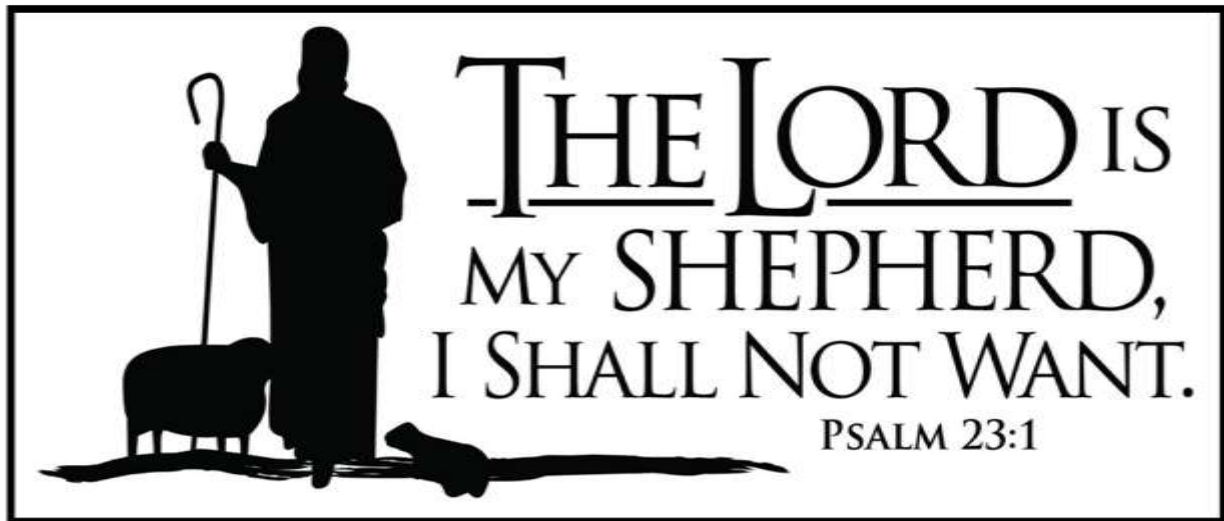




To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

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Sunday 20th 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

Series – Know Your S.H.A.P.E., Today – “A.” – Ability

Bible reading: Acts 16:16-34 read by Leanne Evans

Refreshments will be served after the morning service.

5.00pm Disciples Service:

Series – Praise the LORD/Hallelujah, Today - The Practice of Praise

Bible reading: Psalm 150 and Ephesians 5:19-20 read by John Hornsby

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

Worship Online led by our pastor, Martin Gillard,

Series – Know Your S.H.A.P.E., Today – “H.” - Heart (Passion)

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

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

Prayer Needs & Praise Reports

In Hospital: Terry Needs

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 situation, we will be receiving financial gifts towards the refugee crisis this Sunday (20th March). Please place your gift in an envelope marked 'Ukraine' and place the envelope in the offering box in the foyer. Thank you.

Belated Happy Birthday Blessings to Pam Jenkins who was 90 on Wednesday 16th March.

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.

Due to the Church AGM this Tuesday there will not be any Tuesday Evening Bible Study or Home Groups.

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 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 to the lovely weather it was most pleasant just being a witness last week - even without saying much! However, friendships developing and some really encouraging conversations with Christians both from Porthcawl and visiting. Many dozens of gospel leaflets accepted.

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.

Gilgal's Annual General Meeting 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.

Other Announcements

Please note the clocks move forward one hour next weekend 26th/27th March. Don't be late for church on Mothering Sunday!

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.

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 will 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.

Good Friday, 15 April - plans are underway for the "Walk with the Cross" and our witness at the Bandstand. Please pray for us and if possible join us.

The “God Loves You” Tour with Franklin Graham visits 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 19 March at Bethel Community Church, Castle Street, 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 for these courses are in the foyer.

b) Check their website for "**Discovery Groups**" on Monday 4 April in Cardiff and Tuesday 5 April in Newport, from 7.30 pm to 9 pm - Free.

c) Have you completed an "**I am Andrew**" pledge card? Are you praying for, and planning to take, people you care about that need to be saved?

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



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