



Our Sunday services are usually streamed live on the internet and video recorded. For GDPR purposes, it is presumed that people attending are happy to appear in it. If you would prefer not to, please feel free to sit near the back centre or back left as facing the front of the church which does not appear on film.

Sunday 1st June 2025

On Christ's glory I would fix all my thoughts and desires, and the more I see of the glory of Christ, the more the painted beauties of this world will wither in my eyes.

John Owen, *The Glory of Christ* 1684

Welcome to this week's e-news!

There's a planning meeting date proposed for 11th June for all interested in helping with this year's club. Bert leads our worship today, focusing on the need for diligence when living wisely, and something of the majesty of Jesus in the evening service.

If you don't belong to a small group, please consider going to one this week. It's a great way to grow in your faith!

10:30am Morning Worship led by Bert.

Proverbs 12: 24 – 13: 11 'The need for diligence'

The service is followed by the Lord's supper.

[Click here for Morning Worship](#)

6:00pm No Links Youth Club

6:30pm Evening worship led by Bert. 2 Peter 1: 12 – 21

'Eyewitnesses of the majesty of Jesus'

[Click here for Evening Worship](#)

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 2nd June

7:00pm Art Fringe

TUESDAY 3rd June

9:45 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study

10:30 – 11:30am Tuesday Coffee at 'Claire and Bob's Tea room',

3:00pm Men's Coffee – at Coffi Lab (including Bible study)

7:30pm Small group fellowship

WEDNESDAY 4th June

9:30 – 11:30am Footprints

THURSDAY 5th June

7:30pm Ladies' Bible study

FRIDAY 6th June

7:30am Men's Bible breakfast, 8:00am for the study.

9:30 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study

SATURDAY 7th June

3:00pm Serving Our Streets. Meet at MBC.

SUNDAY 8th June

10:30am Morning worship led by Jonathan

'Proverbs 13: 12 – 25 'Living contentment'

Stephanie Price from ICE

Wales will be sharing an update about her work in local schools.

6:30pm Evening worship led by Jonathan

'2 Peter 2: 13 -22

FELLOWSHIP NEWS



HOLIDAY CLUB

PLANNING MEETING Wednesday 11th June at 7pm in the Centenary Room for all helpers and interested people.

The Club will run each morning from 11th to 15th August for primary age children.

Leaders and young leaders will be needed to run the club each morning.

Please let Jonathan know if you can help.

Donations to the Assistance Fund

The Assistance Fund is our fund to help people connected with our church undergoing financial hardship. It's usually administered at the discretion of the pastors.

The collection from the monthly evening communion service continues to go in this fund, but ad hoc donations can be directed to it too. If you'd like to donate to this fund, you can do this by bank transfer to the church bank account: Monmouth Baptist Church 20-00-85 10615668 putting 'Assistance Fund' in the reference, but gifts in marked envelopes can be left in the larger collection box too. Thank you.

Clive Wiggins, Treasurer

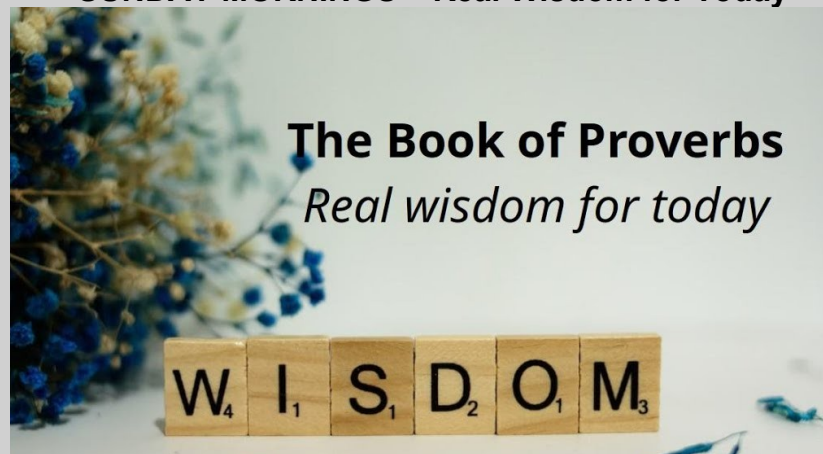
SHORT-TERM Room needed

Please contact Jonathan if you have a spare room you could offer to Amelia from our church on a short term temporary basis.

OUTREACH BIBLE STUDY

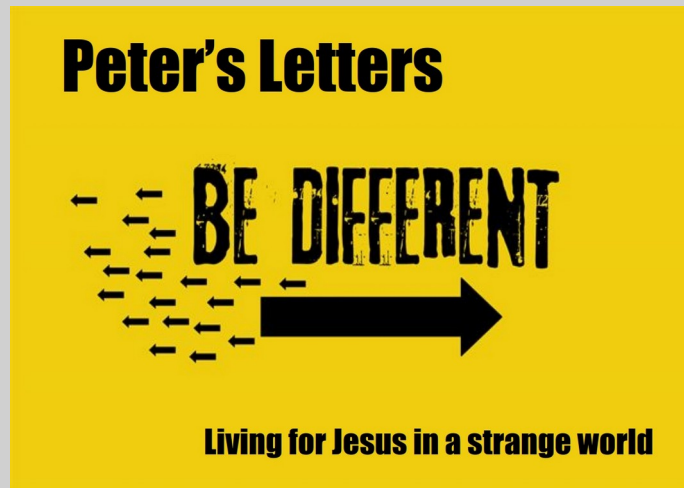
Might you be available to help – even by just attending an outreach-style Bible study for seekers? Please let Jonathan know – it would probably be at 2pm on a Monday.

SUNDAY MORNINGS – Real Wisdom for Today



We resume our series listening to God from the book of Proverbs. God's Ancient Word – real wisdom for today!

Sunday Evenings – Be Different



We are looking at the letters of the Apostle Peter in our evening services. Peter shows us how to follow Jesus and live for him in a world that's going the other way.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Pray for our young people revising and taking exams over the next few weeks (GCSE and A-Levels)

Pray for refreshment for all on half term break.

Pray for the Middle East and for a just peace in Ukraine.

WORLD FOCUS

EGYPT

For decades Christians faced severe legal and bureaucratic barriers to building or repairing places of worship. A 2016 Law helped to redress this imbalance by granting licenses to 3,453 church buildings out of 3,730 that applied. Tens of thousands of churches still await legal recognition. Even legally recognised churches face restrictions whilst mosques don't. That creates a sense of marginalisation, subtly affirming the belief that Christians are second-class citizens in their own homeland. Christian converts from Islam face ostracization and violent threats, even death. Legally, a convert cannot officially amend their religious affiliation. Christians face persistent social and economic marginalisation in both private and public institutions, including access to quality health-care, education and employment opportunities.

Christian widows and single mothers are highly vulnerable to exploitation or abuse. In recent years, Christians have endured waves of violence, firebombing of churches, homes and businesses torched over unfounded accusations. In many cases, perpetrators walk free. "Reconciliation sessions" are sometimes convened in lieu of legal action, where Christian victims are pressured to forgive instead of justice being served.

Pray:- That the church will continue to grow and be strengthened and that the Lord will care for the marginalised, the poor, the hungry and the persecuted, because we ask it in His holy Name.

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.

Football - Jim Barker and James Endicott runs 5 a-side football sessions, currently weekly on a Friday at 7pm. We have a membership of 40 players, but there is room for more! If you are interested in joining, please speak to Jim or James to be added to the Football WhatsApp Group.

We have introduced Pickleball to the fellowship, which is an all-age (U3A-approved) racket sport, which we are playing indoors. All are welcome to join us. Pickleball's unique selling point is that it can be learned in minutes without extensive coaching. If you'd like to know more then please reach out to Sean Lawson.

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.

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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