



To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864



## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Onsite services at Park Avenue, led by our Pastor, Rev Martin Gillard  
Our Advent Christmas Countdown continues

### Christmas Jumper Sunday

**10:30am Sunday Club Nativity and Family Celebration Service**

**Sermon: From Aweful to Awesome**

**Bible Reading: Luke 2: 8 - 20**

**5:00pm Carols By Candlelight**

**Sermon: Shine His Light**

**Christmas Day 10am (Please note early time) Family Celebration Service**

**January 1<sup>st</sup> 10.30am. Family Celebration Service**

There will not be evening services on the next two Sundays (Christmas Day or New Year's Day). Disciples Service returns on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 5pm.

Refreshments are available at the end of both services today.  
If you are a visitor to our church, do please sign our visitors' book.

## Diary for the period, 18<sup>th</sup> Dec to 7<sup>th</sup> Jan

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

Park Avenue (Café)	7pm	House Group
22 Adrian Close	7:30pm	House group

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

Park Avenue (Café)	9am	Toddlers Toast
Park Avenue (Hall)	10am	Toddlers and Christmas Party
Y Centre	10am	Food Bank
22 Adrian Close	10:30am	House group
John Street	11am	"Feet on the Street"
Park Avenue	6pm	Porthcawl Primary School Christmas Concert (tickets from the school)
19 Birch Walk	7pm	House group

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec

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 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec

Y Centre	10am	Food Bank
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### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec

Park Avenue	10am	Nottage Primary School Christmas Concert (School only)
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### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Day

Park Avenue	<b>10am</b>	Family Celebration Service
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### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Jan New Year's Day

Park Avenue	10:30am	Family Celebration Service
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## **Prayer Needs**

**Those Unwell at Home:** Dilwyn and Ann Jones; Hilary Oatridge; Jeff Harber; Terry Needs; Lynda Edwards; Joanne Hopkins, Pat Habberley; Alan Lee; Rita Morris; Jane Powell; Ann Eley; Leanne Evans; Lorna Willmer.

**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).

## **Other announcements:**

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Family Party/Christingle evening on Friday, and the open-air witness on John Street on Saturday.

**Gilgal Ladies Christmas Celebration:** Ladies, come and join us as we celebrate Christmas with a bring and share meal! This is our first Christmas meet up since 2019, so let's celebrate the birth of our Saviour altogether again! Wednesday 7pm in our Church Café. All women very welcome.

There is no **craft/warm hub** on the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> December, it will return Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

**Worship group:** Next monthly meeting is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023 from 9.30 - 11am, which will include practice of songs for the following day.

**Gilgal Christmas cards** - Once again we encourage you to give one Christmas card to cover everyone in the fellowship at Gilgal. Please place it on the string in the café area and the money that you save from giving lots of cards would be greatly welcomed in our building fund if you feel able. Thanks in advance for your continued generosity.

**Christmas Greetings:** We have received warm Christmas messages from our missionaries; Laura Lee Lovering in Peru and Rob and Rose in Eastern Europe. They wish us a happy and peaceful Christmas and new year. Christmas greetings have been sent to them from the World Mission team on behalf of Gilgal.

**Building redevelopment:** Thanks to those who have recently made gifts, large or small, to the building project. We have now raised the £11,000 we need to complete all our payments for this work – praise the Lord! Any excess will go towards necessary repairs or further developments, such as improving the lighting in the main church.

**Small Group Meetings:** Most of our Home Groups for bible study, prayer and fellowship will be taking a break for the next couple of weeks. Then in January we are planning a refresh of the groups, so if you would like to join one of them, please sign up on the sheets in the entrance foyer. We also plan to offer a group on Zoom for those unable to attend 'in person'.

**Sunday Club – Help needed:** Do you have a passion for encouraging children in their faith? We are looking for a couple more people to join the Sunday Club team. Please speak to either Cathryn or Natalie if you are interested.

**Audio loop system** - The previous problems with the loop have been resolved; a setting on the mixing desk needed to be changed and it all seems to be working normally again. We've also added sound from any videos played. Please remember - if you sit on the back row, you're on top of the wire loop itself, so reception can be patchy. Moving forward a row or two should resolve that. Please speak to John Hodges re any problems.

**Foodbank Collection Point:** We would appreciate donations of any of the following into the box in the cafe: tinned meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, custard, rice pudding, flavoured noodles, small jars of coffee or instant hot chocolate, and toiletries.

**Recycling Printer Cartridges** - Thank you to those who have regularly given me their empty printer cartridges. I sent a large number away recently and we have earned Gilgal nearly £30. We now have a box in church, next to the Food Bank collection point, where you can leave your cartridges. I hope we can keep filling it up! Many thanks. Hazel.

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

**Natalie** is taking annual leave from 25<sup>th</sup> December until Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

**Baptism Classes** will be starting in January. If you would like to know more about obeying the command of Jesus to be baptised as a believer by full immersion please speak with our Pastor.

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**Christmas blessings:** This will be the last news sheet of 2022. The news sheet team would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and may you all know the joy of the Lord and His strength as we go into 2023.

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