



To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.
Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves
be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.
Galatians 5:1

Sunday 29th 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: Image Conscious?

Bible Reading: Exodus 20: 4-6 and Acts 17: 16-34

5:00pm Disciples Service

New Series Theme: Freedom in Christ (Galatians)

Today's Sermon Theme: Why Listen to Paul?

Bible Reading: Galatians 1: 11 - 2: 5

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 Event to note

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

Diary for the week, 30th Jan to 4th Feb

Monday

Park Avenue (Café)	10:30am	Prayer Ministry team meeting
37 Woodland Ave.	2pm	Pastoral Ministry team meeting
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"
19 Birch Walk	7pm	House group
88 Fulmar Road	7pm	House group

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
The Manse	7pm	Baptism Preparation Group

Thursday

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

Friday

The Manse	10am	House group
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Sunday 5th Feb

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

Prayer Needs

Those in Hospital: Phil Armstrong

Those Unwell at Home: Hazel Calder; Lynda Edwards; 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 evening at Smyrna Baptist Church, Pen-y-fai, Bridgend.

Please pray for Martin and Natalie as they take a school assembly at Nottage Primary on Wednesday 1st February.

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.

Other announcements:

There is a **Prayer Ministry team** meeting on Monday 30th January at 10:30am in the café area. Please come and join us if you have a passion for the prayer life of the church.

Pastoral Ministry team meeting at 37 Woodland Ave. on Monday 30th Jan at 2pm. We would really love some new members on our team. If you think you might be interested, come along for one meeting and see. Speak to Daphne for more information.

Our **“feet will be on the street”** on Tuesday 31st 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 have restarted now, but it is not too late to join one – see the various days and times in the diary above. This includes a Zoom group on Thursday evenings for those unable to attend 'in person'. The link for this is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88916165948> (Meeting ID: 889 1616 5948).

Gilgal's Strategic Goals for the next Five Years: In our recent church meeting, the following strategic goals were agreed, which will determine our priorities as we look to the future:

- To Be a People Shaped by Biblical Values and Behaviours
- To Equip & Encourage Believers to use their Gifts and Abilities to Serve the Lord
- To Be Creative in Sharing Jesus with the Community
- To Be a Church that Loves Families and that Families Love

Leprosy Mission: We have received a letter from the Leprosy Mission to say that as from the 31st March 2023, very sadly they will no longer be accepting postage stamps and collectables. In the last couple of years the value of stamps has greatly reduced and now that bar-coded stamps have been introduced, the value has been further decreased. If anyone has any stamps and lets me have them before the end of March, I will be happy to send them to TLM. I would like to thank everyone who has donated stamps over many years, which were a great source of income for TLM - Jean Brooks.

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 agreed budget for 2023 is £11,300 per month, which is a 4% increase on last year. Those who already give regularly are encouraged to review prayerfully whether they can increase their contribution. For those who wish to start, standing order forms, gift envelopes 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 are 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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