



Sunday 27th November 2022

**Onsite services at Park Avenue, led by our Pastor, Rev Martin Gillard
Our Advent Christmas Countdown Begins!**

10:30am Family Celebration Service

Sermon Theme: Explore Prayer

Today's Sermon Theme: Lament

Bible Reading: 2 Samuel 1:17 - 27

5:00pm Disciples Service

Series Theme: People of Prayer

Today's Sermon Theme: David

Bible Reading: 2 Samuel 2:1 – 7

We shall also hear about a church brought back to life in Swansea.

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

- **Fellship – Men’s Breakfast** on Saturday 3rd December at 9.30am.
- **Church Advent prayer meeting** on Tuesday 13th December at 7pm
- **Christingle & Family Christmas Party** on Friday 16th Dec at 5pm

Diary for the week, 27th Nov to 4th Dec

Monday

Park Avenue (Café)	7pm	House Group
22 Adrian Close	7:30pm	House group

Tuesday

Park Avenue (Café)	9am	Toddlers Toast
Park Avenue (Hall)	10am	Toddlers
Y Centre	10am	Food Bank
22 Adrian Close	10:30am	House group
John Street	11am	“Feet on the Street”
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Wednesday

Park Avenue	11am	Traditional Service
Park Avenue	11:45am	Refreshments / Prayer Corner
Park Avenue (Café)	12:15pm	Lunch Club
Park Avenue (Café)	2.30pm	House group

Thursday

Y Centre	10am	Food Bank
Park Avenue (Café)	2pm	Warm hub / Craft group

Friday

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Saturday

Park Avenue (Café)	9:30am	Men’s breakfast
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Sunday 4th

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

Prayer Needs

Those Bereaved: Mark and Carolyn Peers on the death of Mark's father. Vera and Caleb Jones on the death of Vera's sister Eunice. Dilwyn and Ann Jones on the death of their grandson Robbie.

Those in Hospital: Alan Lee, Pat Habberley.

Those Unwell at Home: Avis Watkins; Dilwyn and Ann Jones; Hilary Oatridge; Jeff Harber; Terry Needs; Lynda Edwards; Joanne Hopkins.

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).

Please pray for those of our fellowship who are out speaking this morning: Rev. Clive Jones is speaking at Hope Baptist Church, Llanelli, while David Porter is in Bethel Baptist Church in Newport.

Please pray that we will have suitable applicants for our **Youth Worker** post by the extended deadline of 2nd December. Also please pass on the information to anyone you know who may be interested.

Other announcements:

Car Park - If you are one of the last cars in and blocking the middle section please be early to move so that others may also have a clear exit.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal - Thank you to everyone who helped us to fill 284 **Christmas Shoeboxes** for Samaritans Purse to distribute in Eastern Europe. Well done everyone!

Ukraine - Thank you to everyone who donated clothes or money to support the people of Ukraine. It is already on its way, so no more donations for now, please.

Our **"feet will be on the street"** on Tuesday 29th November as usual from 11am to 1pm in front of the Museum. Extra helpers really appreciated!

Every Thursday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm the café will be open as a warm hub / craft group, everyone is welcome.

Fellship: We are holding a **men's breakfast** on Saturday 3rd December at 9.30am (doors open at 9am). We welcome Bob Poole's talk "Dodging the waves of death". All men are welcome. Please help with the catering by signing up using the sheet in the café. A £6 donation towards the costs is suggested.

Our **Christmas Outreach** at the bandstand has been reserved for Saturday 17th December at 11am. If you have any novel or creative ideas, please let Gordon know.

Small Group Meetings: We are planning a refresh of our Home Groups and Bible Study/Prayer Groups beginning in January. If you would like to join a small group to discuss the bible, share in prayer and enjoy Christian fellowship please sign up on the sheets in the entrance foyer.

Can you help? The redevelopment of our building has cost us nearly £600,000. We need to raise a further £11,000 to avoid taking out a loan and to complete all our payments for this work. If you are able to make a gift, large or small, to the Building Fund please speak with our Treasurer, John Hornsby. Thank you.

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.

Use of Premises: Please email Alison Farrow with any booking requests for the hall, church, or café - alison.farrow@hotmail.co.uk

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.

Advent, preparing for Jesus' birth also the anticipation of Jesus returning again. As you enter Gilgal, you will see a Christmas tree, where you will be able to place a gift tag containing your prayers for this Advent season. Prayers of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. Prayers celebrating new life, when someone accepts Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Tuesday 13th December 7pm Church Advent prayer meeting. An opportunity to pray through the prayers from the tree and to open our hearts to receive Jesus - *Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!* (2 Corinthians 9:15)

Recycling Printer Cartridges - Thank you to those who have regularly given me their empty printer cartridges. I sent a large number away recently and we have earned Gilgal nearly £30. We now have a box in church, next to the Food Bank collection point, where you can leave your cartridges. I hope we can keep filling it up! Many thanks. Hazel.

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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