



To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864



Sunday 27th March 2022 – Mothering Sunday

Worship Onsite at Awel-Y-Mor Community Centre.

Our Pastor, Martin Gillard, is leading our services today.

10.30am Sunday Celebration Service (N.B. Clocks go forward 1 hour):

Series – Know Your S.H.A.P.E., Today – “P” - Personality

Bible reading: John 1:29-42 read by Gordon Lovering

Refreshments will be served after the morning service.

5.00pm Disciples Service:

Series – Praise the LORD/Hallelujah, Today – The Presence in Praise

Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles 5:1-6:1 and 7:1-3 read by Joyce Lovering

We also have video recordings of the Disciples Service on ‘Praise the LORD/Hallelujah’ looking at what the bible says is the correct way to give God praise. If you would like a copy please contact our Pastor.

Worship Online led by our pastor, Martin Gillard,

Series – Know Your S.H.A.P.E., Today – “A.” – Ability

Bible reading: Acts 16:16-34 read by Leanne Evans

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

Prayer Needs & Praise Reports

In Hospital: Terry Needs (having caught Covid while on the ward)

At Home: Dilwyn and Ann Jones; Hilary Oatridge; Alan Lee.

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 Pam Jenkins would like to give warmest thanks to all the Gilgal Family for the inspirational cards, gifts and best wishes on her special birthday last Wednesday 16th March.

Praise Report Congratulations to Liz Rees and John Hornsby on their re-election as Church Secretary and Church Treasurer. And to Liz, John and Jacqui Crole on their re-appointment as Deacons of our church.

A big thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to help us get the Park Avenue Hall looking fresh, clean and tidy ready for our move back to our buildings.

Please continue to remember the people of Ukraine and Russia in your prayers.

Please pray for those of our fellowship who are out speaking today: Rev. Clive Jones is speaking this morning at Mount Zion Baptist church, Pyle

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: 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). 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=RmpRd3llUzUvK2lGbFBFbmJXdWEwUT09>

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

Other activities this week:

Come to Griffin Park Hall on Monday afternoon from 2:30pm – 3:30pm to enjoy fellowship as well as tea, coffee, home-made cakes and savouries. If you can give a £2 free will donation it will be most appreciated. Please note that this Monday, 28th March, will be the last tea & cake time at Griffin Park. A big thank you to Jacqui and all who have helped with serving, making cakes and savouries and just being a friendly face at Griffin Park over the last few months. It has been a great blessing to so many and got people out whereas they might otherwise have stayed at home.

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

Tuesdays on John Street from 11am to 1pm opposite the “Y”. Have you seen those “friendship benches” in some towns? Do you ever use them? Would you respond to someone on one of those benches? Really? That’s much of what we do each week! See Gordon if you’d like to know more.

Other Announcements

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer of Awel Y Mor for those who would like to volunteer to serve tea and coffee after the morning service.

Homes for Ukraine: If you would like to make available a spare room or a property for Ukrainian refugees the Baptist Union of Great Britain are offering information on their website. Please go to the Ukraine information page or the Baptist response form page which will help match up offers of accommodation to specific needs, thank you.

Fairtrade Easter Eggs: If you wish to order any of these Easter eggs would you tell me this Sunday, or next Sunday at the latest please. I'm afraid we were away on holiday longer than we expected! Many thanks, Hazel Calder. The Real Easter Egg Milk Chocolate, which contains an Easter story activity book, is £5

Divine Milk Chocolate Foiled Mini Eggs (152g) cost £4.04

Divine Milk Chocolate Speckled Mini Eggs (155g) cost £4.04.

Food Hygiene: As the exciting future of the new cafe unfolds, we will need people to help staff it. If you are thinking of volunteering, it would be good for you to have up-to-date Food Hygiene training. These courses can easily be done on-line. Please contact Margaret Hornsby for further details.

Pastoral Visitation – As the Covid restrictions are reduced, our Pastor has restarted 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.

The Glamorgan Nomads Cricket Club are organising a Q&A session and lunch for Mr Douglas Davies of Monkstone House at 12.30pm on Friday 8th April in The Grove Golf Club, Porthcawl. They will be delighted to extend a welcome to all from Gilgal Baptist ChurchLunch cost £25 ... menu choice to be provided by 28th March. For more information, please contact our Pastor.

Good Friday witness “Walk with the Cross” 15 April: After our service (about 11.15 am), we are considering walking from Park Avenue to Trinity Church forecourt, then down John Street to the Bandstand. We will need cross carriers, gospel flyer givers, and setting up helpers! Not so much an act of worship, more an appeal to passers-by who do not yet know Jesus.

Church Directory amendment: Mary Gough’s new landline number is 01543 742972. A reminder that her address now is 17 Andrews House, Lower Sandford Street, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 6QY. Her mobile phone number and email address are unchanged.

The “God Loves You” Tour with Franklin Graham visits Newport on Saturday 21 May at 7pm. For more information, visit <https://godlovesyoutour.org.uk/> All the events are FREE. Thank you to the nearly 30 Gilgal members who supported the CLWC’s. Awesome!

a) Please sign-up if you know you want to use the coach to Newport.

Deadline is 20 April. Guests go free. Departure about 5.00 pm

b) Informal prayer gatherings in support of Franklin Graham’s visit, on Thursday 31 March and Thursday 7 April at 7pm at Eirwen’s home.

c) There will be a need for trained folk to lead “Discovery Groups” for those who come forward at the event and are referred to Gilgal. Training sessions on Monday 4 April in Cardiff and Tuesday 5 April in Newport from 7.30pm to 9pm. See <https://godlovesyoutour.org.uk/> for details or ask Gordon.

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