



GILGAL BAPTIST  
CHURCH

To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864

Don't worry about  
anything; instead,  
*Pray* about everything.  
Philippians 4:6

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**'Appearance and Reality'** (*Things are not always what they seem*) - Acts 12:1-5

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 - Open for Prayer Sunday 4pm - 6pm (Social Distancing Restrictions Apply)**

This Sunday the church will again be open for personal prayer from 4pm until 6pm.  
Drop in and out as you feel led by the Holy Spirit. We have included below some suggestions for prayer which you may find helpful.

**Farewell to our intern Alie Breaux:** Alie will be around the Park Avenue worship centre on Sunday while the church is open for prayer (4-6pm) if you want to say goodbye in person. We pray God's blessing on Alie for the future and thank her sharing this last year with us.

**Deacons Meeting:** Please remember our spiritual leaders in your prayers as we meet for our online Deacons meeting this Wednesday evening.

**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.

**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.

**Prayer Chain Requests:** Please send any emailed prayer requests **both** to Karen Challenger at [karenchallenger1@googlemail.com](mailto:karenchallenger1@googlemail.com) and to Alan Harris at [a.harris476@btinternet.com](mailto: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.

## Other 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: <https://gilgal.co.uk/about/vacancies>. Please share this with anybody you know who might be interested in applying.

**Message Live** is launching on YouTube on Monday 6 July. From Monday to Friday every week, power-packed and inspiring teaching will be shared from some of the world's best teachers that equips and encourages us to go and share the love of Jesus with our friends, families, communities and the world. Also, every evening Message creative mission bands will share their music and the gospel with young people. Tens of thousands of young people will hear about Jesus and the hope He offers for themselves. As well as introducing them to faith, the aim is to see every decision turn into lifelong discipleship, so connecting young people with local churches and discipling them will be at the heart of the programmes too. Message Live can be accessed via this link: <https://www.message.org.uk/live/>

**SAT-7 Magazine INSIGHT:** This is available if you would like to contact SAT-7 on 01249 765865 or via their website at [www.sat7uk.org/keep-up-to-date](http://www.sat7uk.org/keep-up-to-date).

**Egg Boxes:** Many thanks to everyone who provided egg boxes for the Foodbank. We now have plenty, so please feel free to go back to recycling them!

**Bible Reading Notes:** July's Daily Bread, Encounter with God and Every Day with Jesus notes 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) are well underway. We apologise for any inconvenience and hope to have this work completed as soon as possible.

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## 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.”

**GOD IS GREATER THAN ANY PROBLEM YOU FACE.  
HIS POWER MAKES YOU WHAT YOU OUGHT TO BE.  
PAUL DECLARED THAT:  
“THE ALL-SURPASSING POWER  
IS FROM GOD AND NOT FROM US.”  
2 CORINTHIANS 4:7**