



**GILGAL BAPTIST**  
CHURCH

To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864



## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022

### **Onsite services at Park Avenue**

**10:30am Family Celebration Service led by David Porter**

**Theme: Are we listening to/for God's voice?**

**Bible Reading:** Luke 24:13-35, read by Alison Armstrong

**5.00pm Disciples Service led by Rev Ian Howells**

**Theme: Waiting Patiently for the Lord**

**Bible Reading:** Psalm 40:1-8, read by Leanne Evans

Refreshments will be available after both services today. If you would like to volunteer to be on the rota for these please see Jacqui for further details.

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

## **Prayer Needs & Praise Reports**

**At Home:** Dilwyn and Ann Jones; Hilary Oatridge; Jeff Harber; Terry Needs; Barbara Jenkins; Barbara Jones; Eirwen Harris.

**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 Ronan Lewis on his excellent AS Level results!

**Please join us in prayer** as we seek a new youth worker.

## **Prayer Requests from our BMS Missionaries.**

**Laura Lee Lovering:** Laura works as a BMS Creation Steward in Piura, Peru. Her work can be loosely described as making people aware of our impact on God's Creation. She asks for prayers:

1. **Of thanksgiving**, for having now completed her first year in Piura and for the BMS Creation Stewardship role. Also, she is due to move apartments in August to a quieter residential area.
2. **For the church projects**, that the churches would understand the important aspect of Gospel witness that these projects can and must provide within their communities and that she will be patient with them!

**Robert and Rose in Kosovo:** Robert and Rose have been on Home Assignment this summer and we had a blessed time in Gilgal when Robert came to speak to us in July. They ask for prayer:

1. **That God will bring healing** to Rose's ruptured Achilles tendon so that she won't require surgery and they will soon be able to return to Kosovo.
2. **Also that God will help Rose** to continue working on her dissertation for her Master's degree.
3. **After much prayer they believe** May 2023 is the right time for the family to leave Kosovo when BMS involvement there also finishes. They ask for prayer for God to call people to continue the work in education, reconciliation and the church they have been involved in.
4. **Please pray that God** will clearly show them the next steps they need to take as they seek His leading in their desire to serve Him.

**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](mailto:crossmonster7@gmail.com), Alan Harris at [a.harris476@btinternet.com](mailto:a.harris476@btinternet.com) or Caryl Gill at [carylgill1@gmail.com](mailto:carylgill1@gmail.com). Alternatively, ring Alan on 01656 784118.

## Other activities this week:

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August from 10am to 12 noon at the YMCA: Foodbank.** The team are running short of carrier bags, so any donations would be very welcome.

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August from 11am to 1pm: Our “feet will be on the street”** as usual from 11am to 1pm in front of the Museum. By the way, the **Mobile Bookstall** in the Church Cafe area shows some of our gospel tracts. You are very welcome to take a handful for your own personal use. In fact, studying them would enable you to answer the questions some folks have. See Gordon if you would like to know more – there are free bibles, new testaments and gospels.

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 7pm: Bible club in the Café.** The book being studied this month is Judges. Anyone who would like to come is very welcome.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September from 10am to 12 noon at the YMCA: Foodbank.**

## Other announcements:

**Church Survey 2022.** Please help us discern our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges by completing our church survey, copies of which are available on the way into church. The findings will help shape our goals for the next chapter of our church life and witness together. Thank you.

**Can you help out with the news sheet?** We are looking for someone to temporarily take on the editing of our weekly new sheet whilst Leanne is undergoing treatment. Do you have the necessary computer skills to do this, is this your SHAPE? You will be working as part of a regular dedicated team and we can offer some initial training if required. Leanne is able to continue up until the end of August so we are looking for someone to join us at the beginning of September. Please speak with Alison Farrow or Liz Rees if you are interested.

**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.

**Harvest Home:** As harvest time approaches and after Phil Armstrong’s inspiring on-line "Gardeners World" series, the Community Team is proposing to place a “Harvest Home” table in the church café on Wednesdays and Sundays. This table will hold donations of any spare fruit, veg or plants people have grown in their gardens/allotments or any jams or chutneys etc. they have made. The produce will be available free of charge for anyone to take and use or, if they are able, they can make a small donation to Church Funds. Please contact Margaret Hornsby or Jacqui Crole for further information. PLEASE do get involved - bring your stuff, make your preserves and we'll give it a go - starting on Wednesday 7th September.

**Calling All Knitters:** If you would like to take part in our new and exciting project, please see Linda Harber.

**If you would like to support Rosie Perkins** in her work with the Light College and Collective, you can donate to her Stewardship account, where you can either give a one-off donation or a monthly donation. This is the link:

<http://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20416972>. Your prayers for Rosie as she starts her internship are much appreciated. Rosie is attending the David's Tent Christian Festival over the bank holiday weekend. She will be working as a steward bringing people to Christ and having a great time.

**House Groups restarting after the August break:** Monday House group - 5th September at 7.30pm, Friday House group - 9th September at 10am, Tuesday evening (Ray Jefferies' group) - 13th September at 7pm. The others have yet to be confirmed.

**Alpha Course:** We are planning to start the course on Thursday 8 September at 7pm with a **free** meal, followed by DVD's and discussion. There are information leaflets in the foyer. See Cathryn Hodges for details – sign up sheet in the cafe.

***fellship*** - we are planning a **men's breakfast for 9.30am on Saturday 17 September**. All men are welcome (particularly if they've not yet encountered Jesus!) and we look forward to Larry Knowles sharing the wonderful things the Lord has done in his life. Please arrive by 9.15am. We would welcome donations (£4 is suggested) towards the costs.

For our **Elvis Weekend outreach** on Saturday 24 September, we expect to have some Christian musicians singing **Elvis Gospel** songs at the Bandstand from 11am to 1pm. See Gordon if you think you may be able to help, for instance with giving out Christian literature. (N.B. We pay tribute to the Lord Jesus Christ!)

**First-aid course:** We are planning to hold a first-aid course in the church in the autumn, if you would be interested in joining us please speak to Liz, thank you.

**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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