

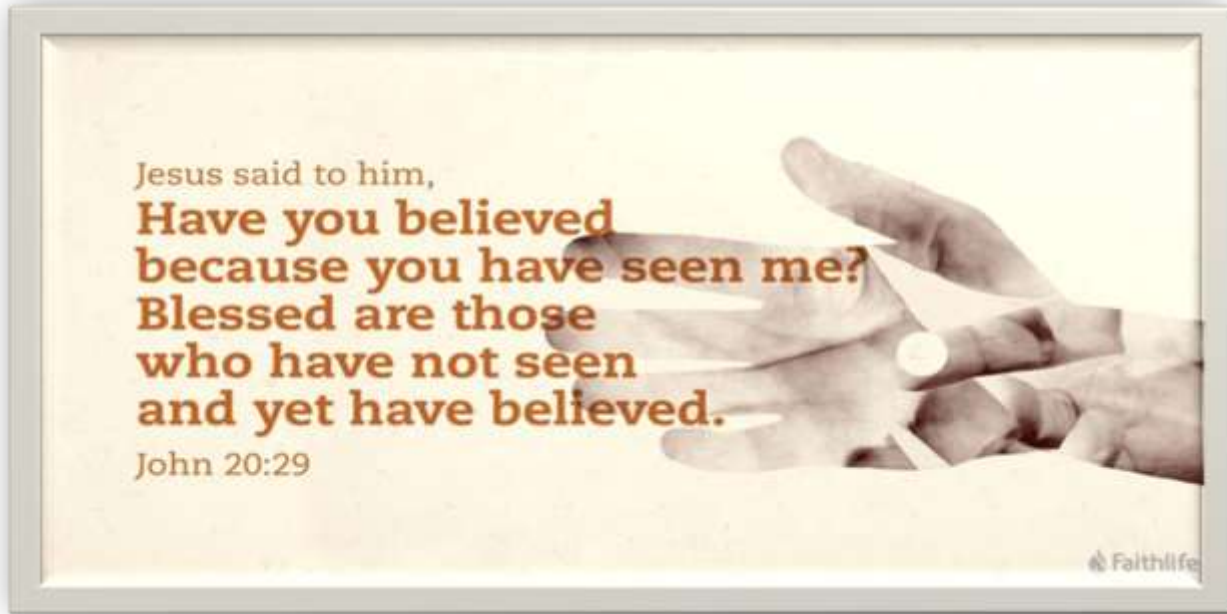


GILGAL BAPTIST
CHURCH

To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864



Sunday 21st August 2022

Onsite services at Park Avenue, led today by our Pastor, Rev Martin Gillard

10:30am Family Celebration Service

Series Theme: "Simply Good News", Today's Message: "Our God Sends"

Bible Reading: Acts 11:1-18 read by Catrin Harray

This service includes Holy Communion

5.00pm Disciples Service

Series: "How To Make The Most Of ...", Today: "... Our Singing"

Bible Reading: Psalm 147:1-20 read by Rob McSweeney

Refreshments will be available after both services today. If you would like to volunteer to be on the rota for these please see Jacqui for further details.

If you are a visitor to our church, do please sign our visitors' book!

Prayer Needs & Praise Reports

At Home: Dilwyn and Ann Jones; Hilary Oatridge; Jeff Harber; Terry Needs; Barbara Jenkins; Barbara Jones.

In Residential Care: Ann Thomas (Picton Court); Doug Davies, Pat Eales, Diane Sheppard (Monkstone House); Beryl Surringer (Newton Care Home); Carole Vanden Branden (Breaksea); Margaret Carey-Jones (Glanffrwyd, Pencoed).

Ann Lewis is in the process of moving into Monkstone House. Please do not visit this first week to give her time to settle in.

Praise Report: Congratulations to Joel Thurston on his excellent A Level results and on obtaining a place to read medicine at Cardiff Medical School.

Praise Report: Congratulations to Richard Newman and Ann Morgan who were married on Saturday (20 August). May God continue to bless their lives together.

Praise Report: A big thank you to Gilgal bakers and sandwich makers for making the ladies afternoon tea such a great success and thank you to all who attended.

Praise Report: Message Fundraiser - thank you to all who served, baked and donated last Sunday. We raised £195 in cash donations plus a further donation of £100. Thanks so much everyone!

Please join us in prayer as we seek a new youth worker.

Prayer Requests from our BMS Missionaries.

Laura Lee Lovering: Laura works as a BMS Creation Steward in Piura, Peru. Her work can be loosely described as making people aware of our impact on God's Creation. She asks for prayers:

1. **Of thanksgiving**, for having now completed her first year in Piura and for the BMS Creation Stewardship role. Also, she is due to move apartments in August to a quieter residential area.
2. **For the church projects**, that the churches would understand the important aspect of Gospel witness that these projects can and must provide within their communities and that she will be patient with them!

Robert and Rose in Kosovo: Robert and Rose have been on Home Assignment this summer and we had a blessed time in Gilgal when Robert came to speak to us in July. They ask for prayer:

1. **That God will bring healing** to Rose's ruptured Achilles tendon so that she won't require surgery and they will soon be able to return to Kosovo.
2. **Also that God will help Rose** to continue working on her dissertation for her Master's degree.

3. After much prayer they believe May 2023 is the right time for the family to leave Kosovo when BMS involvement there also finishes. They ask for prayer for God to call people to continue the work in education, reconciliation and the church they have been involved in.

4. Please pray that God will clearly show them the next steps they need to take as they seek His leading in their desire to serve Him.

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.

Other activities this week:

Tuesday 23rd August from 10am to 12 noon at the YMCA: Foodbank.

Tuesday 23rd August from 11am to 1pm: Our “feet will be on the street” as usual from 11am to 1pm in front of the Museum. By the way, the Mobo in the Church Cafe area shows some of our gospel tracts. You would be very welcome to take a handful for your own personal use. In fact, studying them would enable you to answer the questions some folks have. See Gordon for more information.

Thursday 25th August from 10am to 12 noon at the YMCA: Foodbank.

Other announcements:

Church Survey 2022. Please help us discern our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges by completing our church survey, copies of which are available on the way into church. The findings from this survey will help shape our goals for the next chapter of our church life and witness together. Thank you.

Our Pastor Martin and Carolynne will be on Summer holidays this coming week. Please contact Liz Rees, Daphne Harris or John Hornsby for pastoral support.

Can you help out with the news sheet? We are looking for someone to temporarily take on the editing of our weekly new sheet whilst Leanne is undergoing treatment. Do you have the necessary computer skills to do this, is this your SHAPE? You will be working as part of a regular dedicated team and we can offer some initial training if required. Leanne is able to continue up until the end of August so we are looking for someone to join us at the beginning of September. Please speak with Alison Farrow or Liz Rees if you are interested.

Calling All Knitters: If you would like to take part in our new and exciting project, please see Linda Harber.

If you would like to support Rosie Perkins in her work with the Light College and Collective, you can donate to her Stewardship account, where you can either give a one-off donation or a monthly donation. This is the link:

<http://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20416972> Your prayers for Rosie as she starts her internship are much appreciated.

Alpha Course: We are planning to start the course on Thursday 8 September at 7pm with a **free** meal, followed by DVD's and discussion. There are information leaflets in the foyer. See Gordon or Cathryn for details.

For our **Elvis Weekend outreach** on Saturday 24 September, we *may* need Christian musicians who can sing **Elvis Gospel** Songs – at the Bandstand from 11am to 1pm. Please see Gordon if you think you may be able to help.

From the Evangelism Ministry Team: Team members do not have to be evangelists, or even good at witnessing; but if you are interested in helping Gilgal to “make Jesus better known” – maybe you should give us a try. See Gordon for more information. The next meeting is on Wed 19th October at 2pm.

First-aid course: We are planning to hold a first-aid course in the church in the autumn, if you would be interested in joining us please speak to Liz, thank you.

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.

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