




GILGAL BAPTIST
CHURCH

To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864

"And the **peace** of God 
which surpasses all understanding
will **guard** your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus."
- Philippians 4:7



Sunday 22nd May 2022

Onsite services at Park Avenue, led by our pastor, Rev Martin Gillard.

10.30am Family Celebration Service

New Series: Simply Good News

Theme: Our God Loves – 1 John 4:7-21 read by Catrin Harray

Including Blessing/Dedication of Milly and Alfie Aaron and family.

5.00pm Evening Disciples Service

New Series – How To Get The Most From...

Today: Your Bible! – 2 Timothy 3:1-17 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.

Online services: We plan to video record the evening messages and make them available alongside our audio recordings. Please let us know which you require. We will also begin experimenting with Facebook Live broadcasts on coming Sundays.

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.

Please pray for those of our fellowship who are out speaking today: Rev. Clive Jones is speaking this morning at Carmel - Bethania, Maesteg.

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.

Praise Report: Congratulations to Elaine Winstanley on being elected onto Bridgend County Borough Council to represent Cornelly and onto Cornelly Community Council. Well done Elaine and every blessing in your new roles.

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 David Redhouse 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 Pastor Martin Gillard 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 23 May 1pm: World Mission Team Meeting in the church hall. Everyone welcome - please see Linda Harber for further details.

Tuesday 24 May from 11am to 1pm on John Street: Our “feet will be on the street” on Tuesday as usual in front of the Museum. See Gordon if you would 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.

Foodbank: With demand increasing, could you volunteer to join the team who try to offer far more than just food to people in crisis, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Y Centre? Might this be something which fits your "SHAPE"? Also, we are running short of carrier bags and egg boxes, so donations of these would be appreciated. Please see Alison Armstrong or John or Margaret Hornsby if you can help in any way.

Wednesday at 11am: Our Traditional Service restarts. A short service of older traditional hymns, with a bible-based message from our pastor. Refreshments available in the café afterwards. All welcome.

Friday 27 May from 2pm to 3.30pm - Craft Club in the cafe: Please come along with your craft, enjoy chatting with like-minded people, make new friends and learn new skills from others along the way. There will be tea and coffee available. Jacqui looks forward to welcoming you.

Friday, 27 May 7pm: Holy Spirit Night in the church. This will include an extended time of worship, some teaching from Martin, testimonies and prayer ministry, with an opportunity to explore an openness to the Holy Spirit and to develop the gifts of the Holy Spirit. All welcome.

Other announcements:

“God Loves You Tour” - Thanks for all the support. Now we continue the work of “making Jesus better known” ourselves! Keeping praying for the remainder of the Tour.

Key Safe – Sharing of access code: Deacons and those meeting leaders who require access to the church are asked to speak personally to Liz Rees or Alison Farrow to acquire the entry code for the key safe.

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 or 31st of May, or the 1st of June, which is during the May half-term week, please speak to Ruth Evans.

Thursday 16 June: “The man who split time in two!” An evangelistic evening with **Rev Yinka Oyekan** (from the Gate Church, Reading). 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! 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 starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12 Adults and £6 Children, available from Carolynne Gillard, Christine Goldsworthy, Cathryn Hodges, Ed Lewis, Malcolm Nicholas, Liz Rees or Carolyn Thurston.

Saturday 6 August: Gilgal Away Day. We have booked Nicholaston House Christian Centre, overlooking Oxwich Bay on the Gower, for an Away Day. Further details to follow. See Daphne to register your interest in coming. For more information on the venue go to www.nicholastonhouse.org or the Facebook page 'Nicholaston House Christian Centre'.

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