



To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864

Indeed, God is my salvation; I will trust Him and not be afraid, for Yah, the Lord, is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.
—Isaiah 12:2

Sunday 27th February 2022

Worship Onsite at Awel-Y-Mor Community Centre.

We warmly welcome Rev Michelle Romaniw (Associate Chaplain, University of South Wales) who is leading our services today.

10.30am Family Worship:

Theme: 'Who do we discover in the storms of life?'

Bible Readings: Jonah 1: 1-17, Matthew 8: 23-27 read by Alison Armstrong

Refreshments will (hopefully!) be served after the morning service.

5.00pm Disciples Service:

Theme: 'The Good Shepherd', Bible Readings: Psalm 23, John 10: 1-18, 1 Peter 2: 19-25 read by Alan Harris and Leanne Evans

Worship Online Led by John Thomas

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

Theme: 'Faith! What is it?', Bible Reading: 2 Peter 1: 1-15.

Prayer Needs & Praise Reports

At Home: Dilwyn and Ann Jones; Hilary Oatridge; Nia Knowles; Martyn Llewellyn-Smith.

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).

Praise Report: I would like to thank my Gilgal family for all the love, friendship and fellowship I have received since I moved to Porthcawl over 14 years ago. Also, thank you for the lovely gifts I have been given which daily will remind me of my time in Porthcawl. (Not that I am likely to forget as I have so many beautiful memories.) I hope to visit in June for the Church Anniversary. God bless you all. Love from Mary Gough x

Prayer Request: The Torkington family want to express their sincere appreciation for the prayer support they have received from folk on the prayer chain and other church members. Unfortunately, Paul has had a few setbacks and a planned "remembrance meal" remembering his father Ron who died some years ago was unable to take place as Paul was too ill. Please continue to remember Paul and the family in your prayers.

Prayer Chain Requests: To help ensure your prayer requests get circulated promptly, please send them to any two of the following people: 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.

Tuesday evening 7pm: Leaders Pastor Martin/David Porter/David Brownutt via Zoom (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). No Zoom option available – please join us in person. See Gordon for details (or if you need a lift).

Tuesday evening 7pm: Fulmar Road group, Leader Ray Jefferies via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83992413087?pwd=RmpRd3lIUzUvK2lGbFBFbmJXdWEwUT09>

Friday morning 10am: Leaders Carolynne Gillard/Caryl Gill at 79 Fulmar Road (the home of Graham and Avis Watkins).

Other activities this week:

Jellybeans Toddlers: Tuesday 10am at the Woodland Avenue Scout Hall.

Tuesdays on John Street near the museum from 11am to 1pm. "God never sends anyone to hell, because that's the road on which we all start." (Romans 3.23). We need a couple of volunteers to help us contribute to the rescue work. Is the Lord challenging you? See Gordon.

Thursday evening 7.15pm: Sunday Club Leaders Meeting at Redroofs, Bryneglwys, Newton (the home of Cathryn Hodges).

Other Announcements

Covid Regulations – Please note, from February 28th face masks will no longer be legally required in church indoor meetings and will become 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.

Nomination of deacons: Three deacons are coming to the end of their terms of office: Jacqui Crole, John Hornsby and Liz Rees who are all willing to stand again if nominated. We already have two vacancies so we will be looking to vote five deacons onto the diaconate at our AGM on Tuesday 22nd March. Please give prayerful consideration to who you think could be nominated. Martin has prepared a document to help us discern who to nominate. The document will also be helpful for anyone considering nomination. Nomination papers are available in the foyer of Awel-Y-Mor. Please return them to John Hornsby by Sunday March 6.

Annual report for 2021: The annual report will be ready early in March. If you would like an electronic copy please contact Alison Farrow. If you would like a paper copy please contact Liz Rees, thank you.

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.

Evangelism Ministry Team Meeting at 2pm on Wednesday 16 March in the church hall. There is room for a couple of new members. See Gordon.

Church directory amendment: Joanne Hopkin, mobile number is 07547 565122

Church Directory amendment: Mary Gough, 17 Andrews House, Lower Sandford Street, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 6QY. At first I will only be able to be contacted on my mobile phone number which is 07796 310299.

Franklin Graham's "**God Loves You**" Tour reaches Newport on Saturday 21 May at 7pm, all FREE. For more information, visit <https://godlovesyoutour.org.uk/>

- a) Have you attended one of the free **Christian Life and Witness Courses**? Sign-up sheets in the foyer. Maybe you need a lift? Maybe you can offer a lift?
- b) Have you taken an "**I am Andrew**" pledge card?
- c) Would it be helpful if we provided a bus/coach to go to the I.C.C. in Newport on the 21st May?
- d) There is a **Friday evening CLWC** from 6pm to 9.30pm on 25 March at All Nations Church, Sachville Avenue, Cardiff CF14 3NY titled "Youth CLWC". See Gordon for details.



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