



To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl
Registered Charity 1134864



Sunday 1st August 2021

WE ARE AT AWEL Y MOR FOR BOTH SERVICES TODAY!

Because of social distancing rules, numbers are limited to 60 for each service. However, we have been well below this for the last two weeks, so please feel free to attend either or both services as you are able.

Today's Guest Speaker – Rev Ian Howells

10.30am Morning Worship: 'Seeking Jesus'. Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

5pm Disciples Service: Theme – 'Coming to Jesus'. Reading: John 21:1-14

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

Online service: Rev Jonathan Stephen. Theme – 'The New Covenant'.

Reading: Hebrews chapter 8

Mid-Week Discipleship Groups

Our mid-week groups are taking a break for some or all of August. For more information about any of these groups, please contact their leaders.

Prayer Needs & Praise Reports

Those Bereaved: The family & friends of Pat Wilson who has passed away.

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 we are re-advertising the position. This is an important step in fulfilling our plans for the future of Gilgal. Please pray that our search will be successful and that we will be able to give God 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, Alan Harris at a.harris476@btinternet.com or Caryl Gill at carylgill1@gmail.com. Alternatively, you can ring Alan on 01656 784118.

Other Announcements

150th 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.

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: Our weekly witness continues. Please pray for us - and if possible, drop by to support and encourage us. Thanks, Gordon Lovering

“Summer of Fun” Midweek Family Activities! We have now finalised a programme of free activities for families through the summer holidays, the next of which will be a Treasure Hunt on **Tuesday 3rd August from 2pm until 4pm** at Heol-y-Goedwig park (CF36 5DY). We are catering mainly for children aged 5-11, but those younger or older are welcome and we would also love parents and carers to stay and join in.

“Summer of Fun” Volunteer Sheet: We would love you to get involved in serving the children and young families in the local area this summer. Please could you fill out the attached form with your availability for the activities we are hosting throughout the summer holidays for children and young people? Please then email this to Owen at owen.hughes@gilgal.co.uk. All volunteers must have a church DBS Check, please contact Linda Harber for further information on the process.

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 2nd August at 5pm** at the middle pitch at Locks Lane, Porthcawl. Please contact Owen at 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!

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

Sunday September 5th: 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 3rd.)

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

*There is a time
for everything*

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