



To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864

BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER,
TENDERHEARTED,
FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER,
as God in Christ
FORGAVE YOU.
EPHESIANS 4:32

Sunday 8th January 2023

Onsite services at Park Avenue

10:30am Family Celebration Service

Rev. Ed Hodges - Lead Pastor, St Matt's Exeter

(Son of John and Cathryn Hodges)

Bible Reading: Philippians 4: 8 - 13

5:00pm Disciples Service

David Redhouse

Sermon Theme: Hope in times of fear

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 22 & Acts 26: 19 - 32

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 Coming Up

- Social and Pizza Evening for those young people in Year 10 and above, this Sunday (8th) at 7pm – see below for details
- Mission 24 Gospel and Healing Meetings on 24th & 26th January – see below for details.

Diary for the week, 9th to 14th January

Monday

Park Avenue (Café)	1:30pm	World Mission Team meeting
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
Park Avenue (Café)	7pm	Deacons meeting

Thursday

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

Friday

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Park Avenue (Café)	2pm	Evangelism Team meeting

Sunday 15th

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

Prayer Needs

Those in Hospital: Hazel Calder

Those Unwell at Home: Dilwyn and Ann Jones; Hilary Oatridge; Jeff Harber; Terry Needs; Lynda Edwards; Pat Habberley; Alan Lee; Rita Morris; Leanne Evans; Lorna Willmer.

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 our fellowship who are out speaking today - Our Pastor is leading Christian Worship at Orchard Place Baptist Church, Neath, while Rev. Clive Jones is speaking this afternoon at Nebo Baptist Church, Cefn Cribwr.

World Mission - Please pray for Paula and Matias, who work in Argentina through Latin Link, as they are trained to help others to read and write, so that through attending this course they can give hope and raise self-esteem by teaching adults to read and write. They will be using biblical texts as a basis for this course.

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:

Dear friends, many thanks for your visits, comforting cards, telephone calls and flowers. They have all helped ease our sadness and Eunice is at peace. God bless, Vera and Caleb

Social and Pizza Evening for those young people in Year 10 and above is on this Sunday (8th) evening in the café area from 7 - 9pm. Please let Cathryn know if you are coming so that she can get enough food for everyone!

World Mission Ministry team meeting on Monday 9th at 1:30pm in the café area. All welcome.

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 going to be knitting for Cwm Taf Morgannwg premature babies' units for the next few weeks. If anyone is interested in doing this and doesn't want to / can't come to the class, we have patterns available. For more information, please speak to Jacqui or Linda, or simply come along - you would have a wonderful time with fellowship and refreshments too.

Evangelism Ministry team meeting Friday 13th January at 2pm in the café area. Anyone with suggestions on how we can expand the evangelism programme of the church, please see Gordon.

House Groups are restarting informally already. But there is still time to sign up (on the sheets in the entrance foyer) before the full reset starting by January 22nd. We also plan to offer a group on Zoom for those unable to attend 'in person'.

Gospel and Healing Meetings are taking place as part of Mission 24's evangelistic initiative running in Bridgend County Borough this year. These are on Thursday 26th January at 7pm at Aberkenfig Bible Church and Saturday 28th January at Compassion Church, Bridgend. Meetings are open to all. Please bring along family and friends, especially those needing to hear the gospel or in need of healing. There are still spaces on the **Impact Training** being run in conjunction with these. Pick up a leaflet from the foyer or speak to Cathryn.

Next Holy Spirit Night: Friday 27th January at 7pm in the sanctuary.

The **Mobile Bookstall display** in the café area carries leaflets that everyone might find useful in their personal witnessing. Help yourself or see Gordon. Many thanks to you all for "standing up for Jesus" in 2022.

Sunday Club – Help needed: Do you have a passion for encouraging children in their faith? We are looking for a couple more people to join the Sunday Club team. Please speak to either Cathryn or Natalie if you are interested.

Bible Readers wanted - If you would like to join the Bible Reading rota for either the morning or evening services, please contact Karen Nicholas (kjnicholas@outlook.com)

Foodbank Collection Point: We would appreciate donations of any of the following items: tinned meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, custard, rice pudding, flavoured noodles, small jars of coffee or instant hot chocolate, and toiletries. Or if preferred, you can give a financial donation to John or Margaret Hornsby or Alison Armstrong. Thanks for your faithfulness serving the Lord in Gilgal and our community.

Use of Premises: Please email Alison Farrow with any booking requests for the hall, church, or café - alison.farrow@hotmail.co.uk

If you would like to know more about the Christian faith, about Gilgal church or to ask about Believers Baptism or Church Membership, please fill in a welcome card and hand it to our Pastor. **Baptism Classes** are starting soon, so if you would like to know more about being baptised as a believer by total immersion please speak to our Pastor asap.

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