



GILGAL BAPTIST
CHURCH

To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864



Sunday 15th May 2022

Onsite services at Park Avenue. We offer a warm welcome to our speaker this Sunday, Mike Holmes from Coastlands Family Church, Barry.

10.30am Family Celebration Service

Theme: "God - Always Up Close and Personal"

Reading: Psalm 139 read by Hazel Calder

5.00pm Evening Disciples Service

Theme: "God's DNA", Reading: Matthew 25:31-40 read by Leanne Evans

Refreshments will be available after the morning service. Evening service refreshments will start from Sunday, 22nd May. If you would like to volunteer to help with these please see Jacqui for further details.

Online services: For those unable to attend in person, recordings of previous services are available on our website or our YouTube channel. Do try them.

Prayer Needs & Praise Reports

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.

Praise Report: Congratulations to Rosie Perkins who is attending her Graduation Ceremony in Chester on Tuesday 24th May. We as a family are delighted at her wonderful achievement and success.

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: Leader John Hornsby in the church café.

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: 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 to follow: [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 or 01656 785276).

Other activities this week:

Monday 16 May at 2:30pm: Community Ministry Team Meeting in the hall or the cafe. The main topic will be the resumption of some form of lunch club on Wednesdays after the traditional service, so if you would like to help with this, do please attend the meeting if you are able to do so.

Tuesday 17 May on John Street 11am to 1pm opposite “The Y”. See Gordon if you’d like to know more. By the way, if you would like to have some of the tracts for your own use, that can be arranged.

Wednesday 18 May at 2pm: Administration Team Meeting in the hall.

Wednesday 18 May at 7pm: Gilgal Ladies meet in our Church Cafe for our first Keep Fit Praise session! Come along for fitness, fun and fellowship! Burn off some calories to your favourite worship music and then reward yourself with cake and a hot drink afterwards! Even if you’re not into fitness, come along anyway and enjoy just being together. All women welcome.

Thursday 19 May at 2pm: Pastoral Ministry Team Meeting in the hall.

Thursday 19 May at 7pm: Informal prayer gathering for the God Loves You Tour in the church cafe.

Friday 20 May at 2pm: Gilgal Crafts Group. Please see Jacqui Crole for more information.

Saturday 21 May at 7pm: “God Loves You Tour” at the ICC, Newport.

a) Please sign-up as soon as possible if you know **you want to use the coach** to Newport (5 places left on the coach, and our coach will have a toilet!) We have reserved 60 seats for Gilgal, so if you are **going in your own car** and would like to sit with us, please let Gordon know.

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association always provides their events for free, so we will not charge for seats on the coach. However, we do invite you to give a donation in advance - to either John Hornsby or Gordon Lovering.

b) The coach needs to leave the front of the Comprehensive School on Park Avenue **promptly at 5pm**, so please be on board by 4.45pm at the latest. The 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”**?

Other Announcements

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

Do you know your SHAPE? Pastor Martin has just finished this series of Sunday morning sermons. As a follow on from this we would like to know if anyone needs help in determining their SHAPE and where they might fit into the life of the church at Gilgal and where they can be best used in serving the Lord here. Please contact Liz or Jacqui for more information, thank you.

Foodbank: One of the weekly community outreaches in which Gilgal is heavily involved, is the Foodbank at the Y Centre, where a small team of volunteers try and offer far more than just food to the people in crisis, who visit us on a Tuesday or Thursday morning. With demand increasing, we are hoping to recruit some additional volunteers to help on a rota basis. Might this be something which fits your "SHAPE"? If so please chat to John or Margaret Hornsby or Alison Armstrong for more information.

World Mission Team Meeting: on Monday 23rd May in the Hall at 1pm. Everyone welcome please see Linda Harber for further details.

Our toddlers' group is looking for volunteers to help move all the toddlers' toys from the Scout Hall on Woodland Avenue, back to Gilgal Church. If anyone is available to help either on the 30th, 31st of May, or the 1st of June, which is during the May half-term week, please speak to Ruth Evans.

"The man who split time in two!" – An evangelistic evening with **Rev Yinka Oyekan** (from the Gate Church, Reading) on **Thursday 16 June**. Entrance is free, reserve your seat on ticketsource.co.uk/gilgal, doors open from 6.30pm with light refreshments, and the event starts at about 7pm. If you missed your opportunity to take a friend to Franklin Graham, then Yinka's intention is also to help us "make Jesus better known" – and to get folk saved! Put the date in your diary. Cakes needed! 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 23rd June. Tickets are £12 Adults and £6 Children, available from Carolynne Gillard, Cathryn Hodges, Ed Lewis, Malcolm Nicholas, Liz Rees or Carolyn Thurston.

SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST: We have booked Nicholaston House Christian Centre, which overlooks Oxwich Bay on the Gower, for a Gilgal Away Day on Saturday 6th August. Further details to follow. See Daphne to register your interest in coming, and for more information on the venue go to www.nicholastonhouse.org or the Facebook page 'Nicholaston House Christian Centre'.

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