



To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864



## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023

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

**10:30am Family Celebration Service**

**New Series Theme: Love Rules**

**Today's Sermon Theme: One True God?**

**Bible Reading: Exodus 20: 1-3 and Mark 12: 28-34**

**5:00pm Disciples Service**

**New Series Theme: Freedom in Christ (Galatians)**

**Today's Sermon Theme: Right from Wrong**

**Bible Reading: Galatians 1: 1-12**

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 to note**

- Church Members meeting, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- Mission 24 Gospel and Healing Meetings on 24<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> January – see below for details.
- Holy Spirit night Friday 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

## **Diary for the week, 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> January**

### 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”
Park Avenue	7pm	Church Members meeting

### 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
Park Avenue (Café)	7pm	Bible Club

### Thursday

Y Centre	10am	Food Bank
Park Avenue (Café)	2pm	Warm hub / Craft group
Zoom call	7pm	House group - Meeting ID: 889 1616 5948 <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88916165948">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88916165948</a>

### Friday

The Manse	10am	House group
Park Avenue	7pm	Holy Spirit Night

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

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

## **Prayer Needs**

**Those in Hospital:** Lynda Edwards.

**Those Unwell at Home:** Hazel Calder; Dilwyn and Ann Jones; Hilary Oatridge; Jeff Harber; Terry Needs; Pat Habberley; Alan Lee; Rita Morris; Leanne Evans; Lorna Willmer; Jack Baker.

**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 today:  
Rev. Clive Jones is speaking this morning at Hope Baptist Church, Llanelli.

**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 [caryl.gill1@gmail.com](mailto:caryl.gill1@gmail.com). Alternatively, ring Alan on 01656 784118.

The Prayer Ministry team have suggested that we all use the following prayer to help prepare ourselves for this week's church meeting:

Lord, be with our Pastor Martin, the deacons, and officers as they prepare for the church meeting this Tuesday. We remind ourselves that you are with us, that you are the centre of everything we do. Father God, we seek the guidance of your Holy Spirit in the business that will be before us. We ask that you open our ears so that we may hear your voice. Open our minds so that we may receive your wisdom. Open our spirits so that we may know your leading and guidance. In planning for the future, give us vision for the future of your church. Lord, open our hearts so that we may receive your wonderful love. Amen

## **Other announcements:**

Our **"feet will be on the street"** on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 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. The craft class is going to be knitting for Cwm Taf Morgannwg premature babies' units for the next few weeks. If anyone is interested in doing this and doesn't want to / can't come to the class, we have patterns available. For more information, please speak to Jacqui or Linda, or simply come along - you would have a wonderful time with fellowship and refreshments too.

**Our House Groups** are restarting now. Sign up in the cafe if you would like to join us. There will be a Zoom group for those unable to attend 'in person', starting on Thursday evenings. The link for this is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88916165948>. (Meeting ID: 889 1616 5948.)

**Week of prayer for Christian Unity:** The following meetings have been arranged:

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan at 6 pm – Unity Service at Tabernacl Chapel, Fenton Place

Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Jan at 12 noon – Soup lunch at All Saints Church

**Church Members meeting** on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January in the sanctuary.

**This month's Bible Club** is on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in the café area, looking this month at the first book of Kings. Everyone is welcome.

**Gospel and Healing Meetings** are taking place as part of Mission 24's evangelistic initiative running in Bridgend County Borough this year. These are on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm at Aberkenfig Bible Church and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January at Compassion Church, Bridgend. Meetings are open to all. Please bring along family and friends, especially those needing to hear the gospel or in need of healing. There are still spaces on the **Impact Training** being run in conjunction with these. Pick up a leaflet from the foyer or speak to Cathryn.

**Holy Spirit Night:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in the sanctuary.

**Rev Phoebe Obol, Director of Gulu Mission - Uganda,** is visiting the UK shortly and will be speaking at the traditional service on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. All welcome.

The **Mobile Bookstall display** in the café area carries leaflets that everyone might find useful in their personal witnessing. Please help yourself or see Gordon.

**Bible Readers wanted** - If you would like to join the Bible Reading rota for either services, please contact Karen Nicholas (kjnicholas@outlook.com)

**Foodbank Collection Point:** We always appreciate donations of long life items – particular suggestions are listed beside the box in the café. Thanks very much on behalf of those who so appreciate the help we are able to give them.

**Finance Update:** Our budget for 2023 is £11,300 per month, which is a 4% increase on last year. Standing order forms or gift envelopes for those who wish to give regularly and gift aid forms for taxpayers are available from John Hornsby.

**Baptism Classes** If you would like to join our Baptism Preparation Group, please speak to our Pastor today! Classes will start on Wednesday at 7pm in the Manse, Woodland Avenue. If you need transport, please let the Pastor know.

**If you would like to know more about** the Christian faith, about Gilgal church or to ask about Church Membership, please fill in a welcome card and hand it to our Pastor.

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