



To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864



Sunday 13th December 2020

Advent Countdown to Christmas

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

Shepherds' Surprise - Luke 2:8-20

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

'Online' Worship: Jesus and Hanukkah - John 10:22-42

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>)

Please note this is the last Tuesday evening online Bible Study until the New Year.

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.

Please note these are the last mid-week group meetings in Park Avenue until the New Year.

For more information about these groups please contact their leaders.

Prayer Needs:

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 is 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

Christmas outreach on John Street: next door to Lloyds Bank – **Saturdays 12th & 19th December** from 10 am to 1 pm. Come for an hour (or more). Covid-19 compliant – masks and spacing.

Carol singing Sunday 13th December: Please join us after the evening service, meet in the car park, as we gather together to head to Westfield Crescent around 6.30 then back to Severn Road for 7pm to sing carols and minister to folk who have recently been severely affected by the Coronavirus. Please join us if you can: we don't anticipate being out for more than an hour and if the weather is bad we will cancel.

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 Jumper Sunday: Please join in the fun if you are able to and wear a Christmas jumper or something Christmassy on Sunday 20th December.

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.

Daily Bible notes: 'Our Daily Bread' and UCB's '90 Days of Faith, Hope & Courage in changing times' are available at the back of church. Using these can help us to understand the bible better, so please take a copy for yourself or a friend. If you want to have them delivered, please contact Eirwen Harris, who also has a few copies of Every Day with Jesus and Scripture Union notes for January.

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.

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.

Coronavirus guidelines: Are you able to help us adhere to these? We are looking for some people to help out occasionally making sure people sit in the correct spaces and use hand sanitiser. If you can help please contact Liz.

Offertory envelopes for 2021 are now available: please let John Hornsby know if you would like a set.

Next week's news sheet will be the last one of 2020, so if anyone has any notices for over Christmas and going into the New Year please get them to Leanne ASAP.



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