



To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864



## **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Onsite services at Park Avenue, led by Paul Thomas** (Engagement Manager Wales & West for Release International - Voice of Persecuted Christians)

Release International is a Christian ministry working through local church partners in around 30 countries across the world, helping persecuted Christians prayerfully, pastorally, and practically.

### **10:30am Family Celebration Service**

**Today's Sermon Theme: 'Journeying with Esther'**

**Bible Reading: Esther 8: 1-6**

### **5:00pm Disciples Service**

**Today's Sermon Theme: 'Where does our confidence come from?'**

**Bible Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13 to 5: 11**

Children and young people are encouraged to go out 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 Children's 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

- **Gilgal Ladies this Wednesday at 7pm in the café.**
- **Men's Breakfast on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 9am in the café.**

## Diary for the week, 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Feb

### Monday

Park Avenue (Café)	2pm	Community MT 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	2pm	Administration MT meeting
Park Avenue (Café)	2.30pm	House group
Park Avenue (Café)	7pm	Gilgal Ladies
Park Avenue (Hall)	7pm	Deacons meeting

### Thursday

Y Centre	10am	Food Bank
Park Avenue (Café)	2pm	Warm hub / Craft group
The Manse	7pm	Baptism Preparation 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

79 Fulmar Road	10am	House group
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### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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).

**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 announcements:**

There will be a **Community Ministry team** meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

Our **"feet will be on the street"** on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> as usual from 11am to 1pm in front of the Museum. Extra helpers really appreciated!

The **Administration Ministry team** will be meeting this Wednesday at 2pm in the prayer corner in the church, all welcome.

**Gilgal Ladies** will be meeting this Wednesday at 7pm in the café area, where Larry Knowles will be sharing his powerful testimony.

**Every Thursday afternoon** from 2pm to 4pm the café will be open as a warm hub / craft group. You will have a wonderful time with fellowship and refreshments too. Everyone welcome.

**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.

**World Mission update:** The latest newsletter from Laura Lee Lovering is available on the World Mission notice board.

**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

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

**Filming Services:** 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.

**Could you offer a lift to church?** (Sundays or weekdays). If so please let Liz or Daphne know. If you need a lift to church please let us know and we will try to connect you with someone who could help.

**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.

**Use of Premises:** Please email Alison Farrow with any booking requests for the hall or cafe - [alison.farrow@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alison.farrow@hotmail.co.uk)

**Car Park** - If you are one of the last cars in and blocking the middle section please be early to move so that others may also have a clear exit.

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

**Baptism Classes:** The baptism class this week has been moved to Thursday (16<sup>th</sup> Feb) at 7pm due to the Deacons meeting on Wednesday.

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