



**GILGAL BAPTIST**  
CHURCH

To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022**



### **Onsite services at Park Avenue**

#### **10.30am Family Celebration Service**

**Series: Know Your S.H.A.P.E., E – Experiences**

Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:1-11 read by Alison Farrow

#### **5.00pm Evening Disciples Service**

**Series – Hallelujah, Praise the LORD, Tonight – The Products of Praise**

Bible Reading: 2 Samuel 10:5-8, 16:14-22, 18:5-12 read by Gordon Lovering

This service will include Communion

#### **Online Worship – Baptism Service**

Bible Reading: Acts 18:1-11 - 'Believe, Baptise, Become' read by Leanne Evans

For those unable to attend in person, our Online Service is available on our website or our YouTube channel. We also have video recordings of our Disciples Service series 'Praise the LORD/Hallelujah', looking at what the bible says is the correct way to praise God. If you would like a copy please contact our Pastor.

## **Prayer Needs & Praise Reports**

**Those Recently Bereaved:** The family of Andrew Needs, whose funeral will be at Coychurch Crematorium on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 1.15pm.

Please continue to remember all the family in your prayers.

**At Home:** Dilwyn and Ann Jones; Hilary Oatridge; Alan Lee; Lynda Edwards; Jeff Harber; Terry Needs.

**In Residential Care:** Ann Thomas (Picton Court); Doug Davies, Pat Eales (Monkstone House); Beryl Surringer (Newton Care Home); Carole Vanden Branden (Breaksea); Margaret Carey-Jones (Glanffrwyd, Pencoed); Sally Westwood (Brocastle Manor, Ewenny, Bridgend).

**Please continue** to pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia.

**News of our Missionaries:** Laura Lee Lovering in Peru is due to travel to remote mountain villages during the rainy season, she asks for prayer for safe travel and that the Holy Spirit will be with them as they share the gospel and God's love with the people.

Please also pray for the youth of the church as they go into the community to clean up litter, that the practical witness will lead to opportunities to share the gospel.

Finally, Laura is giving some lessons entitled 'Stewarding God's things' in Peniel Church. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire the congregation in this new teaching.

**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](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, ring Alan on 01656 784118.

### **Bible study group meetings this week**

**Monday evening 7.30pm:** Leaders John Hornsby/David Redhouse via Zoom (Meeting ID: 86333182507, Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86333182507>)

**Tuesday evening 7pm:** Leader David Porter via Zoom (Meeting ID: 85864047429, Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85864047429>)

**Tuesday evening 7pm:** Danygraig Home Group, Leader Gordon Lovering at 19 Birch Walk (the home of Gordon & Joyce Lovering).

**Tuesday evening 7pm:** Fulmar Road group, Leader Ray Jefferies via **Teams** and not Zoom! Here is the link going forward: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

**Friday morning 10am:** Leaders Carolynne Gillard/Caryl Gill/Linda Harber at 79 Fulmar Road (the home of Graham and Avis Watkins).

If you would like to join a bible study group/house group either face to face or on Zoom, we have both available on different days and at different times. Please contact Caryl Gill for details ([carylgill1@gmail.com](mailto:carylgill1@gmail.com) or 01656 785276).

### **Other activities this week:**

**Tuesdays on John Street** – 11.00 am to 1.00 pm opposite "The Y". Please see Gordon Lovering if you would like to know more. By the way, if you would like to have some of the tracts for your own use, this can be arranged.

**Evangelism Ministry Team:** Next team meeting is on Wednesday 4 May at 2pm in the Hall. Please see Gordon for the agenda.

**Gilgal Ladies** are very excited to announce that after more than 2 years of being unable to meet, we are RECOMMENCING! On Wednesday, our first meeting will be a 'BRING AND SHARE MEAL', at 7pm in our Church Cafe. Please look out for Avis on Sunday to add your name to the list of items of food to bring. This meeting is all about new beginnings and reconnecting with one another again after so long being apart. And what better way to begin than to have our very own Pastor Martin, share some thoughts with us. We look forward to seeing you all again!

### **Other Announcements**

**We shall be resuming our regular** communion services on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evening and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday morning of each month from the beginning of May. If you are able to offer help in preparing the communion table, please contact Ann Redhouse.

**Our Pastor is on annual leave** for the next two weeks. Please contact Liz Rees (secretary), John Hornsby (treasurer) or Daphne Harris (pastoral care Deacon) for any church or pastoral needs. Thank you.

**Please note: From May 8<sup>th</sup>** onwards, as we are back in our Park Avenue home and Covid restrictions are fully relaxed, we will not be releasing a full service online every week. We will continue to publish an edited recording of the readings and message of one service online each week, which will be available during the middle of the week. We will also publish full services from time to time, including music and songs, after special occasions such as baptisms, anniversaries etc. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

**Gilgal Crafts Group** restarts on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. Please see Jacqui Crole for more information.

**Patio Umbrella Bases:** If you have one of these that we can borrow for our Church Anniversary Services can you please let Daphne know. Thank you.

**“God Loves You Tour”** at the ICC, Newport on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm.  
[www.godlovesyoutour.org.uk](http://www.godlovesyoutour.org.uk)

a) Please sign-up as soon as possible if you know you want to use the coach to Newport (about 16 places left on the coach, and our coach will have a toilet!) The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) always provides their events for free, so we will not charge for seats on the coach either. However, we do invite you to give a donation in advance - to either John Hornsby or Gordon Lovering. Any surplus will be donated to BGEA/UK.

b) We are planning for the Coach to pick us up at about 4.30 pm in front of the Comprehensive School on Park Avenue, with a prompt 5.00 pm departure. Drop off at ICC will be considerate to those of limited mobility.

c) Are you being “an Andrew”? Who are you praying for and planning to bring? Did you complete a “Pledge Card”?

**“The man who split time in two!”** – An evangelistic evening with **Rev Yinka Oyekan** (The Gate Church, Reading) on Thursday 16 June. Entrance is free, and starting about 7pm. If you missed your opportunity to take a friend to Franklin Graham, then Yinka is also helping us “make Jesus better known” – and to see folk saved! Put the date in your diary. See Gordon for details.

**Graham Kendrick Concert:** As part of our 150-year Anniversary celebrations we are hosting “An Evening with Graham Kendrick” on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Tickets are £12 Adults and £6 Children, available from Carolynne Gillard, Cathryn Hodges, Ed Lewis, Malcolm Nicholas, Liz Rees or Carolyn Thurston.

**Do you have a passion and gifting for working with children?** If so, we would really like you to come on board and help us at Sunday Club. The atmosphere is fun and friendly and everyone has a great time. Please contact Cathryn Hodges for further information.

**If you have not yet been baptised** as a believer by full immersion and as taught by the Lord Jesus Christ, and would like to know more, please speak with our Pastor or contact us on 01656 785046 or email [faith@gilgal.co.uk](mailto:faith@gilgal.co.uk)

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