



GILGAL BAPTIST
CHURCH

To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864



Sunday 27th September 2020

10.30am and 5pm at Park Avenue

One Another Instructions: "Accept One Another" Romans 15:1-13

Two Services, One Message: The Covid19 restricted seating capacity at our Park Avenue home is only 50 to 60 people. Therefore we are planning, for the present season, to repeat the same message in both services and to ask members and friends of Gilgal to attend only one service (unless 'on duty' in some way), to allow as many people as possible to share our live meetings. Thank you for your patience and understanding in these exceptional times.

Sunday Club will run alongside the Morning Service in the Hall, initially for 5 to 11-year olds. Programmes for Toddlers and Teens will hopefully be restarting soon.

Harvest Sunday: Next Sunday, October 5th will be our Harvest Sunday. It will be a little different this year as we will not decorate the church or invite our usual Harvest Gifts. We understand the Foodbank is well stocked at present and distribution of other Harvest Gifts would challenge social distancing and self-isolation regulations. As this October sees the launch of our Gift Month to complete the fundraising for our Sanctuary 'Building Development' Project, may we suggest this Harvest making extra gifts and offerings to this project instead of our usual Harvest Gifts. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Readers and pray-ers needed: We are looking for some more people to get involved in our Sunday services. If you are willing to do a Bible reading or lead in prayer please contact Mark Smith on mark280smith@btinternet.com or phone 07858 008745.

Online Worship Services: If you are unable to attend our live meetings, then you can continue to catch up with our recent messages every Sunday morning on our website at <http://gilgal.co.uk/news/pastors-blog> and on Facebook or YouTube.

Delivery of news sheets: During lockdown a number of people who are not online are having a paper copy of the news sheet delivered each week. If you or anyone you know would like a copy please contact Liz Rees.

Covid19 Regulations and Gilgal: The most recent regulatory requirement from the Welsh Assembly includes the need for the congregation to wear a mask inside churches during services. Exemptions include those speaking or singing, or those with certain health issues. The new regulations for the Bridgend County Borough allow us to continue to hold live Sunday worship services as long as we are following the 'Covid secure' guidelines on social distancing, hygiene etc. As more and more of our members return to our live services, the pews are now marked with a x or + to show where seating is available. Thank you for your co-operation in maintaining social distancing and allowing us to keep the church open.

Prayer Needs & Praise Reports

In Hospital: Tudor Evans; Malcolm Cridge.

At Home: Gwyneth Bridger; Ann Jones; Carl Rees; Larry Knowles.

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); Margaret Carey-Jones (Glanffrd, Pencoed).

Prayer Chain Requests: Please send any 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 ring Karen Challenger (Prayer Ministry Team Leader) on her mobile 07795 516369. If she is not available, please leave a message and she will get back to you.

Other Announcements

Operation Christmas Child: We are delighted that this is going ahead again this year. Boxes are available from the church but due to current circumstances, including the ongoing work on the windows, we are asking those who have their boxes ready **NOT** to return them to the church until you are asked to do so, which is likely to be in a few weeks' time.

Kyung and Mijung Ra in Tanzania: Copies of their recent prayer letter are available from the Pastor on request. Among their prayer requests are the need to renew their immigration permits this December, and the possibility of transferring to a Bible College in Zambia. Please remember them (and their daughters working in Aberdeen) in your prayers.

"New Build Walking Tour": Some people found Les' recent video clip helped them understand the planned building changes much better. If you would like to book a 'walk through' the changes on site with Les please contact him on 07443 495877.

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