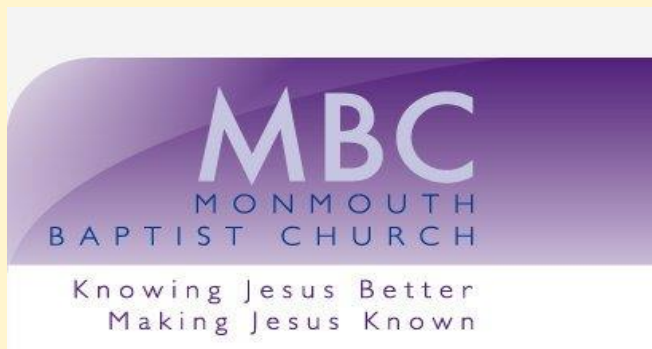




Our Sunday services are usually streamed live on the internet and video recorded. For GDPR purposes, it is presumed that people attending are happy to appear in it. If you would prefer not to, please feel free to sit near the back centre or back left as facing the front of the church which does not appear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

Sunday 13th September 2026

Matthew 9:38 "Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest"

Welcome to this week's e-news.

At this week's church meeting we began exploring how God has been answering our prayers to send workers into this harvest field here in Monmouth. One of the outcomes of that was the unanimous decision to become a student placement, welcoming Josh and Julie Walker and their family. Josh will begin his time with us soon, and the family will move into the manse in a few months' time.

To watch our services online, live or afterwards, please visit our youtube channel, and the service will show there: <https://www.youtube.com/c/monmouthbaptistchurch>

10:30am Morning Worship led by Jonathan.

James 1:16-27 How to look intently into God's Word

6:00pm Links youth fellowship

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Jonathan.

John 10:14-30 Be sure – no one can snatch you from His hand

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 14th September

7:00pm The Art Fringe

TUESDAY 15th September

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

10:30 – 11:30am Tuesday Coffee at Clare and Bob's tea rooms.

3.00 – 4:00pm Men's Coffee at Clare and Bob's tea rooms.

**7:30pm Small group fellowship in local homes. Please ask for details
and join a local group exploring Colossians**

WEDNESDAY 16th September

9:30 – 11.30am Footprints

7:00pm Deacons' Meeting

THURSDAY 17th September

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

FRIDAY 18th September

7.30 – 8:30am Men's breakfast and Bible study

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

SATURDAY 19th September

3:00pm SOS (Serving our Streets). Meet at MBC.

10:30 – 3:30pm Creation Conference Mount of Olives church, Coleford.

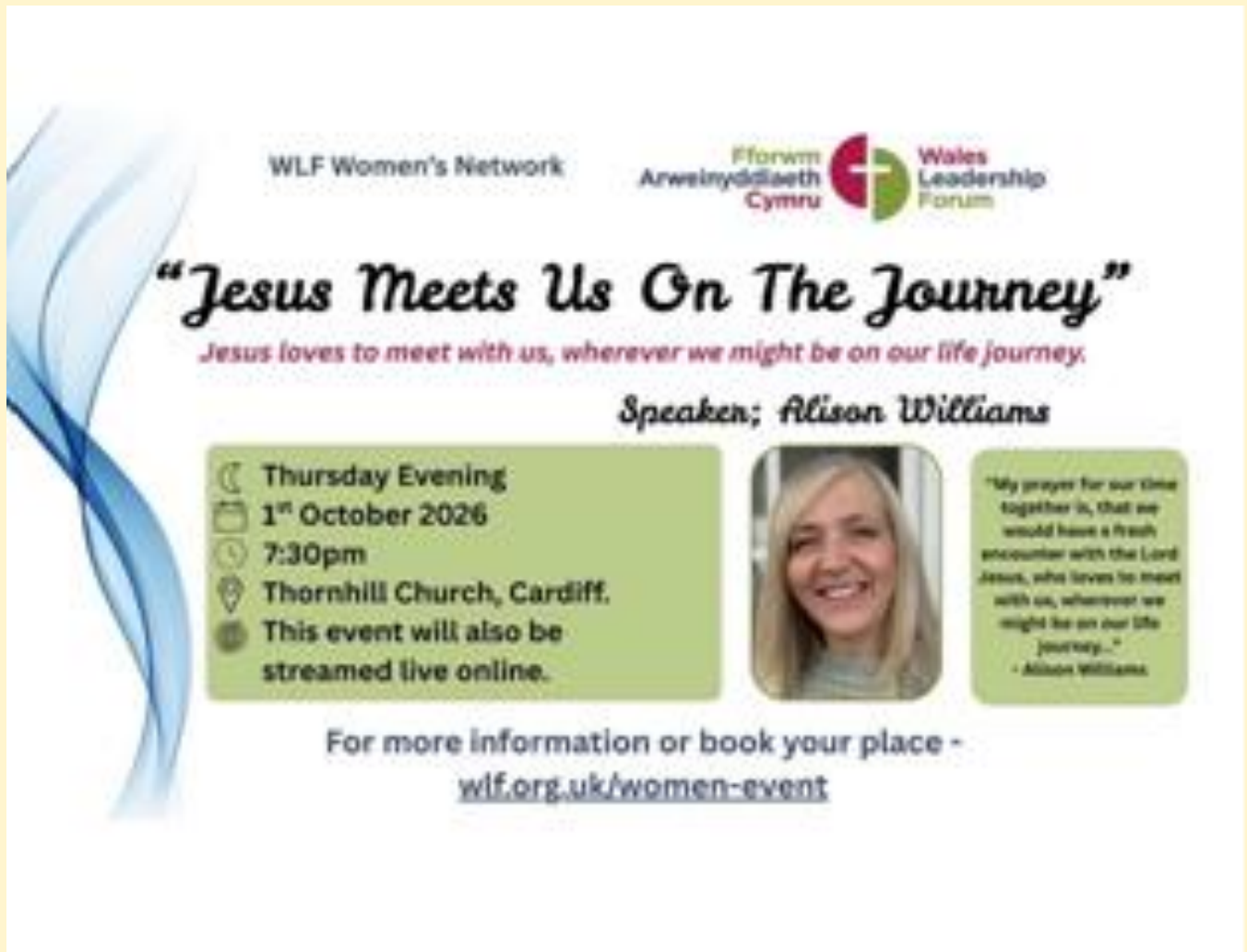
See notice below.

SUNDAY 20th September

10:30am Morning Worship led by Bert.
Jonathan is at Cross Ash

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Bert..
The service is followed by the Lord's Supper.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS



WLF Women's Network

Fforwm
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Wales
Leadership
Forum

"Jesus Meets Us On The Journey"

Jesus loves to meet with us, wherever we might be on our life journey.

Speaker; Alison Williams

- Thursday Evening
- 1st October 2026
- 7:30pm
- Thornhill Church, Cardiff.
- This event will also be streamed live online.



"My prayer for our time together is, that we would have a fresh encounter with the Lord Jesus, who loves to meet with us, wherever we might be on our life journey..."
- Alison Williams

For more information or book your place -
wlf.org.uk/women-event

THANK YOU!

Thank you very much for your prayers, good wishes and the beautiful flowers I've received due to my recent stay in hospital. I'm now back home and recovering well, praise the Lord.

Terri Unwin

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Dear Church, as we all know, door wedges are in use in church. It has been brought to our attention that the use of door wedges to keep fire doors open is dangerous and should be avoided. The decision has been made that we remove them. This will happen shortly but, in the meantime, please only use a fire door as instructed (they all have information signs telling you permissible use). Apologies for the inconvenience but it is essential that we maintain the fire regulations in place in our church.

Jeff Bowman

DEAR ALL AT MBC
LET'S HAVE FUN TOGETHER AT:

FAMILY GAMES NIGHT

**GAMES
PROVIDED
OR BRING
YOUR
FAVOURITE**

**ENJOY SOME
SNACKS AND
SWEET TREATS
(PLEASE BRING
ONE TO
SHARE!)**

**FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER,
AT 6 PM UNTIL 8PM**

At the Walker's home: 2 Wallis
Close, Osbaston NP25 3NS

KINDLY RSVP TO JO ON 07801 539847

OPERATION MOBILISATION

'Waves of Hope' visit of the Logos to Cardiff Bay from the 11th to the 27th of September. After another look at the very helpful website

<https://www.uk.om.org/waves-of-hope-cardiff>

I found that the only event that is fully booked is the John Lennox one. For all the others there is still room. I suggest that the best way forward is for individuals, families and small groups to organise their own trips to Cardiff. There are events for children (accompanied by adults!), Seniors, Welsh speakers, seminars, Men, Women and Young Adults. There are also guided tours for groups of 7. It is easy to book through the dedicated website.

Bert

There's also opportunity to go to the Wales Leadership Conference on engaging with culture, connected to the ship visit on Friday 25th and then some other events. Details and booking below.

7pm, Friday 25th September

"Bringing the Hope of the Gospel to our Culture"

OM Logos Hope, Cardiff Bay

9am, Saturday 26th September

Glenwood Church, Cardiff

7:30pm, Thursday 1st October

Jesus Meets Us On The Journey

An evening event for women

Thornhill Church, Cardiff (& online)

BOOK HERE: [Click here](#)

WORLD FOCUS

INDIA

The western Maharashtra state is the latest to introduce a so-called 'anti-conversion law', which criminalises religious conversion through fraud or coercion. Such laws have been used in recent years by Hindu extremist groups across India to stifle legitimate gospel witness. Worship services have been interrupted by Hindu groups and pastors taken into custody. In a clever response to this state sponsored intrusion into Christian witness, churches in Maharashtra state have begun the precautionary measure of requiring worshippers to sign a declaration, saying they are attending a service or a prayer meeting of their own free will. But this is not without its consequences. When someone must certify in writing that they are praying willingly, that is not religious freedom being protected, it is religious freedom being quietly taken away. It is a further indication of the deteriorating situation for Christians in India.

How would you react when attending someone's home for a Bible study and you are asked to complete a form confirming your free will attendance??

Pray:- That this measure will prove to be so effective that it will completely eradicate false accusations and undermine attempts of the radical Hinduists to frustrate gospel outreach and fellowship.

Simon Beber

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please let us know if you would like the fellowship to pray for you.
Pray for a number of people in the church who are struggling with health,
with mobility and with the heat.

Please pray for God to raise up workers in His Harvest, and thank Him for those He is
sending to us.

Thank God for the failure of the Euthanasia bill to pass through parliament this week.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Harvest Service and Bring and Share lunch -	September 27th
Lee Abbey – Ladies' Retreat weekend –	October 2 nd – 4th
Jesus the evidence -Invitation	October 4 th 7:30pm
Church Anniversary weekend with guest John Funnell	October 24 th - 25 th

CREATION CONFERENCE

PROFESSION STUART BURGESS

Emeritus Professor of Engineering Design – Bristol University

- 200 + publications on engineering and biological design
- Lead Transmission Designer for the British Olympic Cycling Team
- UK Mechanical Engineer of the year 2019

SATURDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 10:30 – 3.30pm

MOUNT OF OLIVES CHURCH

Eastbourne Crescent, Coleford, Glos, GL16 8BS

- Talk one – The importance of creation doctrine in education and the church
- Talk two – Why the human back is a design masterpiece and defies evolution
- Q & A session
- Day One bookstall

FREE ENTRY - LIGHT LUNCH PROVIDED

For more details: T: 01594 240048 E: info@gloscreation.org.uk

www.gloscreation.org.uk

MBC GIVING

Thank you for your continued giving to the work of the Church. As an independent church we receive no outside help – only your gifts. Giving is a joyful part of committed discipleship. Please consider giving regularly to God's work in our fellowship.

Use the Monmouth Baptist Church details for direct giving: Sort code 20-00-85, Account number 10615668. And, if you are a taxpayer, we can arrange for Gift Aid to claim tax back. 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"

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.

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