



To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl
Registered Charity 1134864

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Sunday 5th September 2021

'Live' Worship:

**10.30am: Contemporary Service at Awel Y Mor: Believe and Be Baptised –
Acts 2:22-42**

3pm: Baptisms in the Sea at Coney Beach/Sandy Bay, below the Hi-Tide Inn

N.B. There is No Disciples Service this evening, to allow everyone to support the baptisms

Online service: Mr John Thomas: "God's Manifest Love" – 1 John 3:1-11

Mid-Week Discipleship Groups

Most of our mid-week groups are restarting this week. For more information about any of these groups please contact their leaders.

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>)
Would those interested please let our Pastor know if you prefer to meet in person at Park Avenue or online. Thank you.

Tuesday evening at 7pm - Danygraig house group restarts at 19 Birch Walk.
Leader Gordon Lovering

Friday morning from 10am until 12 noon: House group meeting at the home of Graham & Avis Watkins at 79 Fulmar Road. Leaders Carolynne Gillard & Caryl Gill

Prayer Needs & Praise Reports

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

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: Please continue to pray that our search for a children's/family worker will be successful. 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, Alan Harris at a.harris476@btinternet.com or Caryl Gill at carylgill1@gmail.com. Alternatively, you can ring Alan on 01656 784118.

Other Announcements

Welcome back! We welcome our pastor and Carolynne back from Sabbatical and hope and pray that they are both feeling refreshed.

Monday 6th September: World Mission Team Meeting in the Church Hall at 1:30pm.

Monday 6th September: Tea & Cakes in Griffin Park Hall from 2:30 - 3:30pm. Everybody welcome. Please see Jacqui Crole for more information.

Tuesdays on John Street: 11 to 1 pm, near the museum. We have a real "*spectrum of witnessing*"! Some of us just say: "Hello, welcome to Porthcawl" - and offer a tract, which is often rejected. (But it's Jesus they're rejecting, not you!). Sometimes we just say "Hi, how are you doing?" - and offer a tract. A very few people engage in serious conversation - and if we don't feel capable of dealing with it, we say "Come and meet ... someone who can help!" There are those who up front say "I'm saved!" or "I'm a Christian" or "I already go to church" and then it is easy to get into conversation and praise God - "God is good! - where are you from?" And if, as last week, someone asks for prayer - we pass the buck to another team member if we don't feel able to do it ourselves. No matter where you are "*on the witnessing spectrum*" we could use a couple more regular helpers. Just turn up on Tuesday, or see Gordon Lovering.

Wednesday 8th September: Deacons Meeting at Park Avenue at 7pm.

Friday 10th September: Baptism Class follow up at Park Avenue at 7pm.

Next Sunday Morning (12th Sept): We begin a new series of messages “Our God Is...”
(He is Real, Holy, Love, Just, Life, Lord, True, Here ...)

Toddlers Relaunch: We’re delighted that toddlers is reopening this term! We’re going to be open on Tuesday mornings in the Scout Hall, Woodland Avenue from 10am until 11.30am, first session on 14th September. We currently have a very small team of helpers and would really appreciate more support. If this is something you think you’d like to do on a regular basis or just to be on a ‘reserve’ or ‘back up’ list , then I’d love to hear from you. Thank you for all your prayers regarding this very important area of Gilgal’s work in the community. Ruth Evans (07866 888499)

Evangelism Ministry Team (EMT): Next meeting is on **Wednesday 15th September** at 2pm in the church hall. Agenda items to Gordon Lovering asap, please. We have room for a couple of new members.

Elvis Weekend Outreach - plans are in place to be at the bandstand from 11am to 1pm on **Saturday 25th September**. We'll need helpers and supporters. Make a note in your diary. Thanks, Gordon.

"One story, one verse, one person": Wednesday 29th September at 7pm in the church hall. An open workshop, with Owen Hughes, on one way to share your faith in a simple and very effective manner. Good for beginners and the experienced - but absolutely no pressure - just come along and have an evening of encouragement.

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.

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

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