



GILGAL BAPTIST
CHURCH

To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

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Sunday 26th April 2020

Please join us for our Online Sunday Service
(Facebook, YouTube and <http://gilgal.co.uk/news/pastors-blog>)

Social Media Worship Service

How to Sabbath Well: Matthew 12:1-13

Our pastor also puts out a regular mid-week 'Gilgal Update' containing a biblical reflection, the latest church news and some pointers for prayer on our social media sites. While we are not able to gather together or engage in pastoral visitation, if you have news to share please let him know by emailing him at gillardmc@aol.com or phone 01656 771168.

"Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thess.5:16-18).

Please add a one sentence prayer of thanksgiving to the pastor's latest midweek message on our Gilgal Facebook page.

Prayer Needs

Those Bereaved: Please remember **Geoff Norton** and family on the death of his father Ray Norton. Pray for all who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

Those in Hospital: Margaret Carey-Jones has moved to Brynmenyn Hospital.

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). Pray for the health and safety of both residents and staff during this difficult lockdown period.

Our BMS “link missionaries”: Laura-Lee Lovering in Peru and Matt, Julia and baby Barnabas in Kosovo. Ray Jefferies (b_jefferies@sky.com) has recent updates from them both, which she can send to you on request to fuel your prayers.

Our US Mission Week friends at 1st West Monroe Baptist Church in Louisiana are dealing with the aftermath of a devastating Tornado in addition to coronavirus. Please remember them in your prayers.

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.

We have had much positive feedback on our social media broadcasts. Please pray that God will use these to encourage faith in the Lord Jesus Christ among those who believe and among the not yet believers.

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: If anyone wants to be prayed for over the telephone, please contact Karen Challenger as Prayer Ministry Team Leader. This could be thought of as an alternative to visiting the Prayer Corner for prayer ministry. Karen can be contacted on her mobile 07795 516369. If she is not available, please leave a message and she will get back to you.

Church Announcements

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.

Spring Harvest Christian Conference 2020. The speakers, and worship leaders like Cathy Burton, are available on YouTube and well worth checking out.

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.

Foodbank continues to operate at the YMCA 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. If you know of anybody who is struggling financially, do please encourage them to come to the YMCA when the Foodbank is open, or to ring Margaret and John on 772115. Deliveries can be arranged to people's homes if they are self-isolating and so cannot collect the food themselves.

If you have any news to share with the fellowship please contact our pastor on gillardmc@aol.com, or on 01656 771168.

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