



To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864



Sunday 5th February 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: Named or Shamed

Bible Reading: Exodus 20: 7 and Acts 4: 5-22

5:00pm Disciples Service and Holy Communion

New Series Theme: Freedom in Christ (Galatians)

Today's Sermon Theme: Paul Versus Peter

Bible Reading: Galatians 2: 6-14

This service will include Holy Communion and the welcome of Mark and Carolyn Peers into church membership.

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

- **Rev Phoebe Obol, Director of Gulu Mission - Uganda**, will be speaking at the traditional service on Wednesday 8th February. All are welcome.
- **Men's Breakfast on Saturday 25th March at 9am in the café.**

Diary for the week, 6th to 11th Feb

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"
19 Birch Walk	7pm	House group
88 Fulmar Road	7pm	House group

Wednesday

Park Avenue	11am	Traditional Service with guest speaker - Rev Phoebe Obol
Park Avenue	11:45am	Refreshments / Prayer Corner
Park Avenue (Café)	12:15pm	Lunch Club
Park Avenue (Café)	2.30pm	House group
Zoom call	7pm	Communications Ministry team (Ask Malcolm Nicholas for Zoom link)

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

79 Fulmar Road	10am	House group
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Sunday 12th Feb

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

Prayer Needs

Those in Hospital: Phil Armstrong

Those Unwell at Home: Lynda Edwards; Dilwyn and Ann Jones; Hilary Oatridge; Jeff Harber; Isabel and Terry Needs; Pat Habberley; Alan Lee; Leanne Evans.

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).

Praise report: We celebrate with Rev. Dilwyn and Mrs Ann Jones on the birth of a Great, Great Granddaughter on 31st January.

Please pray for those of our fellowship who are out speaking today:

Rev. Clive Jones is speaking this morning at Grange Street Congregational Church, Port Talbot.

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:

Pastor Martin and Carolynne are on leave next week, for pastoral needs please speak to John Hornsby or Daphne Harris. Thank you.

Our **“feet will be on the street”** on Tuesday 7th as usual from 11am to 1pm in front of the Museum. Extra helpers really appreciated!

Communication Ministry team meeting via Zoom on Wednesday 8th Feb at 7pm.

We would really love some new members on our team. If you think you might be interested, speak to Malcolm for the Zoom link or for more information.

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.

There is a **Community Ministry team** meeting on Monday 13th February in the café at 2pm. We are always looking for more volunteers to help at the food bank, warm hub/craft, lunch club, and serving refreshments after the Sunday services. Speak with Jacqui if you're interested.

Are you a church member yet? Are you worshipping regularly with us but not yet a church member? If so, please speak with Liz or Daphne who can give you an information pack.

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.

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

Wanted – volunteers to assist with the filming of services – please contact Malcolm Nicholas for more details.

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: There is no baptism class this week as our Pastor is away. The following week it will move to Thursday (16th Feb) at 7pm due to the Deacons meeting on Wednesday.

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