

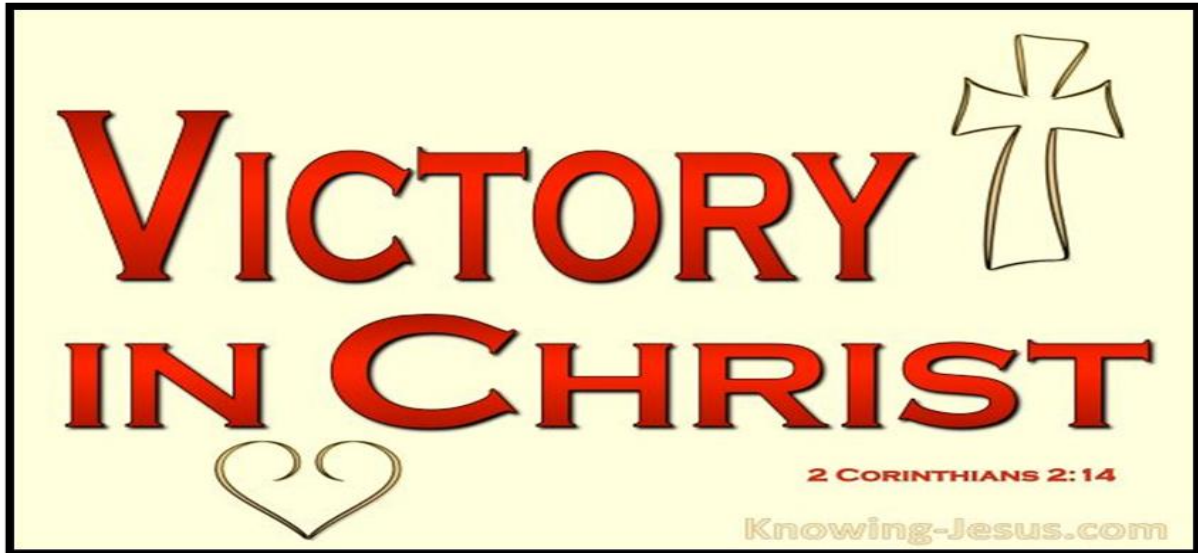


GILGAL BAPTIST
CHURCH

To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864



Sunday 28th June 2020

Online Worship: 'Teach Us Your Ways' - Psalm 86:11-17

Message by Pastor Steve Lock

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

After the service, please join us for coffee and a chat from 11.30 – 12 noon on Zoom.
Use the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81497851187>

Park Avenue Sanctuary - Open For Prayer Sunday 4- 6pm (Hygiene Restrictions Apply)

We have carried out a Risk Assessment as recommended by the Baptist Union and from this Sunday we will begin a phased reopening of our sanctuary as restrictions allow. Details of the arrangements are attached with this news sheet - if you have any questions or concerns about joining us to pray, please contact Pastor Martin for further information. We have also included below some suggestions for prayer which you may find helpful.

Sharing Your Faith: Please help us get the message of Jesus out to the community around us, please 'share' and 'like' our social media pages and broadcasts, so that many more will hear of the love and hope that comes through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

CD's: We are also making copies of services on CD's for those with no internet access. If you would like to start receiving these, please let Liz Rees (451208) know.

Keep the Good News Stories Coming: It has been very encouraging to hear so many wonderful stories of our Gilgal members and attendees doing their bit to help each other during the Coronavirus crisis and lockdown. Well done, and keep up the good work.

Prayer Needs & Praise Reports

Those in Hospital: Margaret Carey-Jones.

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 residents and staff to be kept safe and well.

Congratulations to Ruth Evans and family on the birth of their first grandson Edward.

Please remember Alie in your prayers as she enters the final week of her internship with us. Alie will be around about the Park Avenue worship centre next Sunday while the church is open for prayer (4-6pm), if you want to socially distancing say goodbye in person.

Prayer Chain Requests: Please send any emailed prayer requests **both** to Karen Challenger at karenchallenger1@googlemail.com and to Alan Harris at a.harris476@btinternet.com Alternatively, ring Karen on 07795 516369 or Alan on 01656 784118.

Telephone Prayer: If anyone wants to be prayed for over the telephone, please contact Karen Challenger as Prayer Ministry Team Leader. 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

Youth Worker: In keeping with the decision of our January Church Members Meeting we are now advertising for and actively seeking a Christian Youth Worker to join us in God's work at Gilgal. The closing date for applications is the end of July. Use the following link to see the job description and application form: <http://gilgal.co.uk/about/vacancies>. Please share this with anybody you know who might be interested in applying.

AGM/Members Meetings: As soon as the Coronavirus Lockdown Restrictions allow, and we are able to do so safely, we will be holding a Church Members Meeting/AGM to bring our members up to date with all the ongoing important decisions concerning our church life. Please 'watch this space' for further details.

Bible Reading Notes: Scripture Union notes and Every Day with Jesus from July are now available. Please contact John (772115) if you would like a copy.

Essential Repairs: The repairs to the western wall and windows (the former Toddler Corner) have started. We apologise for any inconvenience and hope to have this work completed as soon as possible.

Sanctuary/Worship Area Refurbishment: To help us with this major building project, we have updated the architectural plans, retained Richard Bond of Roger North Long & Partners as project manager, and are now seeking quotes from builders for doing the work.

Home Insurance: The Baptist Insurance Company insures homes as well as churches. If your renewal is coming up soon, ring 0345 070 2223 for a quote. Mention offer BIC100 and they will donate £100 to a Baptist church of your choice for every policy taken out!

Pastor: Rev. Martin Gillard (Not available on Mondays)	01656 771168 (Manse)	gillardmc@aol.com
Associate Pastor: Steve Lock (Not available on Thursdays)	07769 043616	steve.gilgal@gmail.com
Church Secretary: Liz Rees	01656 451208	lizreesgilgal@hotmail.co.uk
News Sheet editor: Leanne Evans	01656 717469/ 0744 984 7743	leannee775@gmail.com

Park Avenue Sanctuary - Open For Prayer Sunday 4- 6pm

Here are some suggestions from the Prayer Ministry Team as you come to prayer, whether at Park Avenue or in your own homes.

Hebrews 3:1 urges us to fix our thoughts on Jesus. Think carefully about this. Keep your heart soft and tender towards Him. Spend time thinking about all that Jesus means to you.

“Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in his wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.”

1. Thank the Lord for one thing that has been special to you during the Lockdown.
2. Thank God for all the research done by scientists, which hopefully will result in a vaccine.
3. Pray for those struggling financially especially to find food to feed their families. Thank you Lord for the Food Bank and other similar organisations. Lord, make me generous in my giving and caring.
4. Pray for Marcus Rashford, the Manchester United footballer and thank God for people like him who want to make a difference. What can I/we do?
5. Pray for the countries where the pandemic has hit the hardest - USA, Brazil and China. Pray for the poorest countries where people die without help.
6. Thank God and thank Him again and again for a wonderful Health Service. Lord, teach us to be thankful and grateful and not be those that moan and groan all the time.
7. Pray for all the disturbing news and unrest regarding racial discrimination.
8. Pray for work to start on remodelling the Church. Pray for good workers, unity in the church and that we might move forward with this project. Pray for John, Les and Richard.

Most of all THANK the Lord, PRAISE his name. Stop and wonder at His goodness to you. “COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done.”

