



To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864



## **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

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

Please note the One Way traffic measures in Park Avenue this weekend due to the Elvis Festival.

**10:30am Family Celebration Service**

**Sermon Theme: Explore Prayer**

**Today's Sermon Theme: Meditation**

**Bible Reading: Joshua 1:1-11 and Hebrews 4:12-16**

**5:00pm Disciples Service**

**Series Theme: People of Prayer**

**Today's Sermon Theme: Nehemiah**

**Bible Reading: Nehemiah 1:1-11**

Refreshments are available at the end of both services.

At the appropriate moment during our Family Celebration Service, children and carers can go to Sunday Club where they will receive a warm welcome.

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

## Special Events Coming Up

- There will be a **Church Members Meeting** this Tuesday (27<sup>th</sup> September) at 7pm.
- Our next **Holy Spirit Night** will be on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.
- **Harvest Festival Services** next Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> October).

## Diary for the week, 25<sup>th</sup> Sept to 1<sup>st</sup> Oct

### Monday

22 Adrian Close                      7:30pm                      House group

### Tuesday

Y Centre                                      10am                              Food Bank  
Park Avenue (Hall)                      10am                              Toddlers  
22 Adrian Close                      10:30am                      House group  
John Street                                  11am                                  “Feet on the street”  
Park Avenue                                  7pm                                  Church Members Meeting

### Wednesday

Park Avenue                                  11am                                  Traditional service  
Park Avenue                                  11:45am                      Refreshments / Prayer Corner  
Park Avenue (Café)                      12:15pm                      Lunch Club  
Park Avenue (Café)                      7pm                                  Bible Club

### Thursday

Y Centre                                      10am                                  Food Bank  
Park Avenue                                  7pm                                  Alpha Course

### Friday

79 Fulmar Road                      10am                                  House Group  
Park Avenue                                  7pm                                  Holy Spirit night

### Sunday (Harvest)

Park Avenue                                  10:30am                      Family Celebration Service  
Park Avenue                                  5pm                                  Disciples Service

## **Prayer Needs**

**Those Bereaved:** Please pray for the family of Barbara Jenkins.

**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).

**Praise report:** Congratulations to Julie and Martin Blackwell on the birth of another grandchild, a boy born to Serena and Richard Blackwell.

## **Other announcements:**

Please help us fit everyone into our meetings by moving into the centre of the longer rows of chairs and not blocking the row by staying on the end. Thank you.

**Church Survey 2022:** Thanks to all who completed our latest church survey. There will be feedback for members at the September Church Members Meeting. If you would like an electronic copy of the replies please speak with Linda Harber.

***fellowship*** – Thanks to all who helped with the recent men's breakfast – and particularly to Larry Knowles for his testimony! Hey, Men! What shall we do next?

**Gilgal Ladies** raised £287 for Breast Cancer in their coffee evening this week. Many thanks to everyone who came and contributed.

**Elvis Festival:** Thank you to everyone who helped with our witness at the bandstand on Saturday (24<sup>th</sup>), particularly to Larry, Carol and Kara for singing Elvis Gospel songs.

**Home Groups:** We strongly encourage everyone to belong to one of our several small groups for teaching, fellowship and support. Please ring Caryl Gill (01656 785276) if you would like to know more.

**Our “feet will be on the street”** on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September as usual from 11 am to 1 pm in front of the Museum. We gave away 3 Bibles last week. One gentleman really would not believe that it was FREE! See Gordon if you'd like to know more.

**This month's Bible Club** is on Wednesday 28th September at 7pm. We'll be looking at the book of Ruth. Everyone is welcome

**The Alpha Course** continues on Thursday at 7pm. Each week there is a free meal, followed by DVD and discussion. Many thanks to all those who are helping – with the food, the serving, the cleaning .... and the praying.

**Harvest Sunday donations:** Come and join us as we celebrate harvest on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Please bring a food item for the harvest table. It can be fresh, tinned or packet. All donations will be given to the Porthcawl Food Bank.

**Beacons on the Beaches.** In collaboration with *southwestawake.com* we plan to meet on Newton Beach, light a fire and pray ..... at 6.30 pm on Friday 14 October – 100 metres east of the slipway, below high tide mark. All welcome – bring a torch! See Gordon for details.

**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.

**Free Bible notes** are available starting 1st October, please take one and enjoy reading your Bible each day. There are also some bible notes from Scripture Union, for which a small charge is payable.

**Foodbank Collection Point:** There is now a box in the church cafe for items that are required by the Foodbank. We would appreciate any of the following items - tinned meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, custard, rice pudding, flavoured noodles, small jars of coffee, jars of instant hot chocolate, and toiletries. Or if preferred, you can give a financial donation to John or Margaret Hornsby or Alison Armstrong. Thanks for your faithfulness serving the Lord in Gilgal and our community.

**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 sheet editing:** Malcolm Nicholas is temporarily undertaking the editing of the news sheet until Leanne resumes the role. Until further notice, news sheet items are to be emailed to Malcolm on [mjnicholas@outlook.com](mailto:mjnicholas@outlook.com)

**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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