



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 19th April 2026

“We need Jesus—whether here on Earth or orbiting the Moon”
Victor Glover Pilot of Artemis II

Welcome to this week's e-news.

We have a baptism service and infant thanksgiving scheduled for 3rd May, and another baptism service for 31st May. If you'd like to explore baptism or Church Membership, please let us know.

Have you signed up for Churchbox – our online fellowship directory and a good way to connect with the e-news? You can sign up here:

<https://monmouthbc.churchbox.co.uk/login> and if you need help there's a Saturday morning where people are offering to help – just come along.

Please check the notice below about nominating deacons.

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. John 21: 1 – 14. “153 fish”

6:00pm Links Youth Club

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Jonathan. Jeremiah 35 “Who will stand faithfully?”

The service is followed by the Lord's Supper.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 20th April

7:00pm Art Fringe

Tuesday 21st April

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 Claire and Bob's Tea Room.

7:30pm Small group fellowship

WEDNESDAY 22nd April

9:30 – 11:30am Footprints

2:00pm Songs of Praise at MBC followed by refreshments.

THURSDAY 23rd April

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

FRIDAY 24th April

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

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

SATURDAY 25th April

**12:00noon Rural Churches Prayer Lunch at Garway village hall.
Speaker Paul Bufton.**

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

SUNDAY 26th April

**10:30am Morning Worship led by Bert. John 21:15 - 25
Jonathan is at a baptism service at Ewyas Harold**

**6:30pm Evening Worship led by Bert and Jonathan. Ephesians 3 Pray
without Ceasing**

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

ELECTION OF DEACONS

This year's Church AGM is due to be held on Tuesday 12th May, 7.30pm at MBC. All are welcome to attend.

The meeting will include the election of Deacons. James Endicott, Richard McLachlan and Mike North are coming to the end of their terms of office and are eligible for re-election.

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 to serve the Church in this way. Nominees must be Church members and willing to serve.

Nomination forms are available in the foyer and must be completed and passed to David Adams by Sunday 26th April.

INTERESTED IN BAPTISM OR IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?

A course is beginning soon, so please let Jonathan know if you'd like to explore Baptism or church membership. There's no obligation – come and find out! The next baptism services is scheduled for 3rd May and 31st May.

SENEDD ELECTION HUSTINGS

We are hosting a hustings on Friday May 1st, 7:30pm. If you can help with stewarding or refreshments please let Jonathan know.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT DROP-IN

Saturday 16th May at 9:30 – 11:30am : Monthly Technical Support drop-in

Friends from church will be offering advice and guidance on the most common worries people may have about their device and technology (such as "how do I use WhatsApp, how to spot a scam email, how to register for Churchbox, how to protect my email account, etc). Available to the MBC fellowship monthly on a Saturday morning in the Centenary room. First date – **16th May starting at 9:30am**. Coffee and tea will be served. Please bring any devices (phone, laptop, tablet) with you when you come. Advice is given to the extent of our ability, out of love for the fellowship, and a disclaimer will therefore be provided. If you are interested in being part of this Tech Support Team, please contact James Endicott.

LAUNCH OF NEW CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

for anyone interested in finding out more about how to run the course, and its content, you are invited to the launch of the new Christianity Explored course **Wednesday 29th April at Highfields Church, Cardiff 8pm to 9pm, with refreshments available from 7.30pm**

It's a new series of seven films, with Rico Tice, Emma Scrivener and Efreem Buckle

Here's a link to a film preview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

This new resource, is hoped to serve the local church as it seeks to share the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God.

If you're able to join, then please click [here](#) to book your free ticket(s).



Gloucester, 5th May

Tweens and Teens: What every parent needs to know, is an event for mums, dads and carers, designed to offer hope and help through the turbulence of those hormone-fuelled years.

It's packed with practical advice and strategies to help parents feel better equipped to come alongside their child as they try and establish their identity, assert their independence and find their place in the world.

Find out more and book your tickets: cff.org.uk/tweens

WORLD FOCUS

PAKISTAN

At about 01.00 on April 5th near Mariamabad in the Punjab province, about 200 Christians gathered for a midnight Easter vigil. Almost everyone was holding a candle and although the road ahead was clear, a truck, driven by a muslim man, was intentionally rammed into the procession with high speed to crush Christian worshippers. Eyewitnesses confirmed that this was an intentional and premeditated attack.

In total one man was killed and 60 injured. It took ambulances over an hour to arrive. Most were treated at the scene whilst 15-20 were taken to a hospital 60 miles away. It also took the police nearly an hour to arrive despite the police station being only 15 minutes away. The police had apparently agreed to provide security on the day, but which never materialised.

Pray:- Pray that the Lord will comfort the grieving family of Ifran Masih and all those injured in the incident. Pray that the police investigation will be thorough and the perpetrator will be called to account. Pray that the public witness to the cross and resurrection will have a profound impact on the authorities and the general population in Pakistan.

Simon Beber

TRACTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER

There are tracts on the table in the foyer. We have purchased them for anyone to take and use in their personal evangelism.

Sometimes it can be difficult to strike up a conversation about Christ and even trepidation about doing so. But handing someone a tract can be an icebreaker to further conversation or simply leaving them with something they can read in their own time.

Please do use them.

Simon Beber

MANY THANKS FROM THE FOOD BANK

Thank you to all who helped with our Easter appeal. We received 282 kgs of food, 46 kgs from the churches and 236 kgs from the local schools.

So far this year the foodbank has supplied 276 emergency food parcels, 83 for children and 193 for adults.

We have distributed 2,920 kgs of food plus other essentials, toiletries, hygiene items etc.

Friday Mornings - more than just food

To help our clients with their underlying problems we are now supported on alternate weeks by Mind in Gwent for free mental health advice and Citizens Advice for free financial advice.

Martin Howlett
Foodbank manager

DATES FOR THE DIARY

CVM – The Gathering, Men’s Festival – June 26th – 28th.

Lee Abbey – Ladies’ Retreat weekend – October 2nd – 4th

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Please pray for God to raise up workers in His harvest here.

Pray for a number of people in the church who have had falls, are in hospital or having treatment at the moment.

God is Sovereign over His world, we can go to Him for help in time of need, and we can talk to Him about the nations of the earth.

RURAL CHURCHES PRAYER LUNCH

Garway Village Hall at 12 noon on Saturday 25th April. Speaker: Paul Bufton

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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