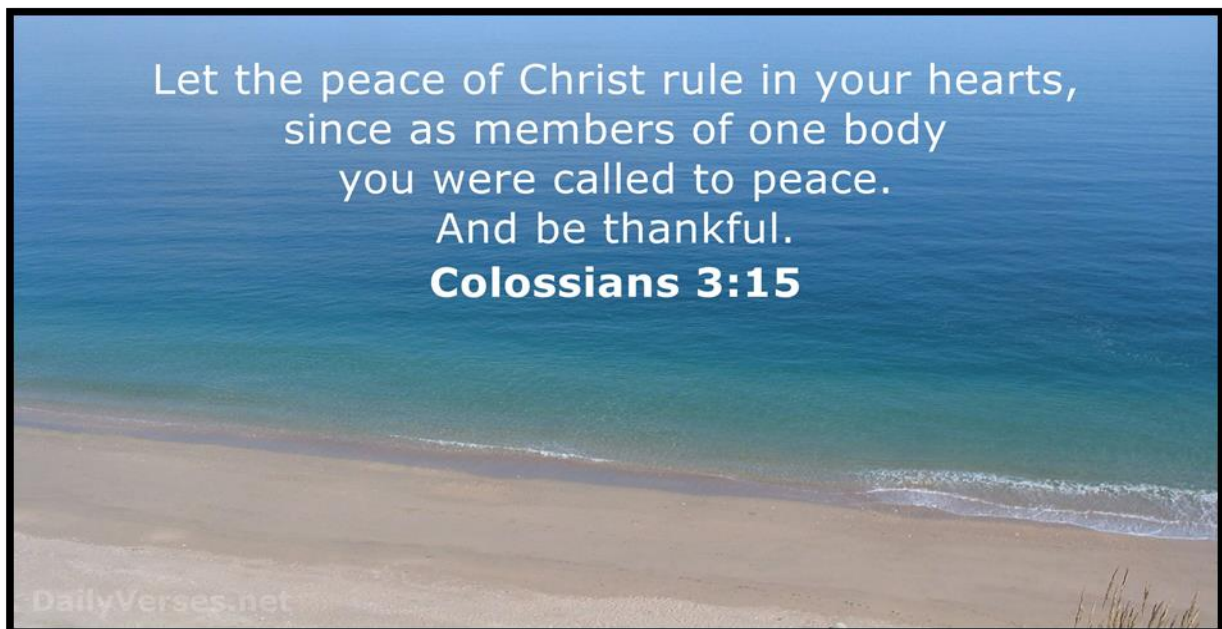
Foodbank continues to operate at the Y Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am until 12 noon. Please pray for the team as they provide this service to some of the most vulnerable in our community at this difficult time.

Please could you give Steve or Cathryn any small plastic bottles that you may have before 29th March. Thanks.

Believers Baptism Classes. Following requests for baptism we will soon be starting baptism classes. If you would like to know more about following this command please speak to our Pastor.

We hear that a former regular attender of our church, Nesta Price, who moved to Cardiff a few years ago, has died. We do not think this is linked to the present Coronavirus. Our love and prayers go out to her husband Peter, family and friends.

Accommodation for new intern: There is a possibility that we will have another intern coming this September to June 2021. Before we explore this Missional Links Wales need to know that we could accommodate one, can you help? If so please speak with Martin.



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