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### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

*"God is not searching for the most talented people; He's looking for the people who will say yes to His call." - Henry Blackaby*

Welcome to this week's e news.

Our brother Peter Milsom has shared with us on a number of occasions across the years and we look forward to hearing what God says through him this Sunday.

Please come on Tuesday night if you're able. We will explore the theme of God's judgement!

Please note that this Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April is the last day to nominate someone to serve as a deacon.

**10:30am Morning Worship led by Peter Milsom. (Jonathan is in Neath today)**

[Click here for Morning Service](#)

**6:00pm Links Youth Fellowship**

**6:30pm Evening Worship led by Peter Milsom.**

[Click here for Evening Service](#)

# THE WEEK AHEAD

## MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> April

7:00 – 9:00pm Art Fringe

## TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> April

9:45 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study

10:30am – Tuesday Coffee – at The Malthouse.

3:00pm - Men's Coffee – at COFFI LAB

7:30pm – Tough Topic – Does God punish the descendants for their ancestors sins? In the Centenary Room.

## WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> May

9 :30 – 11:30am Footprints

5:00pm Brigade for girls

## FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> May

7:30am Men's Bible Breakfast

8:00am for the Study

9:30 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study

SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> May Serving our Streets (SOS) outreach. Volunteers to help welcome.

## SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> May

10:30am Morning Worship led by Rev. Bert Weenink.

John 7: 1 – 36. *Who is Jesus? Make sure you judge correctly!*

The service is followed by the Lord's Supper.

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Bert.

Nehemiah 1:1-11 The Prayers of Nehemiah

# FELLOWSHIP NEWS

## ELECTION OF DEACONS

The Church AGM on 14<sup>th</sup> May will include the election of deacons. The role of a deacon is to help serve the fellowship and encourage us to live out the mission God has given us. It is also a trusteeship role.

If you are a church member please prayerfully consider whether you would like to nominate someone from the membership (with their permission) to serve in this way. Of the existing deacons Elizabeth Alderson and Helen Hopkins are coming to the end of their term of service and are eligible for re-election.

**TODAY (Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April)** is the last day for submitting nominations. Nomination forms are available in the foyer and must be given to David Adams.

## COMING SOON: THE ROMANS COURSE

Get to know Jesus better through this amazing book of the Bible. A Video based course in person on Thursday afternoon, and online on Monday evenings TBC.

### TOUGH TOPICS

*Tuesdays 7:30pm in the Centenary Room*

30<sup>th</sup> April Does God punish children for the sins of their fathers?  
(14<sup>th</sup> May AGM)

28<sup>th</sup> May Prayer Focus

11<sup>th</sup> June What happens when we die?

25<sup>th</sup> June Are there rewards in heaven?  
(9<sup>th</sup> July Church Members Meeting)

23<sup>rd</sup> July God's love for SSM Couples

30<sup>th</sup> July How Should Christians vote?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please let us know if you would like the fellowship to pray for you.

For those recently bereaved and those with health needs: including Barbara H whose fractured wrist is still in recovery.

Let's pray for our families and for the young people of the church.

Please pray for Morgan as he visits churches seeking new ministry – especially in April. Please pray for the Lord to open the door to guide Morgan to his next step in Christian service.

***Pray for Israel and Palestine.***

***Pray for an end to the ongoing war in Ukraine.***

## WORLD FOCUS

### GENERAL

From an article written by Dr Patrick Sookhdeo....

Christians, as a persecuted minority, have a choice - capitulate or remain at odds with the prevailing culture. Christians must remember five things:

1. Respond with grace. Without Christ we are no less sinful and no more discerning than anybody else.
2. Beware of taking sides in a Western culture war. The errors of the Left should not push us carelessly to embrace the values of the political Right, or vice-versa.
3. Before we rush to criticise governments and cultures across the world, we need to remember the fallacious nonsense prevalent in own culture.
4. Be prepared to sacrifice possessions, money, safety and even our lives for the cause of Christ – as our brothers and sisters are called to do around the world. Have we forgotten that Christians are called to take up their cross daily (Luke 9:23)? Are we in danger of being conformed to this world (Romans 12:2)?
5. While the Western world might be slipping away from Christian influence, it is not our home. “Here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come” (Hebrews 13:14, ESV). The Church in the West, and across the world, may decline or even disappear - yet the Kingdom of Christ will continue, and all the world will be brought under His authority and rule.

*Simon Beber*

## SPORTS

All ages and abilities are welcome, including friends or people who aren't regular visitors to the church. Some events need to be booked in advance.

**Tennis** - Please speak to James Endicott to play at Monmouth Tennis Club's excellent facilities on Monmouth Sportsground; cost £4 per session for non-members (free for members).

**Football** - Jim Barker runs 5 a-side football sessions, currently fortnightly on a Friday at 7pm. If you are interested in joining, please speak to Jim or James Endicott to be added to the Football Whatsapp Group.

**Basketball** – Please ask for details.

## MBC GIVING

**Thank you** for your continued giving to the work of the Church. Please use the Monmouth Baptist Church details for direct giving: Sort code 20-00-85, Account number 10615668. Also, if you are a taxpayer, we can arrange for Gift Aid to claim tax back. You can also give online at [www.give.net/monmouthbc](http://www.give.net/monmouthbc). There are boxes in the chapel for those who like to give in person. Thank you again for giving to the Lord's work here. If you know anyone in the fellowship in financial need, we may be able to help from our Assistance Fund. Please contact Jonathan. And if you would like to contribute to the Assistance fund, please make your gift in a marked envelope, or online indicating "Assistance Fund".

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