



GILGAL BAPTIST
CHURCH

To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864

"If I feel myself
disinclined to pray,
then is the time
when I need to pray
more than ever."

—
- Charles H. Spurgeon

Sunday 26th March 2023

We welcome Rev Craig James from West End Congregational Church, Ebbw Vale, who leads our services at Park Avenue today

10:30am Family Celebration Service

Today's Sermon Theme: Back to Basics - Prayer

Bible Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-28

5:00pm Disciples Service

Today's Sermon Theme: Back to Basics - Scripture

Bible Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 10-17

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.

Special events to note

- **Prayer night** on Thursday 30th March at 7pm in the church.
- **Messy church** on Friday 31st March at 5pm.
- **Palm Sunday family service** on Sunday 2nd April at 10.30am.

Diary for the week, 26th March to 1st April

Monday

Park Avenue (Café)	7pm	House group
22 Adrian Close	7.30pm	House group

Tuesday

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
Park Avenue	7pm	Prayer Evening

Friday

The Manse	10am	House group
Park Avenue	5pm	Messy Church

Saturday 1st April

Park Avenue	9.30am	Worship Ministry Team Meeting
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Sunday 2nd April

Park Avenue	10.30am	Palm Sunday Family 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; Pat Habberley; Jeff Harber; Isabel and Terry Needs; Hilary Oatridge; Alan Lee; Alan Harris; Linda Jenkins; Ed Knowles; Lezley Hammond-Jones.

Those in Residential Care: Ann Thomas (Picton Court); Doug Davies; Pat Eales; Diane Sheppard; Ann Lewis (Monkstone House); Beryl Surringer, Jane Hodges (Newton Care Home); Carole Vanden Branden (Breaksea).

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

Our Pastor is speaking at Salem Baptist Church, Tonteg this morning.

Rev. Clive Jones is speaking this morning at Hope Baptist Church, Llanelli.

Prayer Chain Requests: To help ensure your prayer requests get circulated promptly, please send them to Rachel Phillips at crossmonster7@gmail.com or Alan Harris a.harris476@btinternet.com or call Alan on 01656784118

Other announcements:

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

fellowship Men's breakfast: Thanks to all who supported and helped – it was brilliant!!

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 Lovering.

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 or can't come to the group, we have patterns available. 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 4 (out of 6), “How can I be happy?”, on Thursday 6:45pm at 9 Caldy Close, CF36 3QL. A second course is planned, starting about 18th May. See Gordon or David for details.

Thursday 30th March at 7pm: Prayer in the church. Theme - *“Couldn't you keep watch with me for one hour?” - “Watch and pray.”* (Matthew 26:40-41)

Palm Sunday (April 2nd) Family Service will include a prayer of blessing over the items made at the Thursday Craft group for Ante-Natal Baby Units.

Help needed to lay the Communion table for the evening service on the 2nd April. If you are able and willing please see Ann Redhouse or Linda Harber. Many thanks in anticipation.

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”

Easter Breakfast: Yes, it's back and it's still free! Please join us at 9am on Easter Sunday for a simple breakfast to start the resurrection celebration. Please put your name on the signup sheet in the cafe if you hope to come.

Gilgal LIFE: Our new letterbox evangelism strategy should begin this week – to take the gospel to every letter box in Porthcawl. Each month we’ll identify about 200 to 300 homes and each month deliver the Gilgal LIFE invitation. We’ll appreciate help. See Gordon for details.

Holiday Bible Club: We are hoping to run a Bible Club again this year, from July 25th to 28th, but we need a team! There are lots of different ways to help. Please take a sign-up sheet from the porch, fill it in and return it by Sunday April 16th. Thank you.

We have an opportunity to host a Missional Links Wales intern from the US from mid-September. A crucial part of this would be to offer hospitality for this young man 19/20 years old for 9 months. Can anyone offer to host an intern, please let us know?

Gilgal’s Website has been rebuilt! We are grateful to Ed Lewis for undertaking this work. Please take a look and let Ed know (edlewis72@yahoo.co.uk) if you spot anything amiss, such as links or buttons that aren’t working.

Youth and Schools Worker: Our updated job advert is going into various Christian publications over the next few weeks. Full details are available on our website. Please pray that God’s choice of the right person will see the advert and respond.

Basic PA Training: If you are interested in joining the rota for Sunday services and want to receive some training in using the system, please contact John Hodges (john.hodges57@gmail.com).

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.

Next week’s news sheet: Leanne will be preparing the news sheet again next week (Sunday 2nd April). Items should be sent to her at leannee775@gmail.com by Wednesday at the latest.

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