



To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864



Sunday 19th March 2023

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

10:30am Family Celebration Service, including Holy Communion

Series Theme: Love's Rules

Today's Sermon Theme: Love Gives

Bible Reading: Exodus 20: 15 & Matthew 19: 16-30

5:00pm Disciples Service

Series Theme: Freedom in Christ (Galatians)

Today's Sermon Theme: You are all Sons of God

Bible Reading: Galatians 3: 26 – 4: 7

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, 20th to 25th 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
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
9 Caldy Close	6.45pm	Puzzling Questions Week 3
Zoom call	7pm	House group - Meeting ID: 889 1616 5948 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88916165948

Friday

The Manse	10am	House group
Park Avenue	7pm	Holy Spirit Night

Saturday

Park Avenue (Café)	9:30am	Men's breakfast
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Sunday 26th

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

Prayer Needs and Praise Reports

Those in Hospital: Phil Armstrong; Mostyn Jones; David Porter.

Those Unwell at Home: Dilwyn and Ann Jones; Leanne Evans; Pat Habberley; Jeff Harber; Isabel and Terry Needs; Hilary Oatridge; Alan Lee; Alan Harris; Linda Jenkins; Ed 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).

HUGE congratulations to Dilwyn and Ann Jones who celebrate their Platinum (70 years) wedding anniversary on Monday 20th March. May God richly bless you both.

Please pray for those of the fellowship out speaking today: - Rev. David Brownnutt is at Zion, Ynysybwll this Sunday morning.

World Mission Ministry Team - News from the mission field: Robert and Rose (pseudonyms) are the missionaries we support as a church in Eastern Europe. They make the following prayer requests:

- that political tensions will soon ease and there will be peace in the area.
- that they will find the right minder for their children.
- that Rose will soon manage to complete a bilingual curriculum for the church.
- for local people to be involved in the church worship team.
- that Robert will be injury free as he continues to play rugby.
- that they will soon discern God's plan for their future.

Prayer Chain Requests: To help ensure your prayer requests get circulated promptly, please send them to Rachel Phillips at crossmonster7@gmail.com or Caryl Gill at carylgill1@gmail.com. Alternatively, ring Caryl on 01656 785276.

Other announcements:

Next Sunday, 26th March, the clocks go forward one hour, please be on time for church!

Our **“feet will be on the street”** on Tuesday 21st 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.

David Laviers of ‘Good News for Everyone’ (formerly the Gideons) will be the guest speaker at the Traditional Service on Wednesday at 11am. All welcome.

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. Our pastor will pray blessings over the items at the Palm Sunday service. 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): Session 3 (out of 6) "What happens after I die?", Thursday 6:45pm at 9 Caldy Close, CF36 3QL. Since we are oversubscribed, we will probably have a second course starting about 18th May. See Gordon or David for details.

Holy Spirit Night this Friday (24th March) at 7pm in the church, all welcome.

fellaship 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 (pay on the day). Sign up on the clip board in the café. See Larry Knowles for details.

Our **Easter Outreach** at the Bandstand on Good Friday 7th April follows our "**Walk with the Cross**", leaving Gilgal about 11.15am and walking on the road to John Street. If you want to carry the cross (men, women, or children) sign up or see Gordon. And we'll need all the singers we can get to proclaim "Christ has died, Christ is risen"

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.

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

Volunteers required: Do you have word processing/design/artwork skills? If so, could you help with producing leaflets and flyers or assist with filming 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.

Next two news sheets: We are delighted that Leanne will be preparing the news sheet for the next two Sundays (26th March and 2nd April). Items should be sent to her at leannee775@gmail.com by Wednesday at the latest.

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