



GILGAL BAPTIST  
CHURCH

To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864



**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Worship Onsite at Awel-Y-Mor Community Centre.**

**Our pastor, Martin Gillard, is leading our services today.**

**10.30am: Sunday Morning Celebration Service**

**New Series – Know Your S.H.A.P.E., Today – “S.” - Spiritual Gifts**

**Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 read by Jacqui Crole**

Refreshments will be served after the morning service.

**5.00pm Disciples Service:**

**New Series – Praise the LORD/Hallelujah, Today – The Power of the Hallelujah. Bible reading: 2 Chronicles 20:1-30 read by Avis Watkins**

**Worship Online Led by Rev Michelle Romaniw (Associate Chaplain, University of South Wales)**

For those unable to attend in person, our Online Service is available on our website or our YouTube channel.

**Theme: ‘Who do we discover in the storms of life?’**

**Bible Readings: Jonah 1: 1-17, Matthew 8: 23-27**

## **Prayer Needs & Praise Reports**

**Recently Bereaved:** Lezley Hammond-Jones bereaved of her mother Joan.

**In Hospital:** Alan Lee.

**At Home:** Dilwyn and Ann Jones; Hilary Oatridge; Rob Jones.

**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).

**Praise Report:** Congratulations to Allan and Gill Loveday on their recent 60<sup>th</sup> (Diamond) wedding anniversary.

**Please continue** to remember the people of Ukraine and Russia in your prayers.

**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, 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 morning 10:30am:** Leaders Eirwen Harris/Megan Washbourne at 22 Adrian Close (the home of Eirwen Harris) – Home group for new Christians or those unfamiliar with studying the bible.

**Tuesday evening 7pm:** Leaders Pastor Martin/David Porter/David Brownutt via Zoom (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). No Zoom option available – please join us in person. See Gordon for details (or if you need a lift).

**Tuesday evening 7pm:** Fulmar Road group, Leader Ray Jefferies via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83992413087?pwd=RmpRd3llUzUvK2lGbFBFbmJXdWEwUT09>

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

## **Other activities this week:**

**Come along to Griffin Park Hall** on Monday afternoons from 2:30pm – 3:30pm and enjoy fellowship as well as tea, coffee and home-made cakes and savouries. If you can give a £2 free will donation it will be most appreciated.

**Tuesday 10am: Jellybeans Toddlers** at the Woodland Avenue Scout Hall.

**Tuesdays on John Street** near the museum from 11am to 1pm. Despite it being very cold last Tuesday, we had some heart-warming conversations and developing friendships. And thanks to the volunteers - it is so encouraging. Is the Lord prompting you to join us - just for a few minutes, maybe? See Gordon.

**Wednesday 7pm: Deacons Meeting** at Redroofs, Bryneglwys Avenue.

### **Other Announcements**

**Covid Regulations** – Please note that face masks are no longer legally required in church indoor meetings and so are now an optional personal choice. We will respect each individual's choice to wear or not wear a mask in our meetings. Thank you again for all your patience and support.

**Nomination of deacons:** Three deacons are coming to the end of their terms of office: Jacqui Crole, John Hornsby and Liz Rees who are all willing to stand again if nominated. We already have two vacancies so we will be looking to vote five deacons onto the diaconate at our AGM on Tuesday 22nd March. Please give prayerful consideration to who you think could be nominated. Martin has prepared a document to help us discern who to nominate. The document will also be helpful for anyone considering nomination. Nomination papers are available in the foyer of Awel-Y-Mor. Please return them to Linda Harber by Sunday March 6.

**Annual report for 2021:** The annual report will be ready shortly. If you would like an electronic copy please contact Alison Farrow. If you would like a paper copy please contact Linda Harber, thank you.

**Pastoral Visitation** – As the Covid restrictions are reduced, our Pastor plans to restart general pastoral visiting. If you would like a visit, know someone who needs a visit, or alternatively are still anxious about receiving visitors and would not want to be visited, please let our Pastor know at [gillardmc@aol.com](mailto:gillardmc@aol.com) or leave a message on 01656 785046. Thank you.

**Evangelism Ministry Team (EMT)** at 2pm in the church hall on Wed 16 March. We would welcome new team members - who do not need to be "evangelists" but only to have a real heart to find ways, and to help with, getting the gospel "out there"! See Gordon for agenda and details.

**Church directory amendment:** Joanne Hopkin, mobile number is 07547 565122

**Church Directory amendment:** Mary Gough, 17 Andrews House, Lower Sandford Street, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 6QY. At first I will only be able to be contacted on my mobile phone number which is 07796 310299.

**Liz on holiday:** Liz will be away from Saturday 5th March to Monday 21st March. Please contact Alison Farrow, Linda Harber or Daphne Harris for any church business, thank you.

The “**God Loves You**” Tour with Franklin Graham reaches Newport on Saturday 21 May at 7pm. For more information, visit <https://godlovesyoutour.org.uk/>  
All the events are FREE. In preparation:

a) Have you attended one of the free **Christian Life and Witness Courses**?

Saturday 12 March at Pontyclun from 9 am to 12 noon

Saturday 19 Mar 22 at Maesteg from 9 am to 12 noon

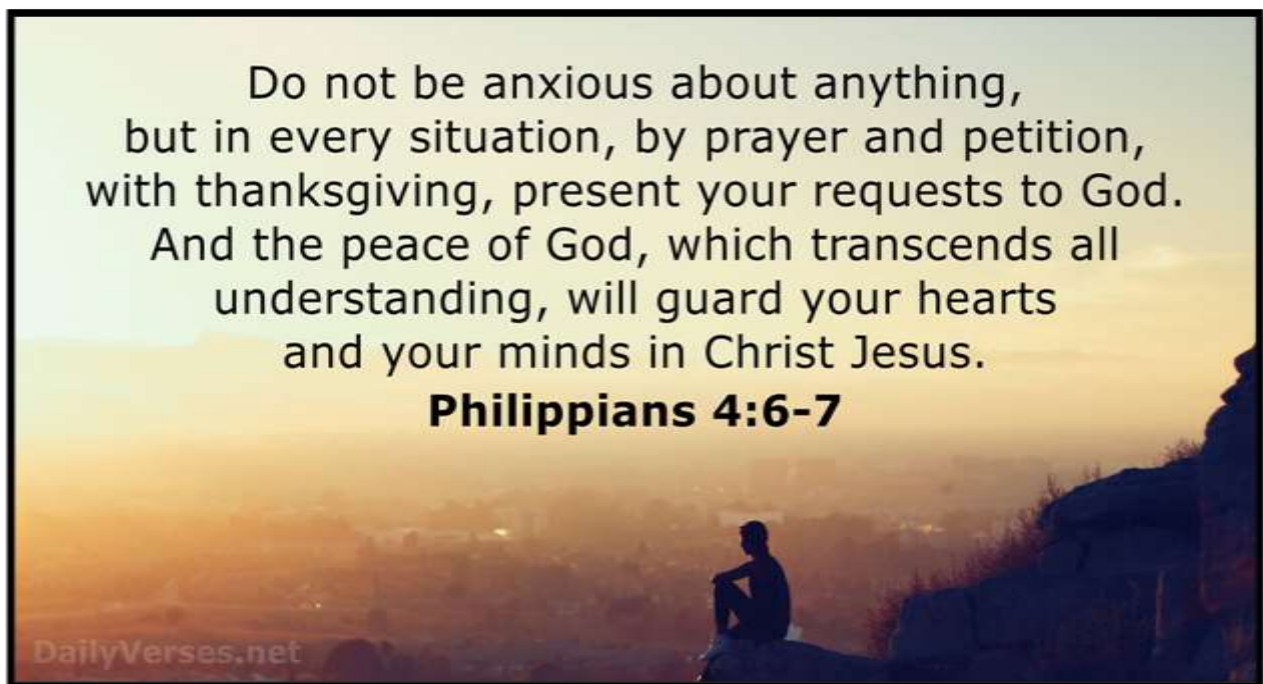
Friday 25 Mar 22 at All Nations Church, Cardiff from 6 pm to 9.30 pm

Saturday 26 Mar 22 in Swansea from 9 am to 12 noon

Sign-up sheets in the foyer. Maybe you need a lift? Maybe you can offer a lift?

b) Have you taken an “**I am Andrew**” pledge card? Who are you praying for? Who will you take?

c) Would it be helpful if we provided a bus/coach to go to the I.C.C. in Newport on the 21<sup>st</sup> May?



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