



GILGAL BAPTIST
CHURCH

To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl
Registered Charity 1134864

“Unto the upright
there arises light
in the darkness”

Psalm 112 *verses 4-5* NKJV

Sunday 29th March 2020

Lockdown: The bible says of Noah “Then the LORD shut him in” (Genesis 7:16). Noah and his family, and animals, were over a year in isolation. God was saving them and preserving them for a future work for Him. When the isolation was over, they made a thanksgiving sacrifice and enjoyed a BBQ together with God. When this time is over, we will celebrate together again as we prepare for all that He still has planned for us to do for Him.

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.

Prayer Needs

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

Those 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.

Thank You. Well done everyone who joined us for prayer at Park Avenue last Sunday, or prayed at home. Because of the increased level of lockdown, we are not opening the church this Sunday, even for private prayer. But we can still all pray!! As a guide to our prayers this week we are focusing on 2 Chronicles 7:13-14. "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

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.

Perhaps we could especially pray for health workers at the forefront of our nation's care for the sick in this coronavirus epidemic.

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.

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

Church Announcements

Fellowship News: Please remember Gwyneth Bridger and family in your prayers as Billy Bridger has had to return to hospital.

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).

Do You Need Help? If you need help to collect essential food or medicine please contact Pastor Martin (at his home 01656 771168) or Daphne Harris (01656 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.

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

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 Pastor Martin.

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