



To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864



Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Christmas Jumper Sunday!**

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

**"Star of Bethlehem" (and Sunday Club Nativity) - Matthew 2:1-12**

**'Online' Worship: "Shepherds' Surprise" Luke 2:8-20**

**Our Mid-Week Discipleship Groups have now finished for Christmas and will be resuming in the New Year – check with your group leaders for the exact dates.**

**Prayer Needs:**

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

**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).

**Please remember in your prayers our BMS Link Missionaries Matt, Julia and Barney who have been ill with the Coronavirus. Please pray for all who are dealing with illness due to the present Covid19 pandemic.**

**Prayer Ministry / Prayer 2020:** Will you please pray the following prayer, today, Sunday 20th December at 20:20pm for 20 minutes or you can pray your own prayers: "Gracious Father, thank you for sending Jesus into our world to bring hope for all. We ask for the light of your love to reach into many hearts this Christmas season and draw those we have been praying for to put their trust in you" (John 3:16).

**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](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.

### **Other Announcements**

**Christmas Eve** (Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December): Open Church 10am to 1pm. An opportunity for personal reflection and interactive prayer. Come and worship.

**Christmas Tingle (Family Activity):** Christmas Eve at 4pm. For families with young children to focus on the real meaning of Christmas with action songs and Christingles.

**Christmas Day – Happy Birthday Jesus!** A short Family Service at **10am**. Children please bring your favourite present to show us. This service includes our farewell to Steve Lock and family and an opportunity to give to support the work of the charity Gulu Mission Initiative. Look out for a special Christmas day online broadcast on our social media pages.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December: Endings and Beginnings.** Join us for live worship and Sunday Club at 10.30am (only one service this Sunday!), or join us online at [www.gilgal.co.uk](http://www.gilgal.co.uk), Facebook or YouTube.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021:** Worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us in person at 10.30am or 5.00pm or online at [www.gilgal.co.uk](http://www.gilgal.co.uk), Facebook and YouTube.

**A BIG Thank You** to the "host of heavenly people" who came carol singing on Wednesday evening! And to those stalwarts who braved the weather to help us outreach on John Street on Saturday. Thank you so much. Pray our Christmas Cards bear much fruit for the Kingdom.

**Welcome home for Christmas to Rosie Perkins** who has been studying Christian mission with the Light Project in Chester.

**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.

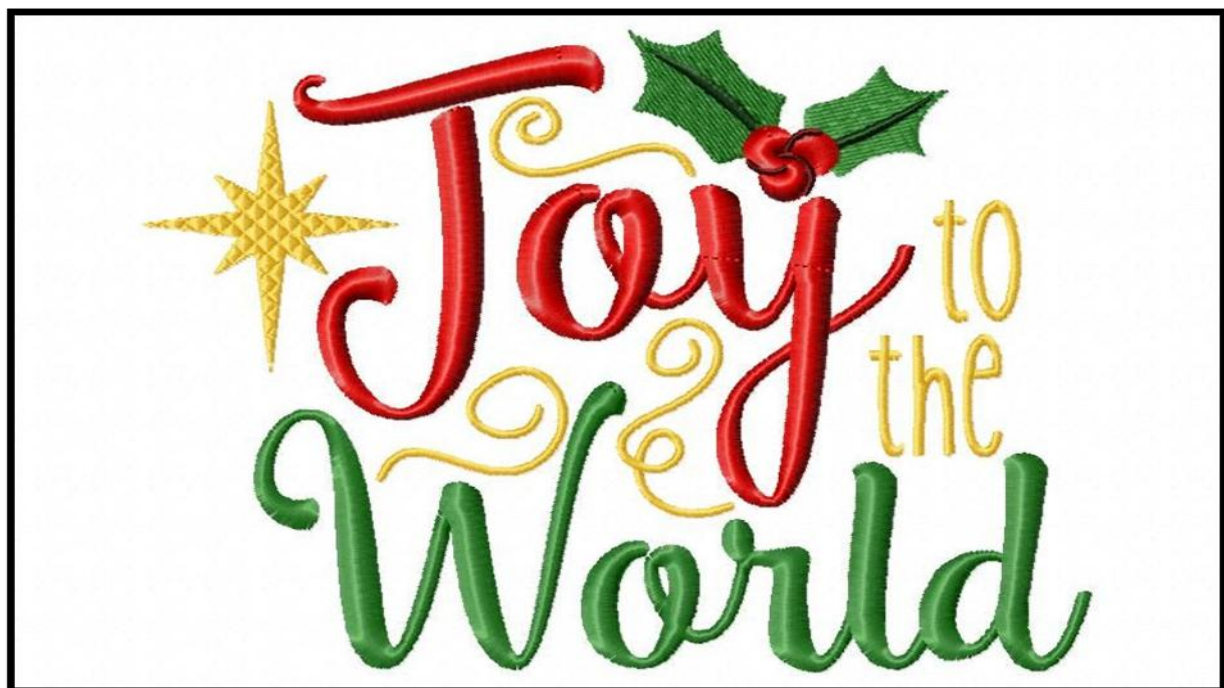
**On-line Alpha Course:** we are planning to start this course in January – volunteers needed to help run it. Please start praying for those you know who would benefit and plan an encouragement process!! Contact Cathryn for details.

**Christian Preachers Wanted!** We are looking to develop a pool of members ready, willing and able to preach the Good news of Jesus Christ. Our desire is to give opportunities on a Sunday evening for church members to speak while our pastor leads the service. If you would like to be considered for this service to our Lord, please contact our Pastor.

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

**There will be a meeting of the World Mission Ministry Team** at 2pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January in the hall. Everyone welcome.

**A huge thank you for all your support** throughout this unique and testing time. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at Gilgal.



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