



To know Jesus better, and to make Him better known

Park Avenue, Porthcawl

Registered Charity 1134864



Sunday 15th January 2023

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

10:30am Family Celebration Service (including Holy Communion)

New Series Theme: Love Rules

Today's Sermon Theme: All You Need is Love?

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and Matthew 23:34-40

5:00pm Disciples Service

New Series Theme: Freedom in Christ (Galatians)

Today's Sermon Theme: Set Free by Jesus Christ

Bible Reading: Acts 14:1-7 and Galatians 1:1-5

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

- Church Members meeting, Tuesday 24th at 7pm.
- Mission 24 Gospel and Healing Meetings on 24th & 26th January – see below for details.
- Holy Spirit night Friday 27th at 7pm.

Diary for the week, 16th to 21st January

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
Park Avenue (Café)	7pm	Gilgal Ladies AGM

Thursday

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

Friday

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Sunday 22nd

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

Prayer Needs

Those in Hospital: Hazel Calder, Lynda Edwards.

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

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 - Rev. Clive Jones is speaking this morning at Jerusalem Baptist Church, Briton Ferry. David Porter is in Longtown Baptist Church this afternoon.

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.

The Prayer Ministry team have suggested that we all use the following prayer to help prepare ourselves for worship:

God, on this day help me to worship you with all of my heart. You know how my mind wanders to my coming week, present worries, and thoughts of others and other things. Help me put those thoughts away and focus on you and your glory. Would your Spirit cause my whole being to praise you in my singing, listening to your Word, and interacting with your people. Amen.

Other announcements:

Our **“feet will be on the street”** on Tuesday 17th January as usual from 11am to 1pm in front of the Museum. Extra helpers really appreciated!

Important Gilgal Ladies Meeting, Wednesday 7pm in the café area. Please could as many women as possible join us for our AGM/Planning meeting, where we'll be discussing the future of Gilgal Ladies and making some important decisions. If you would like this valuable ministry to continue, please come along on Wednesday.

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.

Our House Groups are restarting now. Please sign up on the sheets in the cafe if you would like to join us. The Zoom group (for those unable to attend 'in person') will start the week commencing 22nd January.

Week of prayer for Christian Unity: The following meetings have been arranged:

Weds 18th Jan at 12 noon – Short service at Trinity Church

Friday 20th Jan at 12 noon – Soup lunch at Our Lady Star of the Sea

Sunday 22nd Jan at 6 pm – Unity Service at Tabernacl Chapel, Fenton Place

Weds 25th Jan at 12 noon – Soup lunch at All Saints Church

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.

Church Members meeting on Tuesday 24th January in the sanctuary.

This month's Bible Club is on Wednesday 25th January at 7pm in the café area. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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

Foodbank Collection Point: We always appreciate donations of long life items – particular suggestions are listed beside the box in the café. Thanks very much on behalf of those who so appreciate the help we are able to give them.

Finance Update: Thanks to the wonderful response to our recent appeal towards the cost of the building project, we now have enough to pay the final invoice. Looking ahead, our budget for 2023 is £11,300 per month, which is a 4% increase on last year. Standing order forms or gift envelopes for those who wish to give regularly and gift aid forms for taxpayers are available from John Hornsby.

Baptism Classes: If you would like to join our Baptism Preparation group please speak to our Pastor today!

If you would like to know more about the Christian faith, about Gilgal church or to ask about Church Membership, please fill in a welcome card and hand it to our Pastor.

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