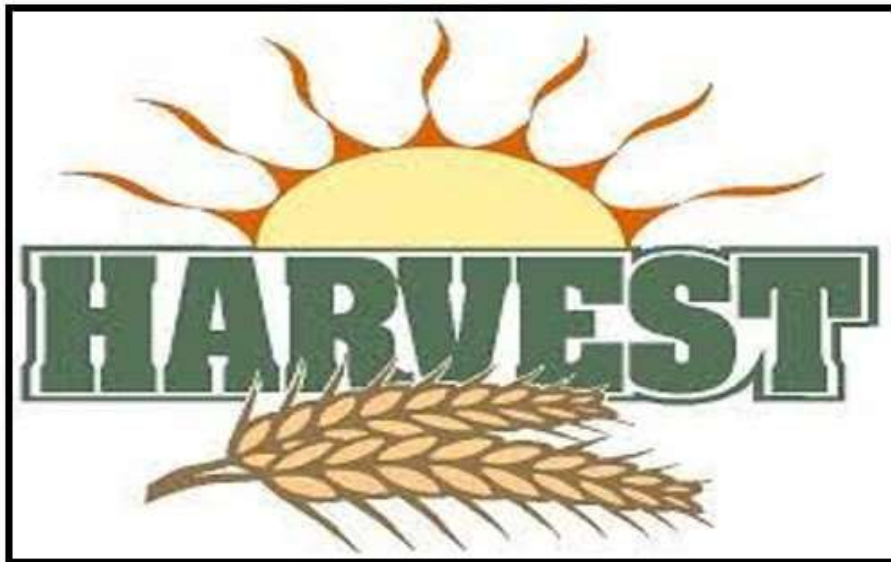




To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864



## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022

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

**10:30am Family Celebration Service - Harvest Festival**

**Today's Sermon: "The Sower and the Seed"**

**Bible Reading: Matthew 13:1-9 and 18-23**

**Gifts will be received for Porthcawl Foodbank**

**5:00pm Disciples Service**

**Series Theme: People of Prayer**

**Today's Sermon Theme: Ezra**

**Bible Reading: Ezra 9:1-15**

Please help us to pack the Harvest food for the Foodbank following the evening service. Thank you.

Refreshments are available at the end of both services.

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

## Special Events Coming Up

- **Beacons on the Beaches** -meet on Newton Beach, at 6.30pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October
- **Newcomers Tea** on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 3.15pm in the café.

## Diary for the week, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Oct

### Monday

22 Adrian Close            7:30pm            House group

### Tuesday

Park Avenue (Hall)        10am            Toddlers  
Y Centre                    10am            Food Bank  
22 Adrian Close            10:30am        House group  
John Street                11am            "Feet on the street"  
Park Avenue                2pm            Funeral of Barbara Jenkins  
Park Avenue                3pm            Prayer Ministry Team meeting  
19 Birch Walk              7pm            House group

### Wednesday

Park Avenue                11am            Traditional service  
Park Avenue                11:45am        Refreshments / Prayer Corner  
Park Avenue (Café)        12:15pm        Lunch Club  
Park Avenue (Café)        7pm            Gilgal Ladies

### Thursday

Y Centre                    10am            Food Bank  
Park Avenue                7pm            Alpha Course

### Friday

79 Fulmar Road            10am            House Group

### Sunday

Park Avenue                10:30am        Family Celebration Service  
Park Avenue                5pm            Disciples Service

## **Prayer Needs**

**Those Bereaved:** Please pray for the family of Barbara Jenkins. The funeral will take place at Park Avenue on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm followed by committal at Coychurch at 3.15pm.

**Those at Home:** Dilwyn and Ann Jones; Hilary Oatridge; Jeff Harber; Terry Needs.

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

## **Other announcements:**

Please help us fit everyone into our meetings by moving into the centre of the longer rows of chairs and not blocking the row by staying on the end. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Holy Spirit Night on Friday.

Thank you to everyone who supplied money, blankets, and towels etc., for the support of those in the Ukraine.

**Home Groups:** We encourage everyone to belong to one of our several small groups for teaching, fellowship and support. New 'house' groups will be starting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm and on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm in the cafe, feel free to join us. Please ring Caryl Gill (01656 785276) if you would like to know more.

**Our "feet will be on the street"** on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October as usual from 11 am to 1 pm in front of the Museum. Extra helpers are always really appreciated!

There will be a **Prayer Ministry** team meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October starting at 3pm in the church. If the prayer life of the Church is important to you, then please come along and join us.

**Gilgal Ladies** meet this coming Wednesday for Keep Fit Praise! Lucy and Ray will be taking us through some gentle to moderate exercise to some of your favourite worship music. Suitable for all ages. Or if exercise isn't your thing, just come along and relax with some coffee and cakes. 7pm in our Church Café.

**Beacons on the Beaches:** In collaboration with *southwestawake.com* we plan to meet on Newton Beach, light a fire and pray for the nation and for revival ..... at 6.30 pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October – 100 metres east of the slipway, below the high tide mark. All welcome – **bring a torch!** See Gordon for details.

The next **Evangelism Ministry Team meeting** is scheduled for 2pm on Wed 19<sup>th</sup> October. If you have any workable ideas on "evangelising Porthcawl" come to our meeting or let Gordon know.

**Newcomers Tea:** Are you new to Gilgal in the last few years? Would you like to get to know other newer people better? If so, we are pleased to invite you to an afternoon tea on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 3.15pm in the café. We do need to know how much food to prepare, so if you would like to come, please give your name to either Jacqui or Leanne.

**Bible Readers wanted** - If you would like to join the Bible Reading rota for either the morning or evening services, please let Karen Nicholas know.

**Volunteers needed to help prepare communion.** Please sign up or see Ann Redhouse. Thanks to those who have recently added their names to the list.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal** - If you have any donations of knitted items or any other donations for the Shoebox Appeal please give them to Joyce Lovering, Linda Harber or Val Thomas.

**Free Bible notes** are available starting 1st October, please take one and enjoy reading your Bible each day. There are also some bible notes from Scripture Union, for which a small charge is payable.

**Foodbank Collection Point:** There is now a box in the church cafe for items that are required by the Foodbank. We would appreciate any of the following items - tinned meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, custard, rice pudding, flavoured noodles, small jars of coffee, jars of instant hot chocolate, and toiletries. Or if preferred, you can give a financial donation to John or Margaret Hornsby or Alison Armstrong. Thanks for your faithfulness serving the Lord in Gilgal and our community.

**Use of Premises:** Please email Alison Farrow with any booking requests for the hall or cafe - [alison.farrow@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alison.farrow@hotmail.co.uk)

**News sheet editing:** Malcolm Nicholas is temporarily undertaking the editing of the news sheet until Leanne resumes the role. Until further notice, news sheet items are to be emailed to Malcolm on [mjnicholas@outlook.com](mailto:mjnicholas@outlook.com)

**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.

Both our Pastor and Church Secretary are away for the next few Sundays. Please contact Alison Farrow (Admin), Daphne Harris (Pastoral) or John Hornsby (Treasurer) about any important church matters.

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