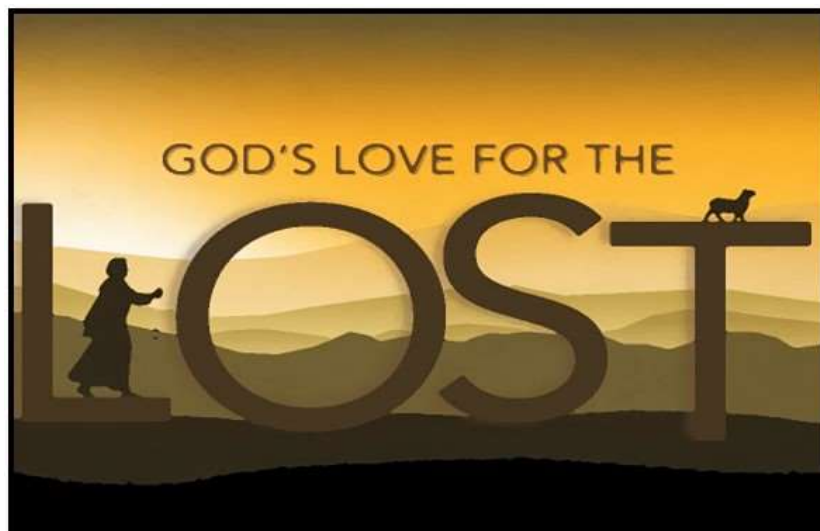




To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864



Sunday 16th October 2022

We give a warm welcome to Rev. Craig James (West End Congregational Church, Ebbw Vale) who is leading our services at Park Avenue today

10:30am Family Celebration Service

Theme - Recognising our Sin / Finding Grace

Reading - Luke 15:11-32

5pm Disciples Service

Theme - Rundown to Resurrection

Reading - 2 Corinthians 4

Children and young people are encouraged to go out with their leaders to Sunday Club during the second half of the morning service. There are three groups - School Years 1 - 2, 3 - 5 and those in Year 6 and above. Please speak to Natalie our Childrens' worker or Cathryn, CYF Coordinator, if you would like more information.

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

- **Gilgal Ladies** this Wednesday 19th October at 7pm in the café.
- **Newcomers Tea** on Sunday 6th November at 3.15pm in the café.
- **First aid course** on Saturday 12th November at 10am.

Diary for the week, 17th to 22nd Oct

Monday

Park Avenue (Café)	7pm	New House Group
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"
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 (Hall)	2pm	EMT meeting
Park Avenue (Café)	2.30pm	New House Group
Park Avenue (Café)	7pm	Gilgal Ladies

Thursday

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

Friday

79 Fulmar Road	10am	House Group
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Sunday

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

Prayer Needs

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).

Please pray for those of our fellowship who are out speaking today: Rev. Clive Jones is speaking this morning at Mount Zion Baptist church, Pyle.

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 rows by staying on the end. Thank you.

Beacons on the Beaches: Thanks to all who supported and helped in any way. Around the West of England there were at least 42 other Beacons! Let's keep praying that God will have mercy on our nations.

Home Groups: We encourage everyone to belong to one of our several small groups for teaching, fellowship, and support. New groups have recently started on Mondays at 7pm, and on Wednesdays at 2.30pm, both in the café, do feel free to join them. Please ring Caryl Gill (01656 785276) if you would like to know more.

Our **"feet will be on the street"** on Tuesday 18 October as usual from 11am to 1pm in front of the Museum. Extra helpers really appreciated!

Our next **Evangelism Ministry Team meeting** is scheduled for 2 pm on Wednesday 19 October. If YOU have any workable ideas on "evangelising Porthcawl", please come to the meeting or let Gordon know.

Gilgal Ladies meet this Wednesday at 7pm in our church cafe. Our first guest speaker since before Covid, Esther Holt, will be looking at "Faith over Fear". Esther is a regular speaker and one of the leaders of Brackla Tabernacle Church in Bridgend. We'll also be introducing "Pause to Pray" in our "Prayer Place" at the end of our meeting. It'll be an opportunity to have someone pray with you about anything that's on your mind, be it a worry, fear, or a prayer of thanks or praise, anything. All women very welcome.

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 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 Daphne.

First Aid course – thank you to those who have signed up for the course which will take place on Saturday 12 November from 10 - 12 in the café area. If you are involved in activities in the church, it is important that you have basic first aid knowledge. If you would like to attend please speak to Jacqui to add your name to the list. Thank you for your support in serving the Lord at Gilgal.

Could you offer a lift to church? (Sundays or weekdays). If so please let Liz or Daphne know. If you need a lift to church please let us know and we will try to connect you with someone who could help.

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.

Our **Christmas Outreach** at the bandstand has been reserved for Saturday 17 December at 11 am. If you have any novel ideas, please let Gordon know.

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

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 still away. Please contact Alison Farrow (Admin), Daphne Harris (Pastoral) or John Hornsby (Treasurer) about any important church matters.

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