



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 12th October 2025

"In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity"
Rupertus Meldenius

Welcome to this week's e-news!

We're welcoming a number of special speakers over the next few weeks, so please make the most of their visits. On **Tuesday Bekah Legg** is coming to talk about how churches can better respond to domestic abuse. If you'd be happy to bring a cake please sign up in the foyer. Please note the start time is 7pm for this meeting.

Our **Church Anniversary celebrations** are coming soon and will be led by Jonathan Thomas who is an author, and radio presenter and broadcaster. On Saturday 25th at 7:30pm he's giving a talk about the spiritual impact of children on Wales, including children's work in Monmouth. Jonathan's an engaging speaker and researcher who will make sure his talk has special relevance to today. It will be suitable to invite friends to. He will also lead our services on Sunday 26th.

As we gather around **the Word of God *this Sunday***, we continue our new series in Paul's letters to the Corinthians, "The Worst church in the world?" And in the evenings we continue our series in Jeremiah, this week exploring what God says through the prophet's experience of persecution.

10:30am Morning Worship led by Bert. 1 Corinthians 1:10 – 17 'No factions in fellowship' (Jonathan is at Griffithstown) [Click here for morning service](#)

6:30pm Evening worship led by Jonathan and Bert. Jeremiah 29: 24 :32 'Maniacs in the Stocks' [Click here for evening service](#)

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 13th October

7:00pm Art Fringe

TUESDAY 14th October

9:45 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study (at Jo's)

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

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

7:00pm Midweek Fellowship with Bekah Legg from Restored

(see notice below) please note the start time

WEDNESDAY 15th October

9:30 – 11:30am Footprints

7:00pm Deacons' meeting

THURSDAY 16th October

7:30- 9:30pm Ladies' Bible study (at Mand's)

7:00pm Explore course at MBC. See notice below.

FRIDAY 17th October

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

9:30 – 11:00am Ladies' Bible Study (at Church led by Cat)

SATURDAY 18th October

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

SUNDAY 19th October

10:30am Morning Worship led by Bert. 1Cor 1:18-31. Jonathan is at Norton. Shoebox Launch!

6:30pm Evening worship led by Bert. Jer 30 Jonathan is at Links

The service is followed by the Lord's Supper,

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

MENS' BREAKFAST

Men's Breakfast is on this week and next (17th) and then takes a 2 week half term break, resuming on Nov 7th. The programme until Christmas is:

Jacob - schemer and patriarch, Genesis 28-50			leader
Oct 10	32	Meeting God - Penueel	David
Oct 17	33:1-17	Meeting Esau - Succoth	David
Oct 24	HALF TERM BREAK		
Oct 31	HALF TERM BREAK		
Nov 7	33:18-34:31	Disaster at Shechem	
Nov 14	35	Bethel and Mamre	
Nov 21	37:1-2, 45:21-28	Jacob and Joseph	Andrew
Nov 28	46:17, 26-47:12	Jacob in Egypt	
Dec 5	48	Jacob and Joseph's sons	
Dec 12	49	Jacob and sons.	Andrew
Dec 19	50:1-14	Jacob finale.	TBC

EXPLORE

6 sessions that lay out the foundational ideas of the Christian faith. Groups meet in the day and evening. Thursdays at 7pm, other times are available. Please ask for details.

LADIES NEEDED TO HELP IN SCHOOLS

Would you be willing to give an hour in the week to help run some of the children's clubs in schools with Jonathan? We need someone to help on a Wednesday lunchtime (Between 12:30 and 1:30 and Thursdays 3:20 to 4:30pm. Would need to be a woman and willing to do the DBS checks and safeguarding training.

RESTORED

On Tuesday Oct 14th Bekah Legg, the CEO of a Christian charity called Restored <https://www.restored-uk.org/> is speaking at Monmouth Baptist Church. Restored's purpose is to speak up about violence against women and equip churches across the UK and beyond to respond to domestic abuse. Abuse robs women of their value, security and hope. Restored have a vision for a network of churches that never tolerate abuse and are committed to providing a safe refuge for survivors, nurturing them back to health and demonstrating God's deep love for them. Restored's Survivors Network supports over 700 female Christian survivors of domestic abuse. Find out more on Oct 14th at 7pm.

Please sign up in the foyer if you can help with bringing cake for refreshments.

James Endicott

Restored
CHANGING THE STORY
for women

How the Church can change the story

about domestic abuse

An evening to explore how we can take a stand against domestic abuse and create a place of welcome and safety for survivors.

Refreshments will be served

Tuesday 14th October, 7pm

Monmouth Baptist Church

HARVEST OFFERING

This year our special Harvest offering is for Tearfund. Envelopes are available.
The Foodbank thanks us for our harvest gifts which were enough to feed 4-5 families.
Thank you!

COMING SOON:

Church anniversary celebrations and special meeting

Saturday 25th October 7:30pm Small Voices, Great Echoes

The surprising role of children in the history and future of Wales. This will include some special history from our own church in Monmouth

Sunday 26th 10:30 and 6:30 Good news for Everyone!

Monmouth Baptist Church Anniversary Celebrations

*With guest speaker
Jonathan Thomas,
Radio Producer and
Broadcaster*



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***“Small Voices,
Great Echoes”***

*The surprising role of children
in the history and future of Wales
(with special reference to Monmouth)*

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Good News for Everyone***

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Please pray for Mand and her family following her father's death last week.

Pray for the opportunities to listed to guest speakers over the next few weeks.

***Pray for the Middle East and for a just peace in Ukraine.
Pray that the peace plan for Israel and Palestine will be effective.***

WORLD FOCUS

INDIA and PAKISTAN

India

In India's northwestern Rajasthan state, an 'anti-conversion law' has been passed, but not yet received governor assent. Regardless, nationalist groups have engaged in an aggressive and sustained opposition to Christians. As if on cue, attacks on Christians have escalated dramatically following passage of the new law. The law has created a climate of suspicion and intolerance leading to mob violence and abuse by police. Churches have been closed. Pastors are being arrested and detained.

Pakistan

Some good news.

Long-time Pakistan prisoner of faith Zafar Bhatti has been acquitted of blasphemy and released from prison! Zafar was jailed in July 2012, after being arrested when a local Islamic leader accused Zafar of sending messages from an unregistered mobile number, insulting the mother of the prophet Mohammed. The police later arrested Zafar and tortured him to extract a confession, but he insisted on his innocence. Zafar eventually came to trial in 2017 and was sentenced to life imprisonment, later increased to the death sentence.

Pray:- For God's people in India, for their protection and the Holy Spirit's sustaining them. Give thanks for Zafar's release and restoration of his health as he is reunited to his family, friends and church. And also for his protection from possible Islamic retribution.

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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