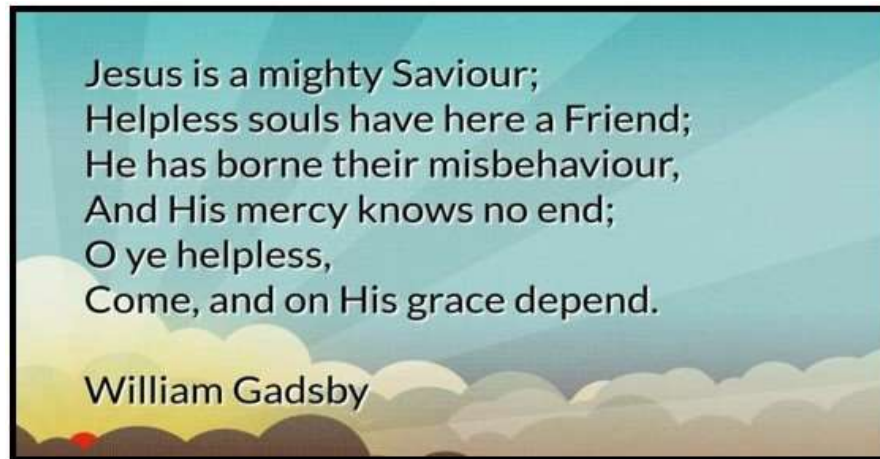




To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

**Park Avenue, Porthcawl**

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## **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022**

**We give a warm welcome to Rev. Ian Howells, who is leading both our services today, as our Pastor has Covid.**

**We are very grateful to Ian and also pray Martin a speedy recovery.**

**10:30am Family Celebration Service**

**5pm Disciples Service**

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

- **Children's Light Party** on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm.
- **Newcomers Tea** on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 3.15pm in the café.
- **Community Ministry Team** meeting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm in café.
- **First aid course** on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.

## Diary for the week, 23<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October

### 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 (Café)	2.30pm	New House Group
Park Avenue (Café)	7pm	Monthly Bible Club

### Thursday

Y Centre	10am	Food Bank
Park Avenue (Café)	2pm	Craft Group
Park Avenue	7pm	Alpha course

### Friday

79 Fulmar Road	10am	House Group
Park Avenue	5pm	Children's Light Party

### 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: David Porter is at Whitestone Baptist Church in Hereford this morning and at the Apostolic Church in Abergavenny this evening.

## **Other announcements:**

**Toddlers help needed!** With the hall being out of action next week, Toddlers is taking place in the church on Tuesday. Are you able to help for 20 minutes after this morning's service to help move toys etc from the hall into church? Or could you help this evening after the service as we move chairs? Finally, maybe you could come after toddlers at 12 noon on Tuesday to put the chairs back. Many thanks as ever, Ruth and the Toddlers team.

Our **"feet will be on the street"** on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October as usual from 11am to 1pm in front of the Museum. Extra helpers really appreciated!

There is no **traditional service or lunch club** this week.

**This month's Bible Club** is on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. We'll be looking at the book of 1 Samuel. Everyone is welcome.

**Light party:** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October from 5pm to 6.30pm. If you can help with things like setting up and putting away, organizing food, craft, storytelling or helping with games, please see Natalie.

**Change of Dates for Gilgal Ladies Meetings:** Our next meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> November will now be with our guest speaker Jeni Jones, all about bees, and Keep Fit Praise has moved to 16<sup>th</sup> November. 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<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Emergency and Basic First Aid course** – thank you to those who have signed up for the course which will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November from 10am to 4pm with a certificate at the end. If anyone wants just to do the first 2 hours ("First Aid Awareness"), they are welcome, but they won't get a certificate. 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<sup>th</sup> December at 11am. If you have any novel ideas, please let Gordon know.

**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.

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

### **News from our Missionaries - Laura Lee Lovering in Peru.**

Laura as usual is very busy in Piura in Peru. She continues to work with a church on a mini park project. The Church members have pledged to do the manual labour and Laura is helping them apply for funds to supply plants and a children's play area. She asks for prayer on this pilot project that it will be a benefit and a testimony to the village. Laura is pleased at the support some local churches provided with street evangelism and cleaning one Sunday afternoon, she hopes they will organise and repeat the exercise themselves. She asks for prayer that other organisations, including one called 'Green Church', will collaborate with each other to help churches implement similar projects. Laura is doing other work which she asks for prayer:

1. She is putting together BMS's carbon neutral strategy.
2. Working with other believers in different parts of the world. This involves translating each other's interpretations so they can learn from each other.

**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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