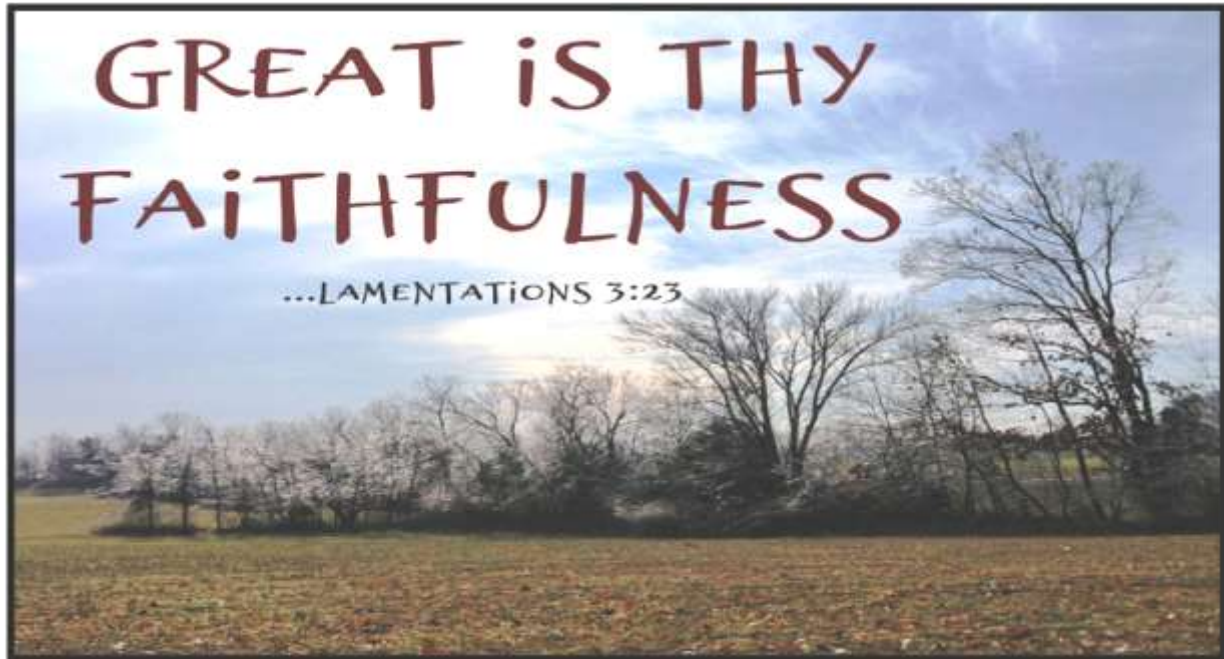




To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

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Sunday 13th 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 – “H.” - Heart (Passion)

Bible reading: Joshua 24:1+14-27 read by Eirwen Harris

Refreshments will be served after the morning service.

5.00pm Disciples Service:

New Series – Praise the LORD/Hallelujah, Today – The Purpose of Praise

Bible Reading: 2 Samuel 6:12-23 Read by Linda Harber

(If you would like a recording of the Disciples Service message please contact our Pastor.)

Worship Online led by our pastor, Martin Gillard, New Series – Know Your S.H.A.P.E., Today – “S.” - Spiritual Gifts - 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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

Prayer Needs & Praise Reports

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

At Home: Dilwyn and Ann Jones; Hilary Oatridge; Alan Lee.

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 remember the people of Ukraine and Russia in your prayers. In response to the present crisis, we will be receiving financial gifts towards the refugee crisis on Sundays 13th and 20th March which will be taken forward to where it is needed most through the Baptist Missionary Society 'Ukraine Appeal'. Please place your gift in an envelope marked 'Ukraine' and place the envelope in the offering box in the foyer. Thank you.

Please pray for those of our fellowship who are out speaking today:- Rev. Clive Jones is speaking this morning at Mumbles Baptist Church.

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.

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). 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=RmpRd3lIUzUvK2lGbFBFbmJXdWEwUT09>

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:

Painting the Church Hall: Thanks to those who have been helping to redecorate the hall. There will be further sessions on Monday 14th and Wednesday 16th, both starting at 10am. Please come along and help if you are able.

Come along to Griffin Park Hall on Monday afternoons from 2:30pm – 3:30pm to enjoy fellowship as well as tea, coffee, home-made cakes and savouries. If you can give a £2 free will donation it will be most appreciated. Please note that Monday 28th March will be the last tea & cake time at Griffin Park.

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

Tuesdays on John Street near the museum from 11am to 1pm. Thanks for helpers and supporters in prayer. Is God prompting you to join us? See Gordon.

Churches Together in Porthcawl are not running a Lent Course this year, however everyone is invited to attend the events being held by All Saints. Each Tuesday at 2.30pm during Lent there will be a reading from and discussion of John Bunyan's 'Pilgrim's Progress'. On Wednesdays at 12 noon, a light lunch for £3 (profits to Ukrainian Relief) will be served.

Evangelism Ministry Team Meeting on Wednesday 16 March at 2pm at 19 Birch Walk (the home of Gordon & Joyce Lovering). New team members welcome - who do not need to be "evangelists" but only to have a real heart to help with getting the gospel "out there"! See Gordon for agenda and details.

Other Announcements

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer of Awel Y Mor for those who would like to volunteer to serve tea and coffee after the morning service.

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.

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 or leave a message on 01656 785046. Thank you.

Annual General Meeting: The church's AGM is being held at Park Avenue on Tuesday 22nd March starting at 7pm. Jacqui Crole, John Hornsby and Liz Rees are coming to the end of their terms of office as deacons and have all been nominated for re-election. There have been no other nominations. Church members please put this date in your diary and attend if you possibly can.

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 Glamorgan Nomads Cricket Club are organising a Q&A session and lunch for Mr Douglas Davies of Monkstone House at 12.30pm on Friday 8th April in The Grove Golf Club, Porthcawl. They would be delighted to extend a welcome to all from Gilgal Baptist ChurchLunch cost £25 ... menu choice to be provided before 28th March. For more information please contact our Pastor.

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 Bethel Baptist Church, Heol Miskin, Pontyclun, CF72 9AJ from 9 am to 12 noon

Saturday 19 March at Bethel Community Centre, Maesteg, CF34 9YL from 9 am to 12 noon

Friday 25 March at All Nations Church, Sachville Avenue, Cardiff CF14 3NY from 6 pm to 9.30 pm

Saturday 26 March in City Church, Dyfatty St., Swansea SA1 1QQ 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 completed an "**I am Andrew**" pledge card? Who are you praying for? Who will you take?

c) Main event at **I.C.C. Newport** at 7 pm on Saturday 21 May with Franklin Graham. If you want to go by **coach**, please sign up in the foyer or see Gordon.

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