



To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864



Sunday 30th May 2021

'Live' Worship at Park Avenue:

**10.30am: Series – Renewing Emotional Well-Being - “Don't Bottle Things Up”
Lamentations 3:19-33**

Our Sunday Club leaders will care for children aged 4 years+ in the hall.

5pm Disciples Service: “Paul's Curriculum Vitae” 2 Corinthians 11:16-33

This service includes Communion, and will be live-streamed on our 'Gilgal Baptist Church' Facebook Page

'Online' worship: Renewing Emotional Well-Being - “Why Me?” - Job 2:1-3:1

Mid-Week Discipleship Groups:

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 at 7.30 pm Danygraig zoom house group - Leader Gordon Lovering

(Meeting ID: 849 2500 7850 Passcode: 940788

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84925007850?pwd=enVYWjNtdUNtVmFlnFYrY3ozazZhdz09>)

Friday morning from 10am until 12 noon: House group meeting in the church hall,
Leader Carolynne Gillard.

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

Prayer Needs & Praise Reports

Those Bereaved: Julie Blackwell & family bereaved of her mother Joy James; Vera Jones bereaved of her sister Frances.

At Home: Dilwyn and Ann Jones; Phyllis Phillips; Martyn Llewellyn-Smith; Nia Knowles; Gerry Thurston; Wendy Porter.

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).

On 7th May, a team of our Street Pastors went out for the first time in 2021. We are operating on a reduced capacity for now but hope to get back up to full strength by the summer. Please pray for the teams as they go out into Cardiff every Friday night.

Praise Report 1 - The Leprosy Mission: Gilgal were able to send £382 for their Mozambique Appeal which was doubled by the UK government, making a total of £764 - an incredible amount. Praise the Lord for His goodness!

Praise Report 2 - The Leprosy Mission: Can we give a big 'Thank you' to Jean Brooks for her many years of service as TLM spokesperson for Gilgal. Jean has decided to step down from this post and the new TLM spokesperson for Gilgal will be Leanne Evans who is delighted to be taking on the position.

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

Church meeting change of date: Our next church meeting is being moved forward to **Wednesday 2nd June** at Park Avenue at 7 pm. This is to accommodate a special church meeting on the same evening at which important decisions regarding the building project will be made. If you are a member, please make every effort to attend. For those unable to attend in person, the Zoom link will be <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84175048396>

From 6th June we expect to be relocating our Sunday services to the Awel Y Mor Community Centre while our Park Avenue home undergoes major redevelopment and expansion. Our service times will continue at 10.30am and 5pm. Thank you for your support and understanding during this season of disruption. And please watch out for further updates in the News Sheet and on our social media sites.

Pastoral Care: Presently the coronavirus restrictions limit indoor home visits for pastoral care. However pastoral visits outdoors (e.g., in the garden) or meeting up for a coffee in a coffee shop are allowed. If you would like to meet up with our Pastor in this way for pastoral care or support please let us know.

Weekly witness on John Street: Tuesday 1st June from 11am to 1pm. Last week, before the rain came, we had some really interesting conversations - opportunities to encourage Christians from other churches and to pray with people when asked. It's a wonderful opportunity to show care and compassion - to share God's love. (Nobody is asked or expected to do anything they don't want to - except "to be a friend".) Join us near the museum for a bit, or just call by to encourage us. For details, please see Gordon. (A small group meets in the Hall to pray for us - so I'm expecting great things from God. If you want to join the prayer group, ask Eirwen about it.)

Believers Baptism: We are running a Baptism Class on Friday evenings at the Park Avenue Hall. If you would like to know more about being baptised please contact Pastor Martin at 01656 785046 (office) or 771168 (home).

Restarting Toddlers: If you can help us as we restart our 'Jelly Beans' Toddler group, please speak with Ruth Evans. Thank you.

The South Wales Baptist Association invite us to join in a "Wave of Prayer" between 23rd May and 27th June, seeking to change the atmosphere in our nation. Home Groups are asked to take time to focus on the questions provided for us and sent out by our Prayer Ministry Team. There are various regional events taking place around Wales. In our area there is a hybrid event at 9.30am on Saturday 26th June with an in person gathering at Nazareth Baptist Church, Bryncethin which is available also on Zoom. If you plan to attend in person please email nazarethbaptistchapel@gmail.com to make sure there is enough space. The Zoom link will be provided nearer the time.

"Jesus Festival - Porthcawl": Details will be announced shortly. Hopefully it will be on **Monday 30th August** - Griffin Park Community Centre has been reserved from 11am to 4pm. Pray for us as we explore the possibilities. See Gordon/EMT for details.

Claim your cushion! All the cushions that were removed from the pews at the beginning of the pandemic are out in Steve's old office in the back of the church. If anyone would like to claim a cushion please do so, otherwise they will be taken to the tip at the end of the month.

New email address for the news sheet: Items for the news sheet should in future be sent to Leanne at news@gilgal.co.uk. The deadline is still Wednesday evening.

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