



To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864



Sunday 6th December 2020

Advent Countdown to Christmas

'Live' Worship at Park Avenue 10.30am and 5.00pm

Jesus, the Light of the World - John 10:22-42

(This will be the focus of our mid-week home/discipleship groups)

'Online' Worship: Advent Adventure - Acts 1:1-14

Mid-Week Discipleship Groups (Some via Zoom, others at Park Avenue)

Monday Evening at 7.30pm – Leaders John Hornsby/David Redhouse

(Meeting ID: 863 3318 2507, Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86333182507>)

Tuesday Evening Bible Study at 7pm – Leader Pastor Martin

(Meeting ID: 858 6404 7429, Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85864047429>)

Tuesday Evening at 7pm – Leader Ray Jefferies (Meeting: 878 5482 6351, Passcode: L0hrp1

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87854826351?pwd=QUJiU05ydWN5aFlrd21zcVZYaTnJZz09>)

Meetings at Park Avenue for those who can't use Zoom, or don't wish to:

Tuesday at 7.30pm – Leader Gordon Lovering

Thursday Afternoon at 2pm – Leader Gordon Lovering

Friday Morning Group – Leader Carolynne Gillard. **N.B. Not meeting on the 11th.**

For more information about these groups please contact their leaders.

Prayer Needs:

Those bereaved: The funeral of Peter Davies will take place at Gilgal, Park Avenue at 12.30pm and at Coychurch Crem at 1.45pm on Friday 11th December. Due to Covid19 restrictions attendance is limited to those invited by the family. Please do remember daughter Helen, family and friends in your prayers.

At Home: Gwyneth Bridger; Ann Jones; Pat Habberley; Tudor Evans.

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 (Glanffrwyd, Pencoed).

The Prayer Corner will be up and running again on Sundays. Carolynne Gillard & Eirwen Harris will be available to pray with you after the morning service.

Mary Gough, Joyce Lovering, Pam Jenkins and Caryl Gill will pray with anyone who needs prayer in the evening.

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, Alan Harris at a.harris476@btinternet.com or Caryl Gill at carylgill1@gmail.com. Alternatively, you can ring Alan on 01656 784118.

Other Announcements

Worship Team: Christmas recording session Wednesday 9.30am at Park Avenue.

Deacons Meeting: Wednesday at 7pm using Zoom.

Christmas outreach on John Street – next door to Lloyds Bank – **Saturdays 12th & 19th December** from 10 am to 1 pm. Come for as long as you can. Covid-19 compliant – masks and spacing.

Carol Singing around Park Avenue and Victoria Avenue etc: **Wednesday 16th Dec at 6pm:** WANTED! At least 12 courageous, loud singers (Max 30). Meet in the car park at 5.45pm for prayer. Contact Gordon for more information.

Christmas Eve, Thursday 24th December: 10am to 1pm. Church open for personal and reflective prayer – if shopping with friends, why not invite them to see our Christmas decorations? – then pray with them! Volunteers needed to host and supervise. Please contact Eirwen.

Gilgal Ladies: 'What are you thankful to God for this Christmas?' is the title of a photo montage that Gilgal Ladies are doing this Christmas, open to all ladies and their families. Take a photo of yourself in Christmas jumper/festive outfit if you'd like, holding a sign (A4 paper size) of what you're thankful for. Send photos to Carolyn Thurston on WhatsApp 07764 679871 or email carolyncareyjones@yahoo.co.uk or

Carolyn will take the photo for you on your doorstep if you prefer. It's a way of us all staying connected this Christmas.

The following Daily Bible notes are available at the back of church: 'Our Daily Bread' for December to Feb 2021, Every Day with Jesus and Scripture Union notes for January, UCB's '90 Days of Faith, Hope & Courage in changing times' (undated). All of these can help us to understand the bible better, so please take a copy for yourself or a friend. If you need to have them delivered, please contact Eirwen Harris.

Worship group: We would like to expand the worship group with some more singers and particularly a guitarist. If you are able to help, please contact Chris Goldsworthy.

Fabric: Attached to this newsletter is a list of repair work that needs to be done on the church and hall headed 'Quinquennial Inspection Gilgal Baptist Church'. It would be helpful to expand the list of those available to help complete these repairs, most of which are small, and capable of completion by one person. Please make contact with Richard Newman to express an interest.

On-line Alpha Course: we are planning to start this course in January – volunteers needed to help run it. Please start praying for those you know who would benefit and plan an encouragement process!! Contact Cathryn for details.



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