



To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

GILGAL BAPTIST  
CHURCH

Park Avenue, Porthcawl  
Registered Charity 1134864

*This is the day*  
the Lord has made  
let us rejoice and be glad.  
Psalm 118:24

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021

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

**Our speaker at both services today is Mr John Thomas**

**10.30am Morning Worship: Reading – 1 John 3:1-11**

**5pm Disciples Service: Reading - Colossians 1:1-14**

**Online service: Rev John James**

**Theme 'Be Strong in the Lord', Reading - Ephesians 6:10 -20**

**Prayer Needs & Praise Reports**

**At Home:** Dilwyn and Ann Jones; Phyllis Phillips; Martyn Llewellyn-Smith; Nia Knowles; Gerry Thurston; Hilary Oatridge.

**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.

## **World Mission Ministry Team - News updates on our Missionaries Robert and Rose**

(pseudonyms because of the sensitive nature of the country in which they work):

They thank God for the arrival of their second child, another boy. At present they are on Home Assignment, so please pray for safe travel, wisdom and spiritual refreshing for Robert as he visits church partners. They also request prayer for wisdom on the timing of their return and that the seeds planted by previous colleagues will be watered in the future, also that those colleagues will find fulfilling work in Estonia.

**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**

**Monday Afternoons at Griffin Park:** We will be there on the Bank holiday as usual. If there's anyone you know who could benefit from coming any Monday, for tea or coffee & delicious cakes and an opportunity for a get together, they will be more than welcome. It runs from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

**Tuesdays 11 to 1 on John Street:** Please pray for our weekly witness - and call by to support us - near the Museum, opposite the Y Centre. Thanks, 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.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm:** The Ordination to Baptist Ministry of Steve Lock at All Saints Church, Porthcawl, followed by light refreshments. Numbers at All Saints are limited, so please let Liz Rees know if you would like to attend.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm: Service of Believers Baptism.** This will be held on Sandy Bay (also known as Coney Beach), below the Hi-Tide, where several folk plan to be baptised in the sea. (N.B. Final baptism class on Friday September 3<sup>rd</sup>.)

**Church Directory:** Thank you to all who have completed the Church Directory data protection form. Please return outstanding forms to Linda Harber as soon as possible.

**Deacons Meeting Minutes:** If any member would like to receive these electronically, please let Alison Farrow know by emailing [alison.farrow@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alison.farrow@hotmail.co.uk)

**Welcome back!** We welcome our pastor and Carolynne back from Sabbatical at the start of September and hope and pray that they are both feeling refreshed.

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