



*“releasing us to release
Jesus’ love into our
community...”*

Sunday 30th January 2022

We will be Live Streaming the first part of our service this Sunday so you can watch at 10.30am on YouTube or the GVC website. You can also watch it later in the week... We are NOT recording the workshops although we plan to repeat them later in the year.

We are having problems with the internet on Sunday mornings and this affects the ‘Live streaming’. Last week (23rd) we live streamed the first 10mins before the AV team hit a problem. So Dick then taped Andy’s Update and Dave’s sermon. On YouTube and GVC website you will be able to watch the first part and listen to the second part (two separate videos!)

GVC services 10.30am at Gordano School

Sunday 23rd January. The theme is: **“The heart of God, a God of compassion.”** Jonah 4.

Sunday 30th January. We are holding 2 workshops for you to choose from:

‘Formed for good - what is Christian mentoring?’ with Dave John.

‘Sharing the love of Jesus with elderly people’ with Alison John.

Sunday 6th February

Sunday 13th February Second Sunday - Phoebe Duncan dedication.

After careful consideration, with the weather getting colder, it has been decided to close the outer doors during our services at the school.

Please can we ask you to wear a mask except while you are eating and drinking.

You may still need to dress up warm!



Date for your diary...

Sunday 5th June

Churches Together in Portishead are holding a big lunch in the afternoon on the Portishead Show Field to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee

For electronic banking the account details are:

Account name: **Gordano Valley Church**
Sort code: **08-92-99** Account No: **65654718**
Reference: **your initials or name**

For any items you would like me to put in the newsletter please send to Lois by Friday 11am at: admin@gvc.org.uk

Here is the outcome from the GVC Christmas Appeal:

Key Steps	£2287.08
Haven Community	£2287.08
GVC Community Fund	£2287.08
Total	£6861.24

**Not one of My promises will ever fail you.
Joshua 23:14**

The Way Christian Book Shop 86 High Street
07790 862121
Tues & Thurs 10-2 , Wed & Sat 10-12

Pray for GVC in the Community

Restored Lives –Wednesday evenings. Team – Lindsay, Ali, Joanna, Carol & Martin Van Eker

Only 3 ladies at the first session – not the expected 5, but a good session.

- Please pray for group cohesion.
- Pray against anyone having to miss a session due to illness, babysitting etc.
- Positive group dynamics
- Pastoral Care

Baby & Me – The group we at GVC host for the Children’s Centre in partnership with Portishead Parent. Wednesday mornings 9.30 – 11am.

Team: Carol, Katina (Portishead Parent), Katy Duncan & Pat Gordon.

- Building relationships with new parents
- For friendship between the parents to develop
- We are currently restricted (by Children’s centre) to 10 parents and their baby attending - this may mean parents needing support may miss out on a place due to prebooking system.

Babies Matter – Parenting group for 1st time parents or those in a new relationship during their babies first year. Tuesday’s running until 17 February at the Youth Centre.

Only 4 parents but a superb session. It was great to have Katy back to support. The session was on the relationship between parents and we had such a good conversation. This coming Tuesday we talk about attachment and bonding.

- Carol & Katy leading this parenting program written by ‘Kids Matter’ for Parents of Babies.
- That all will feel valued and heard especially the single father who is trying to support his ex-partner and child from a distance.
- For the group to be a safe space for parents to contribute.
- For friendships to be nurtured.

Kids Matter – a parenting program for those with Children aged 1 – 10 This group is a joint venture with Enjoy Church and is being held at St Joseph’s Church.

- The second - ‘taster’ sessions Monday 24 January at St. Joseph’s Church from 9.30am – 11am. It's great to be running this in partnership with Enjoy Church. Course starts next Monday 31 January with session 1 and runs until March 21.
- Please pray for parents to come along!
- Carol who is facilitating with support from Robyn Rimmer (Children’s Worker at Enjoy Church)

Pray for Gordano School

- At Easter their Deputy Head, Danny McGiloway, is leaving to become Head in WSM. He has been pivotal in the Chaplaincy project, so pray for someone who can also catch the vision.
- The Head, Tom Inman, is also leaving at the end of the summer term, which is hugely important for the school. Please pray for all involved in the recruitment process and for staff who may feel unsure at this time.
- Becky Cox – the School Chaplain

Christians against Poverty

Ann Tarr (Gordano Valley Debt Centre Manager) asks us to pray for the Debt Centre in Gordano and sets out to following areas to pray into:

- For those who are struggling with debt and are often frightened to open bills and realise the situation they are in.
- For those who are trying to raise a family as a single parent and with limited finance.
- For the clients steadily working their way out of debt, for the gift of perseverance.
- For those at the front line dealing with those in great need in local food banks, job centres, homeless charities, and our churches.

Food Bank

- Please pray for the working out of proposals / suggestions for a new building to accommodate Food Bank.