



### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

**'Live' Worship at Park Avenue starting at 10.30am: Jesus' Journey to Jerusalem (3):  
Recovery of Sight - Matthew 20:29-34**

**'Online Worship': Jesus Journey to Jerusalem (2): Pushy Parents - Matthew 20:20-28**

#### **Mid-Week Discipleship Groups (via Zoom)**

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 ID: 817 9914 1828, Passcode: EAC6uT, Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81799141828?pwd=aTZabEhFNXNuYVJNaDFPeDMwaGMvUT09>)

Tuesday Evening at 7.30pm – Danygraig House group - Leader Gordon Lovering

(Meeting ID: 810 2057 8627 Passcode: 120953, Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81020578627?pwd=L0ZNUFdBR3hxRzByZ1BrR0lwVmNSQT09>)

For more information about any of these groups please contact their leaders.

## **Prayer Needs:**

**Those Bereaved:** Paul Winstanley & family bereaved of his father.

**At Home:** Dilwyn and Ann Jones; Pat Habberley; Phyllis Philipps; Alan Lee; Bryan Brown; David Porter (father of Rhianwyn Stewart); Martyn Llewellyn-Smith; Susan Corbett; Nia Knowles; William Bridger; Ann Lewis; Gerry Thurston.

**In Residential Care:** Ann Thomas (Picton Court); Doug Davies, Pat Eales (Monkstone House); Beryl Surringer (Newton Care Home); Carole Vanden Branden (Breaksea); 'Lyn' Davies (Penylan House, Cardiff); Margaret Carey-Jones (Glanffrwyd, Pencoed).

**Online Alpha:** Please continue to pray for this course running on Friday afternoons using Zoom, that those who attend will find answers to their questions.

**Sunday Club via Zoom:** Please pray for the children attending on Sundays between 2 and 3pm and for more to join us. The Zoom link is available from Cathryn Hodges.

**World Mission Prayer:** Please pray that Laura Lovering will be able to return home safely when she plans to do so later this year.

**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**

**Appointment of Youth Worker:** We are pleased to announce that, from 12<sup>th</sup> April onwards, Owen Hughes will be joining us as our new Youth Worker. We warmly welcome Owen and his wife Caitlin into our fellowship at Gilgal and look forward to working with them 'To Know Jesus Better and to Make Jesus Better Known'.

**Our Sunday Evening 'Disciples Service'** will start back, at 5pm, from next Sunday (Palm Sunday), March 28<sup>th</sup>. This 'in person' service will be open to all at our Park Avenue home. We also hope to 'live stream' these services so please check your news sheet next week for the connection details if you would like to join us live from home.

**Please remember that the clocks go forward next weekend,** Palm Sunday, you won't want to miss any of the special services and blessings God has planned for us!

**Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021:** Our witness on John St will take the form of a "*Crucifixion Commemoration*". Given the Covid restrictions, we feel a Walk is not appropriate. However, we have over 400 items of literature to give away. Yet we must be Covid-compliant. We shall have a stationary cross placed somewhere on John Street in the region of the Museum. We need between 2 and 4 volunteers to be near the cross at any one time, offering tracts. Half hour slots from 11.30 am to 3.00 pm are available. If you are willing to help, please email [gordonandjoycelovering@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gordonandjoycelovering@hotmail.co.uk) saying what times you can offer. Thanks in advance. Questions? Phone 01656 773 182, text 07877 250 118 or email Gordon.

**Toddlers' leader needed:** We are hoping to start up our Jellybeans toddlers group as soon as restrictions allow. In order to do this, we need someone to take it on, lead it and organise it. We are also looking for helpers, so basically a new team. If you feel this is something you can get involved in please contact Liz, thank you.

**Election of deacons:** Five of our deacons are coming to the end of their terms of office. Caryl Gill, Cathryn Hodges, Daphne Harris and Gordon Lovering are willing to stand again if nominated. Eirwen Harris has decided not to stand again and we thank her for her service as a deacon over the past few years. With Steve having left us at Christmas, we have six vacancies which we would like to fill, so please give prayerful consideration to this matter and if you would like a nomination form then contact Liz.

**The back pews** have now been removed ready for the building redevelopment work that starts after Easter. Thank you everyone for your patience and support as we create 'a building fit for purpose' in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**Emptying the vestibule:** In preparation for the building project to begin, the vestibule has to be cleared by the end of March. If there is anything you would like to keep please contact Liz, thanks for your help.

**Bridgend Community Transport 'TOWN RIDER' service:** Do you find it difficult to use the normal bus services? If so, the Town Rider door to door minibus service is available and is free of charge to bus pass holders. If you would like an information leaflet about the service please contact Daphne Harris.

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