



GILGAL BAPTIST
CHURCH

To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864



Sunday 7th August 2022

Onsite services at Park Avenue, led today by our Pastor, Rev Martin Gillard

Covid precautions: With Covid levels still high, a reminder that hand sanitiser and masks are available in the entrance porch for those who want them.

10:30am Family Celebration Service

Series Theme: "Simply Good News", Today's Message: "Our God Knows"

Bible Reading: Psalm 139 read by Ray Jefferies

5.00pm Disciples Service

Series: "How To Make The Most Of ...", Today's Message: "... Our Feasting"

Bible Reading: Luke 7:36 - 50 read by Mark Smith

This service includes Holy Communion.

Refreshments will be available after both services today. If you would like to volunteer to be on the rota for these please see Jacqui for further details.

If you are a visitor to our church, do please sign our visitors' book!

Prayer Needs & Praise Reports

Those recently bereaved: John and Alison Westwood and family, following the death of John's mother Sally. The funeral of Sally Westwood will take place on Friday 12 August with a service at Park Avenue at 12 noon followed by committal at Coychurch Crematorium.

At Home: Dilwyn and Ann Jones; Hilary Oatridge; Alan Lee; Jeff Harber; Terry Needs; Gareth Williams; Barbara Jones; Glenys Jenkins; Leanne Evans.

In Residential Care: Ann Thomas (Picton Court); Doug Davies, Pat Eales, Diane Sheppard (Monkstone House); Beryl Surringer (Newton Care Home); Carole Vanden Branden (Breaksea); Margaret Carey-Jones (Glanffrwyd, Pencoed).

Praise Report: We rejoice in the forthcoming marriage of Alison and Rob Farrow's daughter Micaela, who is marrying Matthew on Tuesday 9th August in Las Vegas. Every blessing to you both.

Praise Report: Church Away Day. A big thank you to everyone who attended or facilitated our church away day on 'Renewing Wellbeing' at Nicholaston House yesterday (Saturday).

Praise Report: Congratulations to Rosie Perkins who is now a member of staff at the Light Project in Chester.

Please join us in prayer as we seek a new youth worker.

Please pray for those out speaking: David Porter is at Longtown Baptist Church in Hereford this Sunday evening at 6.30.

Prayer Chain Requests: To help ensure your prayer requests get circulated promptly, please send them to any two of the following: Rachel Phillips at crossmonster7@gmail.com, Alan Harris at a.harris476@btinternet.com or Caryl Gill at carylgill1@gmail.com. Alternatively, ring Alan on 01656 784118.

Other activities this week:

Tuesday 9 August from 10am to 12 noon at the YMCA: Foodbank.

Tuesday 9 August from 11am to 1pm: Our "feet will be on the street" as usual from 11am to 1pm in front of the Museum. By the way, the Mobo in the Church Cafe area shows some of our gospel tracts. You would be very welcome to take a handful for your own personal use. In fact, studying them would enable you to answer the questions some folks have. See Gordon for more information.

Tuesday 9 August from 7pm to 8pm: Prayer Walk (see below for more details).

Wednesday 10 August at 7pm: Deacons Meeting in the church café.

Thursday 11 August from 10am to 12 noon at the YMCA: Foodbank.

Thursday 11 August at 7:30pm in the church: Imagine Heaven Course. Are you concerned about what happens to us when we die? This course is ideal for giving guests a biblical perspective on the subject. Each session involves a short video followed by discussion. For further information see Cathryn or visit www.imagineheaven.co.uk

Friday 12 August at 12 noon in the church: Funeral of Sally Westwood.

Saturday 13 August from 2pm to 4pm in the church café: Ladies' afternoon tea. All ladies are invited to join together in celebrating the forthcoming marriage of Ann Morgan. If you would like to come along, please sign up with Liz, thank you.

Other announcements:

Church Survey 2022. Please help us discern our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges by completing our church survey, copies of which are available on the way into church. The findings from this survey will help shape our goals for the next chapter of our church life and witness together. Thank you.

Calling All Knitters: If you would like to take part in our new and exciting project, please see Linda Harber.

Rosie Perkins Light Project Internship: Rosie writes, "I'm going to be doing an internship with The Light College. For those who don't know what this is, it's a Theology College based in Chester. If you want to donate to my Stewardship account, there is an option to either give a one off donation or a monthly donation. This is the link <http://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20416972> Also prayers much appreciated." If you don't have online access, Rosie can write down the details and Leanne can pass them on to you.

Invitation to fast and/or pray. Thank you to everyone who joined us in fasting and/or praying for a new youth worker. We now watch to see what the Lord will do. Thank you also to those who came on the prayer walk on Tuesday. We will prayer walk from the church for one hour this coming Tuesday 9 August at 7pm. All welcome: meet at the church car park.

The Message Trust – we will be hosting a coffee and cake fundraiser following the morning service on Sunday 14 August. Please stay after the service when there will be an opportunity to chat with Alison and learn more about the work of The Message in Wales as well as the work in national and international Message hubs.

There will be a Bible and Archaeology Night at Park Avenue on Wednesday 17 August at 7pm, entitled 'The Curse of Mount Ebal' (the Bible background is Deuteronomy chapters 27 to 30). All welcome.

fellaship: “Men’s Night Out” – all men are welcome at The Atlantic at 6.30pm on Friday 19 August – guest of honour: Richard Newman! Drinks will be on a “buy your own” principle. (Any questions – ask Gordon.)

From the Evangelism Ministry Team: Team members do not have to be evangelists, or even good at witnessing; but if you are interested in helping Gilgal to “make Jesus better known” – maybe you should give us a try. See Gordon for more information.

If you would like to know more about the Christian faith, about Gilgal church or to ask about Believers Baptism or Church Membership, please fill in a welcome card and hand it to our Pastor.

First-aid course: We are planning to hold a first-aid course in the church in the autumn, if you would be interested in joining us please speak to Liz, thank you.

Operating the PA System: We are looking to train up more people to serve in this area of ministry, as the team is currently very small. The professional sound technician, Peter Lee, who reinstated our system in Park Avenue, will be doing some training with PA operators in the near future. Please consider prayerfully whether this is something you could offer and if so speak to Cathryn ASAP.

Gilgal Baptist church social media: Please can all church members who use our Facebook pages keep an eye on their accounts as a number of members have been hacked and consequently inappropriate messages have been sent. Thank you for your cooperation, from the Gilgal safeguarding team.

For our **Elvis Weekend outreach** on Saturday 24 September we *may* need Christian musicians who can sing **Elvis Gospel** Songs – at the Bandstand from 11am to 1pm. Please see Gordon if you think you may be able to help.

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