



To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864

SUBMIT TO ONE  
ANOTHER OUT OF  
REVERENCE FOR  
CHRIST.  
—EPHESIANS 5:21



## **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

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

**10:30am Family Celebration Service**

**Series Theme: Love's Rules**

**Today's Sermon Theme: Love Begins at Home**

**Bible Reading: Exodus 20: 12 and Ephesians 5: 21 - 6: 4**

**5:00pm Disciples Service**

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

**Today's Sermon Theme: Saved by Faith**

**Bible Reading: Galatians 2: 11 - 21**

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

- **Holy Spirit night** on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the church.
- **Men's Breakfast** on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 9am in the café.
- **Prayer night**, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.

### Diary for the week, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb to 4<sup>th</sup> Mar

#### Monday

Park Avenue (Café)	7pm	House group
22 Adrian Close	7:30pm	House group

#### Tuesday

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
Park Avenue (Café)	7pm	Gilgal Ladies - St David's Evening
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 <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88916165948">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88916165948</a>

#### Friday

The Manse	10am	House group
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#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Mar

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

## Prayer Needs

**Those in Hospital:** Phil Armstrong; Martyn Llewellyn-Smith.

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

**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.

**Prayer in preparation for worship:** God, we thank you for the privilege and joy of gathering together to worship you. With the psalmist we say, *“It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night”*. Open our eyes to see your glory, open our hearts to receive your love, and engage our minds to understand your truths. Amen.

## Other announcements:

Our **“feet will be on the street”** on Tuesday 28th as usual from 11am to 1pm near the Museum. We want people to know God loves them more than they can ever know! Extra helpers really appreciated – and your prayers! See Gordon.

**Gilgal Ladies** will be meeting on the evening of St David’s Day (Weds 1st March) at 7pm for lots of Welsh fun including games, craft and cakes. All ladies welcome.

**Baptism Classes** continue at The Manse this Wednesday at 7pm.

**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 currently knitting for Cwm Taf Morgannwg premature babies’ units. If anyone wants to do this and doesn’t want to/can’t come to the class, we have patterns available. This project will run up to end of March and then Pastor Martin will pray blessings over the items. It’s up to the individuals then if they want to carry on, we are very grateful to everyone involved. For more information, please speak to Jacqui Crole or Linda Harber, or simply come along - you would have a wonderful time with fellowship and refreshments too.

**Community Ministry team update:** There is a new sign-up sheet on the notice board in the café, please add your name if you can help with refreshments after the Sunday services. Toddlers Toast is a great initiative, but it could do with some volunteers on a rota basis, 8:30 – 10:30am Tuesday mornings in the café. Please speak to Margaret Hornsby or Jacqui Crole. Lunch club would also love to add more volunteers to our rota, as numbers are increasing. We are very grateful for everyone involved serving our community and our Lord at Gilgal.

**Chroma Gathering** (Charismatic Meeting) at Aberkenfig on Thursday 2nd March at 7pm. All welcome.

The **World Day of Prayer Service** this year takes place at Trinity Church, Porthcawl, on Friday 3rd March at 2pm. All are welcome.

**Puzzling Questions (PQ's):** This 6 week free course (with "finger food") is for those whose frame of reference simply doesn't include anything about the Bible and the Christian faith. It provides space and time to explore some of life's deeper (puzzling) questions. The probable start date is Thursday 9th March from 6:45 to 8:30 pm at 9 Caldy Close, CF36 3QL. Please see Gordon Lovering or David Redhouse for details.

**fellaship:** Men's breakfast planned for Saturday 25th March at 9am in the café. The guest speaker will be Mark Peers and the cost will be £4. Sign up on the clip board in the café. Some extra volunteers to assist Margaret Hornsby in preparing the breakfast would be appreciated. See Gordon Lovering or Larry Knowles for details.

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

**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 all the help we are able to give them.

**Volunteers wanted to assist with the filming of services.** Please contact Malcolm Nicholas for more details.

**Do you have word processing/design/art work skills?** If so, could you help with the production of leaflets and flyers? If you could, or if you know someone who could help, please contact Malcolm Nicholas.

**PA Training:** Having completed the initial training of people involved in operating the PA system, we now want to offer basic training to people who may need to know how to switch the system on and off safely, and activate a radio mic or similar, plus music group members who need to switch on, activate mics and instrument pickups and foldback speakers for their practices. It could also serve as an introduction to anyone who is interested in joining the PA team and being on the rota for Sunday services. The training is likely to take place on a Saturday morning. If this is of interest to you, please contact John Hodges ([john.hodges57@gmail.com](mailto:john.hodges57@gmail.com)) to confirm your availability on the Saturdays in March, from which we can then fix one or more dates.

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