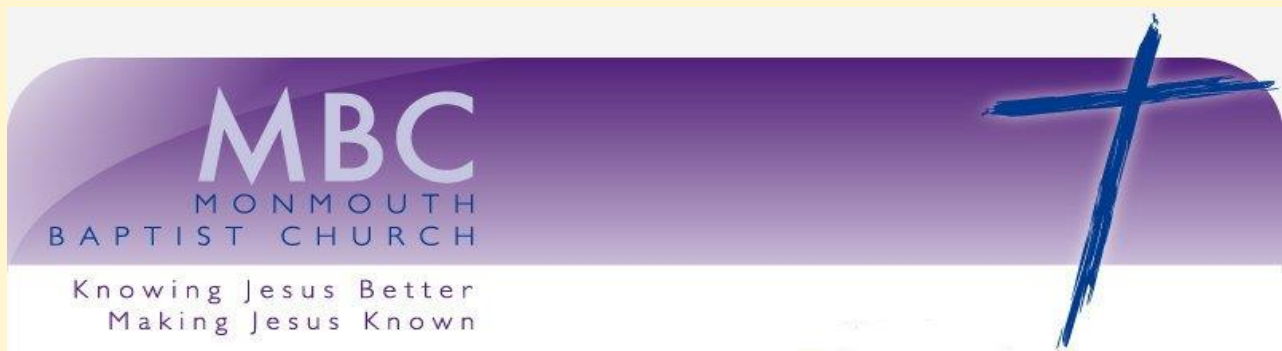




Our Sunday services are usually streamed live on the internet and video recorded. For GDPR purposes, it is presumed that people attending are happy to appear in it. If you would prefer not to, please feel free to sit near the back centre or back left as facing the front of the church which does not appear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

Sunday 19th July 2026

***Oh the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!
Romans 11: 33***

Welcome to this week's e-news.

Please remember that Jonathan is on sabbatical until September. Please contact Bert or the deacons for any urgent matters.

If you, or someone you know, would like to sign children or young helpers up for the holiday club, please do that

here: <https://monmouthbc.churchbox.co.uk/event/view/HC26> and pass it on to others.

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 Rev. Andrew Symes. Ephesians 4:1 - 16

'The miracle of the church'

Steph Price (ICE) visit – see notice below.

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Paul Bufton. Hebrews 8

'Jesus the mediator of the New Covenant'

The service is followed by the Lord's Supper.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Schools break up for Summer Holiday this week so some activities may be on holiday too! Please check.

MONDAY 20th July

No Art Fringe.

TUESDAY 21st July

No 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.

WEDNESDAY 22nd July

No Footprints

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

THURSDAY 23rd July

No Ladies' Bible study (at Mand's)

FRIDAY 24th July

No Men's Breakfast and Bible study

No Ladies' Bible Study at Church led by Cat.

SATURDAY 25th July

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

SUNDAY 26th July

10:30am Morning Worship led by Jonny Thomas. Daniel 2

Bert is at Ewyas Harold

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Jonny Thomas. Hebrews 9

'Jesus was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many'

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

INITIATIVES IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ICE)

This Sunday morning, we will have a visit from Steph Price, our regional schools' worker, working with ICE. She will have some books for sale (suggested donation £5, suitable for under 7s mainly). Come prepared if interested!

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB CRAFT



Do you like PRINGLES?

For our Holiday Bible Club Craft, we need lots of Pringles' cylinders (small or large). They don't need to have the name of Pringles on it; cheaper versions will do! Please save these and pass them on to Maria Weenink!

HOLIDAY CLUB ART WORK HELP NEEDED

All day Saturday 8th August is the final chance to help get all the backgrounds painted for the Holiday Club. Many hands make light work. Please help!

NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2026

Would you like to participate in a Summer Reading Challenge? 10ofthose.com have put together a fun reading challenge. There is a wide choice of books on different topics and they all have a Christian theme! Click on the link to discover more.

[National Year of Reading 2026 | Go All In](#)

David Adams

CHURCH SUMMER PICNIC

Saturday 8th August
4pm with a byo picnic at 5pm
Garden games

At Rich and Liv's
The Mill, Oaklands Farm, Garway
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Olivia McLachlan

WORLD FOCUS

CHINA

Imagine you are meeting in a house church. Most of the people are young, attending a local college, and all are keen to learn more about Jesus and worship Him together. Bibles lie open around the room. There are joyful faces surrounding you. You are in the middle of a familiar hymn – and then the door suddenly slams open. You've been discovered by the police. Jinyi (name changed) remembers the terrifying day that this happened to her and her husband Zhang (name changed) who had planted a church in central China a couple of years earlier.

Christians are only allowed to attend registered churches which are heavily monitored, with the Chinese authorities determining who can lead services, censoring what is preached and sometimes even filming the congregation. Many Christians start underground house churches so they can preach the gospel and learn about Jesus without the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) intervening. Sometimes the house churches are left alone, but increasingly they are targeted by the authorities.

Jinyi's church was immediately shut down and the police detained the assembled believers. Zhang was singled out for punishment and fined 60,000 renminbi (£6,500, about six months average salary) and sentenced to 3.5 years in prison.

Other churches are often too fearful to offer support and that can feel like betrayal and being isolated.

Pray:- Pray for courage to stand against the intimidation and punishments from the CCP. Pray for other churches to stand firm and support each other.

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
in all the countries we are supporting as well as here in Monmouth.

Pray for the Holiday Bible Club at our church from the 10th to the 14th of August.
Also pray for Beach Missions, Summer Camps and Holiday Bible Clubs in other places.

BBQ

Norton Baptist Chapel

Saturday September 5th
At 3pm

All Welcome

Please e mail [anne.e.sheppard@gmail](mailto:anne.e.sheppard@gmail.com) if you would like to attend.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Harvest Service	September 27th
Lee Abbey – Ladies’ Retreat weekend –	October 2nd – 4th
Jesus the evidence	October 4th 6:30pm
Church Anniversary weekend with guest John Funnell	October 24th - 25th

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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