



To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

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"And the **peace** of God   
which surpasses all understanding  
will **guard** your hearts  
and your minds in Christ Jesus."

- Philippians 4:7



## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020

**Online Worship - The Light Within Dispels the Darkness: Matthew 12:22-28**

**Due to the Welsh Assembly 'Coronavirus Firebreak' there will not be 'live' services at Park Avenue for the time being.** Please join us online on Facebook or YouTube or at <https://www.gilgal.co.uk/news/pastors-blog>. (Thanks to Phil, Steve, and all involved in our online ministry!). We hope to return to live services on Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday Club** is also suspended temporarily and will hopefully resume on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Pastoral Care during the 'Firebreak':** We want to continue to give practical help and spiritual support to those inside and outside our fellowship during this testing time. If you, or someone you know, will struggle in any way due to the present restrictions please let us know. Contact Daphne Harris our pastoral team leader, Pastor Martin or one of the other church leaders.

### Prayer Needs:

**Those Bereaved:** Jean Cridge and family on the recent death of her husband Malcolm (Max) Cridge. Max's funeral will be held at Gilgal, Park Avenue at 12 noon on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November followed by interment at Porthcawl Cemetery at 1pm. Due to present Covid-19 restrictions, attendance at the funeral is limited to 30 invited mourners plus those who need to be present to enable the service to take place. We thank God for Max's life and faith, and we ask your prayers for Jean and all the family.

**In Hospital:** Tudor Evans.

**At Home:** Gwyneth Bridger; Ann Jones; Carl Rees; Linda Harber.

**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:** To help ensure your prayer requests get circulated promptly, please send them to any two of the following people: Rachel Phillips at [crossmonster7@gmail.com](mailto:crossmonster7@gmail.com), Alan Harris at [a.harris476@btinternet.com](mailto:a.harris476@btinternet.com) or Caryl Gill at [carylgill1@gmail.com](mailto:carylgill1@gmail.com). Alternatively, you can ring Alan on 01656 784118.

**If you already are a member** of the Prayer Chain team and have not received any prayer chain requests over this past few weeks, or if you are a church member and would like to join the Prayer Chain team please contact Alan Harris.

## Other Announcements

**Next Sunday:** As part of next Sunday's online service, and with an acknowledgement to Remembrance Sunday, we will be celebrating Communion together. So prepare some bread and wine (or alternative if necessary), and join us to remember the sacrifice of those in the armed services, and the ultimate sacrifice of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Teaching on Tuesdays:** Our Pastor will be leading a short Zoom bible study on Tuesday nights at 7pm for anyone who wants to discuss the bible with other believers. As we seek to 'Know Jesus Better' we need to receive His word, so have your bibles ready and come and join us. To join the meeting please use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85864047429>. The meeting ID is 858 6404 7429. For those who need help to set up Zoom please check out this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iagJnvy6ILY>.

**"Alive @ Eleven":** 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. You can submit a question in advance by email to [faith@gilgal.co.uk](mailto:faith@gilgal.co.uk) or 'live' via text (07469 842090) or the Facebook comments box. So what's on your mind this week?

**Shoebboxes:** Thank you for supporting the Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal again this year. The church will be open for you to bring your filled shoebboxes between 10am and 1pm on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**, or you can bring them to one of our services on **Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup>**. If you need more boxes or would rather make a monetary donation please contact Eirwen Harris on 01656 782676. Thank you again.

**Amazon Smile:** Do you shop using Amazon? Are you aware that if you log in through Amazon Smile, 0.5% of your purchase price goes to your nominated charity? We have recently registered with them, so you can now select Gilgal as your benefitting charity. 0.5% may not sound much, but as the saying goes, "Every Little Helps!"

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