



To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864



**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020**

**Social Media Worship Service**

**Theme: Jesus our Rescue**

**Luke 7:36-50**

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

**Our pastor will also be putting 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](mailto:gillardmc@aol.com) or phone 01656 771168.**

## **Prayer Needs**

**Those Bereaved:** Please remember **Geoff Norton** and family on the death of his father Ray Norton. The funeral is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 11am. 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.

**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](mailto: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.

**Cakes for Residential Homes:** Thank you to Diane Johnson for baking cupcakes to give to our members and the staff in Porthcawl residential homes. They were very well received: a great advert for our church and the love of Jesus. Thank you to those who helped with the deliveries.

**Church Magazine:** Ed Lewis has been working hard to produce an online version of the Church Magazine for the Lockdown. This is nearly ready for release: watch this space for further information.

**Email Scam:** A number of church members have received an email pretending to come from our Pastor asking them to purchase an Amazon voucher for his niece. These are fake emails and have not come from our pastor. Please report them, delete them and do not send any money to anyone you have not spoken to personally first.

**Children, Youth and Families Videos:** Our associate pastor Steve Lock and team have been updating our website and social media pages this week. Check out the new Jellybeans (toddlers) video, and look out for a Messy Church video both on Facebook and our website.

**Your News:** If you have any news to share with the fellowship, or a praise report or prayer request please let us know. We rejoice that over 90 people now receive this weekly update. There are also short weekly updates each Wednesday from our Pastor on our Social Media sites.

**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. 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.

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