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Park Avenue, Porthcawl

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"And the **peace** of God   
which surpasses all understanding  
will **guard** your hearts  
and your minds in Christ Jesus."  
- Philippians 4:7



**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**WE ARE AT AWEL Y MOR FOR BOTH SERVICES TODAY!**

Numbers are limited to 60 for each service, so please consider coming to the afternoon service rather than the morning if that is convenient for you.

Today's Guest Speaker – Rev Jonathan Stephen

10.30am Morning Worship: Theme – 'The New Covenant'.

Reading: Hebrews chapter 8

5pm Disciples Service: Theme – 'How, Why, What we should be Praying for one another'. Reading: Philippians 1:1-11

**Please note the change of the start time back to 5pm.**

Online service: Rev Clive Jones - Theme – "Jesus' Authority", Reading: Luke 7:1-11

**Mid-Week Discipleship Groups**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm - Fulmar Road Group - Leader Ray Jefferies

(Meeting ID: 823 3626 0087 Passcode: 9K2FiB

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82336260087?pwd=NmhyVTQzTnR3NjFVSXMrcXNOUWR6dz09>)

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm – Danygraig House Group – Leader Gordon Lovering

(Meeting ID: 896 3056 4512 Passcode: 593398

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89630564512?pwd=bnpjMi9Lek9RanJQNIZNbTFsRFFEUT09>)

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

## **Prayer Needs & Praise Reports**

**At Home:** Dilwyn and Ann Jones; Phyllis Phillips; Martyn Llewellyn-Smith; Nia Knowles; 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).

**Children's Worker:** There has been no response to our efforts to fill the role of children's/family worker, so the decision has been made to re-advertise the position. This is an important step in fulfilling our plans for the future of Gilgal. Please pray that our search will be rewarded with success and that we will be able to give God the Father our grateful thanks. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please point them to our website for full details.

**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**

**Liz is taking a break:** Liz is off duty until Tuesday 27th July. Please contact Alison Farrow or John Hornsby for any church matters.

**Have you missed congregational singing over these last 16 months?** Now that a larger number can gather outside, we are holding 'The Big Sing' or Gilgal's version of 'Songs of Praise by the Sea'. The planned date is Sunday 8th August at 3pm at the Eastern end of the main promenade next to the RNLI shop. Chris Goldsworthy and some of the Worship Team will be leading a mixture of traditional hymns and contemporary Christian songs (from our repertoire) for about an hour. You may wish to bring a chair, some water and sun protection. Song sheets will be provided. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be postponed until 15th August.

**Lunch Club Cake Rota:** Jacqui is putting a rota together for our wonderful cake makers, this is for our weekly gatherings of tea and cake to our lunch club members. Please if you are willing to be added to the rota we would be very grateful – thanks in advance for your service.

**Tuesdays 11 to 1 on John Street:** Yes, it was hot last week! But even though fewer people wanted to talk there were some really precious encounters - grieving, bereaved folk, those with very challenging family and personal situations, those appreciating prayer - and visitors from churches as far away as Swansea and Abergavenny - and even England! Please pray for us - and if possible, just drop by to encourage us. Thanks to those who help, Gordon Lovering

**150<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary:** If you have any memories of Gilgal from 1970 onwards, please can you write a short account and give it to Linda Harber. This could be if you were involved in any children's work, any groups that now no longer exist, or any anecdotes that you think will be suitable for our 150th Anniversary celebration.

**“Summer of Fun” Midweek Family Activities!** We have now finalised a programme of activities for families through the summer holidays, the first of which will be on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July from 10am until noon** at Heol-y-Goedwig park (CF36 5DY), when we are running Wacky Races & Sports. We are catering mainly for children aged 5-11, but those younger or older are welcome. We would also love parents and carers to stay and join in if they are able. Contact Owen for more details.

**Football Fellowship Initiative** – Off the back of the European Championships, we plan to create a place for teenagers to play some organised football through the school holidays, for between 1-2 hours for ages 15-30 to attend. The first of these sessions is planned for Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 5pm (venue to be confirmed). Please contact Owen at [owen.hughes@gilgal.co.uk](mailto:owen.hughes@gilgal.co.uk) if you are interested. We have managed to obtain a grant from the council, so there will be no cost to participants. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you!

**The Jesus Festival 2021:** Reluctantly, we have decided to postpone this initiative until next year. Many people have expressed an interest, but are not available on the day in question. Pray for our future planning - Jesus is the Name that is above every name! Thanks, Gordon Lovering.

**Saturday September 4<sup>th</sup>:** The Ordination to Baptist Ministry of Steve Lock at All Saints Church, Porthcawl. Further details to follow in due course.

**Sunday September 5<sup>th</sup>: Service of Believers Baptism.** With our church building unavailable, that afternoon we will be heading to the beach and several folk plan to be baptised in the sea. Further details will follow in due course.

(N.B. Final baptism class on Friday September 3<sup>rd</sup>.)

**While our pastor is on the first part of his Sabbatical,** please contact John Hornsby or Daphne Harris for pastoral support

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