



GILGAL BAPTIST
CHURCH

To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864



Sunday 31st July 2022

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

Covid precautions: With Covid levels still high, a reminder that hand sanitiser and masks are available in the entrance porch for those who want them.

10:30am Family Celebration Service - Ice Cream Sundae Sunday

Holiday Bible Club Service – Luke 10:25-37 read by Jacqui Crole

5.00pm Disciples Service: Series: “How To Make The Most Of”

Today: “How to Make the Most of Fasting and Feasting”

Bible readings: Esther 4:11-17 and Matthew 6:16-18 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

Those recently bereaved: John and Alison Westwood and family following the death of John's mother Sally. The funeral of Sally Westwood will take place on Friday 12 August with a service at Park Avenue at 12 noon followed by committal at Coychurch Crematorium.

In Hospital: Glenys Jenkins.

At Home: Dilwyn and Ann Jones; Hilary Oatridge; Alan Lee; Jeff Harber; Terry Needs; Gareth Williams; Barbara Jones.

In Residential Care: Ann Thomas (Picton Court); Doug Davies, Pat Eales, Diane Sheppard (Monkstone House); Beryl Surringer (Newton Care Home); Carole Vanden Branden (Breaksea); Margaret Carey-Jones (Glanffrwyd, Pencoed).

Praise Report: Congratulations to Ray & Brian Jefferies on becoming great-grandparents to baby Elijah.

Praise Report: Congratulations also to Karen Henderson and the family on the birth of her second grand-daughter.

A huge thank you to all who have helped in any way with this week's Holiday Bible Club.

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

Invitation to fast. Our Pastor will be speaking on the subject of fasting this Sunday evening. This is followed by an invitation to fast and pray as led by the Lord on the following Friday (August 5th) towards the appointment of a new youth pastor/worker.

Please remember in prayer our Church Away Day at Nicholaston House, Mumbles and the theme of Renew Wellbeing led by Rev Naomi Dickerson on behalf of the South Wales Baptist Association.

Please pray for those of our fellowship who are out speaking today:-
Rev. Clive Jones speaking this morning at Grange Street Congregational Church, Port Talbot and this evening at Smyrna Baptist Church, Pen-y-fai, Bridgend.

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.

We believe that all our house groups are now taking a break until September, but if you are unsure, please check with your group leader. If you would like to join one of these groups either face to face or on Zoom, please contact Caryl Gill for details (carylgill1@gmail.com or 01656 785276).

Other activities this week:

Tuesday 2nd August from 10am to 12 noon at the YMCA: Foodbank.

Tuesday 2nd August from 11am to 1pm: Our “feet will be on the street” as usual in front of the Museum on John Street. If you're passing, stop for few minutes just to encourage us. Help always appreciated. Thanks, Gordon.

Thursday 4th August from 10am to 12 noon at the YMCA: Foodbank.

Thursday 4th August at 7:30pm in the church: Imagine Heaven Course. Are you concerned about what happens to us when we die? This course is ideal for giving guests a biblical perspective on the subject. Each session involves a short video followed by discussion. For further information see Cathryn or visit

www.imagineheaven.co.uk

Saturday 6th August starting at 10am: Wellbeing Away Day at Nicholaston House.

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 from this survey will help shape our goals for the next chapter of our church life and witness together. Thank you.

Our Pastor will be prayer walking the streets around our church on Tuesday evenings 2nd, 9th and 16th August starting at 7pm and hoping to finish by 8pm. If you would like to join in please let us know. Meet at the church car park.

Ladies' afternoon tea: All ladies are invited to the café at Park Avenue on Saturday 13 August from 2pm to 4pm to join together in celebrating the forthcoming marriage of Ann Morgan. If you would like to come along, please sign up with Liz, thank you.

The Message Trust – we will be hosting a coffee and cake fundraiser following the morning service on Sunday 14 August. Please stay after the service when there will be an opportunity to chat with Alison and learn more about the work of The Message in Wales as well as the work in national and international Message hubs.

There will be a Bible and Archaeology Night at Park Avenue on Wednesday 17 August at 7pm, entitled 'The Curse of Mount Ebal' (the Bible background is Deuteronomy chapters 27 to 30). All welcome.

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.

First Aiders needed: Are you first aid trained? If so, we would like to have a designated first aider available for our Sunday and Wednesday services. Please contact Liz if you can help, thanks very much.

Operating the PA System: We are looking to train up more people to serve in this area of ministry, as the team is currently very small. The professional sound technician, Peter Lee, who reinstated our system in Park Avenue, will be doing some training with PA operators in the near future. Please consider prayerfully whether this is something you could offer and if so speak to Cathryn ASAP.

Gilgal Baptist church social media: Please can all church members who use our Facebook pages keep an eye on their accounts as a number of members have been hacked and consequently inappropriate messages have been sent. Thank you for your cooperation from the Gilgal safeguarding team.

News Sheets via Email: Leanne makes every effort to make sure you receive your weekly news sheet by 11am every Friday. If you don't receive your news sheet by lunchtime on Friday, please email leannee775@gmail.com and Leanne will make sure you get a copy of it. Likewise, if you do not currently receive the news sheet by email, but would like to do so, simply email her to let her know.



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