



To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864



Sunday 12th March 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 has Self-control

Bible Reading: Exodus 20: 14, Matthew 5: 27-32 & John 8: 3-11

5:00pm Disciples Service

Series Theme: Freedom in Christ (Galatians)

Today's Sermon Theme: Religion or Relationship

Bible Reading: Galatians 3: 14-25

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 24th March at 7pm in the church.
- **Men's Breakfast** on Saturday 25th March at 9.30am in the café.
- **Prayer night** on Thursday 30th March at 7pm in the church.
- **Messy church** on Friday 31st March at 5pm.

Diary for the week, 13th to 18th March

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

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
9 Caldy Close	6.45pm	Puzzling Questions Week 2
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 19th

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

Prayer Needs

Those in Hospital: Phil Armstrong.

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

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 the fellowship out speaking today: - David Porter is at Bethel Baptist Church in Bassaleg, Newport this Sunday morning.

World Mission Ministry Team - News from the mission field: **Laura Lee Lovering** is the BMS Creation Stewardship Coordinator, and our church missionary in Peru. She asks for prayer over the following in her latest newsletter -

1. The political situation in Peru is causing chaos, there were many deaths after recent protests. Please pray that the situation will soon be resolved.
2. The environmental training programme and its ongoing development that has been set up at 'Granito de Mostazo' church, Piura.
3. That the solar power project for a hospital in Chad will go ahead without too many challenges.

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:

Our **“feet will be on the street”** on Tuesday 14th 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 Lovering.

It is with regret that the **Gilgal Ladies** meeting has been **cancelled** this Wednesday.

The Baptism Class will be meeting on Wednesday evening at 7pm at the Manse.

Every Thursday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm the café will be open as a warm hub / craft group, everyone is welcome. The craft group 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 group, we have patterns available. This project will run up to end of March and then Pastor Martin will pray blessings over the items. 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.

Puzzling Questions (PQ's) started last Thursday at 6:45pm at 9 Caldys Close, CF36 3QL. This 6-week (free) course is for those whose frame of reference simply doesn't include anything about the Bible and the Christian faith. It provides a space to take time to explore some of life's deeper (puzzling) questions. Since we are oversubscribed, we will probably have a second course starting about 18 May. See Gordon or David for details.

fellowship Men's breakfast: Saturday 25th March at 9.30am 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. See Gordon Lovering or Larry Knowles for details.

Our **Easter Outreach** this year at the John Street Bandstand on Good Friday 7th April will be from about 11:30am to 1pm, following our **“Walk with the Cross”**. We will need the names of designated cross carriers and scripture readers in advance – please sign up! We will need enthusiastic singers and tract distributors. And we need your prayers in advance AND your support on the day.

Fairtrade Fortnight: Fairtrade ensures standards are met in the supply of high quality, ethically produced goods. It means safer working conditions and fairer pay for workers. Gilgal buys Fairtrade tea and coffee, but other items are also available - look out for the Fairtrade logo when you are shopping. There will be a Fairtrade coffee morning at Sussed (near the bandstand) on Saturday 11th March from 10.30am.

Basic PA Training: We want to offer some training to people such as worship group members who may need to know how to switch the system on and off safely, and activate microphones, instrument pickups and foldback speakers for their practices. It could also serve as an introduction to anyone who is interested in joining the rota for Sunday services. The training is likely to take place on a Saturday morning. If you are interested, please contact John Hodges (john.hodges57@gmail.com) to confirm your availability on the Saturdays in March, from which we can fix one or more dates.

Urgent Volunteers required: Do you have word processing/design/artwork skills? If so, could you help with the production of leaflets and flyers? Can you assist with the filming of services? If you, or someone you know, could help, please contact Malcolm Nicholas.

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.

A message from Rev Phoebe Obol (Gulu Mission) in Uganda – I hope that you are all doing well. I got home safely and have very fond memories of my time at Gilgal Baptist Church, and all you wonderful people. May the Lord watch over you all.

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