



To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864

Let us not become weary  
in doing good  
for at the proper time  
we will reap a harvest  
if we do not give up.  
Galatians 6:9



## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 - Harvest Sunday

10.30am and 5pm at Park Avenue

### **This Seed is to Sow: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11**

A BMS Link Missionary Video will also be shown during the services today.

**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** runs alongside the Morning Service in the Hall, for 5 to 11-year olds. This week the Sunday Club will also be taking part briefly (and Covid safely) in the service in the church. Programmes for Toddlers and Teens will hopefully be restarting soon.

**Gift Month:** Today marks the start of our Gift Month to raise funds for the Sanctuary Building Development Project. Please read the letter being distributed with the news sheet, and pray about whether you could make extra gifts and offerings to this important project.

**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 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.

**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. Please make every effort to remember to fully comply with the 'Covid secure' guidelines on hygiene protection and social distancing (including sitting where the pews are now marked with a x or +). This will reduce everyone's anxieties and allow more members and friends to return to worship with us. Thank you for your patience and help.

## **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 (Glanffrwd, Pencoed).

**Prayer Chain Requests:** Please send any 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.

## **Other Announcements**

**Alive at Eleven.** We are exploring a new initiative with our pastor answering questions live on Facebook at 11am on Thursday mornings. This question and answer format is a way to engage with the Christian faith in a relevant and personal way yet with a degree of anonymity. Questions may be submitted 'live' via text (07469 842090) or Facebook comments, or forwarded in advance by email to [faith@gilgal.co.uk](mailto:faith@gilgal.co.uk). Feedback from this last week's trial is invited.

We are looking into a **Zoom bible study and prayer meeting** on a Tuesday evening at 7pm led by our pastor for those who are not currently served by those home groups that have continued to operate. If you are interested please inform our pastor at [gillardmc@aol.com](mailto:gillardmc@aol.com).

**"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.

**Our Pastor is on two weeks annual leave** from October 5<sup>th</sup>. If you need our help during this time, please contact associate pastor Steve Lock, church secretary Liz Rees, church treasurer John Hornsby or deacon for pastoral care Daphne Harris.

**Delivery of news sheets:** If you or anyone you know would like a paper copy of the news sheet delivered each week, please contact Liz Rees.

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