



To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864



Sunday 2nd April 2023

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

10:30am Palm Sunday Family Celebration,

With involvement from our Sunday Club and Craft Group

Today's Sermon Theme: "Behold the Lamb of God"

Bible Reading: John 1:29-37

5:00pm Disciples Service

Series Theme: "Freedom in Christ" (Galatians)

Today's Sermon Theme: Why Paul Was Perplexed

Bible Reading: Galatians 4:8-20

This service will include Holy Communion.

Refreshments are available at the end of both services.

Our morning service will be followed by a Bring & Share lunch,
to which all are invited.

If you are a visitor to our church, do please sign our visitors' book.

Special events to note

- **Good Friday Communion Service** - Friday April 7th at 10am
- **Good Friday, Easter Outreach – Walk with the Cross** - leaving Gilgal at approx. 11:15am.
- **Easter Sunday Breakfast** – 9am in the church café.
- **Easter Sunday Celebration, including Believers’ Baptisms** – 10.30am in the church.

Diary for the week, 2nd - 8th April

Tuesday

Y Centre	10am	Food Bank
John Street	11am	“Feet on the Street”
Park Avenue	7pm	Home Groups Meeting

Wednesday

Park Avenue	11am	Traditional Service
Park Avenue	11:45am	Refreshments / Prayer Corner
Park Avenue (Café)	12:15pm	Lunch Club
Park Avenue	7pm	Baptism Preparation Group

Thursday

Y Centre	10am	Food Bank
Park Avenue (Café)	2pm	Warm hub / Craft group

Good Friday

Park Avenue	10am	Good Friday Communion Service
John Street Bandstand	11:30am	Good Friday Outreach

Easter Sunday

Park Avenue	9am	Easter Sunday Breakfast
Park Avenue	10:30am	Family Celebration with Baptisms
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; Linda Jenkins; Ed Knowles.

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).

Thank you to everyone who supported and made possible our Special Prayer Meeting and Messy Church events last week.

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:

“Feet on the street”: Tuesday 4th April from 11am to 1pm near the Museum. We want people to know there really is a heaven and a hell! Extra helpers really appreciated – and your prayers! See Gordon Lovering for more information.

House Groups Together for Communion: There will not be any Home Group meetings next week, instead there will be a meeting for all the Home Groups to gather together, share communion and hear reflections on how we can do Home Groups better. This will be on Tuesday at 7pm in the sanctuary. All home group members please make this a priority meeting. Most of the groups will also be taking a break after Easter – please check with your group leader if you are unsure.

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

Every Thursday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm the café is open as a warm hub / craft group, everyone is welcome. The craft group has been knitting for Cwm Taf Morgannwg premature babies’ units. Our pastor will pray blessings over the items at the Palm Sunday family service. We would like to thank everyone who has been involved with the knitting project - it has been a blessing and done as an act of love by many both from within Gilgal and from others in the community. The Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board are very grateful. For more information about the group, please speak to Jacqui Crole or Linda Harber, or simply come along - you would have a wonderful time with fellowship and refreshments too.

Good Friday: Communion Service at 10am followed by a **“Walk with the Cross”**, leaving Gilgal about 11.15am and walking on the road to the John Street Bandstand. If you want to carry the cross (men, women, or children) sign up or see Gordon. Then at the Bandstand there will be open air worship and witness, where we will need all the singers we can get to form “Gilgal’s Easter Choir” to proclaim “Christ has died, Christ is risen”. Come and show everyone you love Jesus.

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.

We are planning a Baptism Service on Easter Sunday as part of our morning worship. If you are a believer who has not yet been baptised by total immersion and would like to know more please speak with our Pastor asap.

Easter invitations: We have 1000 Easter invitations. Please take as many as you feel you can deliver to your friends and neighbours. See Gordon for details. There are also some colourful A4 Easter window posters.

Election of deacons: At our AGM one of our deacons, Alison Farrow, is coming to the end of her term of office, so there are three vacancies to be filled. Alison is willing to stand again if nominated. Please give careful consideration to who you think would make a good deacon. All deacons are expected to possibly lead and definitely serve on at least one ministry team. If you would like to know more about the role of a deacon in Gilgal please speak to Liz. Nomination forms are available on the table in the porch, with completed forms to be given to Liz by Easter Sunday.

Gilgal LIFE: Our new letterbox evangelism strategy began last week – to take the gospel to every home in Porthcawl. Each month we'll identify 200 to 300 homes and 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.

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.

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?

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.

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.

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