



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 October 2025

The world asks, "What does someone own?"; Christ asks, "How do they use it?"

—Andrew Murray (1828–1917)

Welcome to this week's e-news!

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. This will help anyone to be able to talk about faith and how Wales has been shaped by it, so please support it if you can! He will also lead our services on Sunday 26th.

Did you know that **we are an independent church**, which relies entirely on our fellowship's giving? We have no outside support, so everything that we do as a church is funded by individual giving. It costs about £10,000 a month to serve the Lord together here. As fellowship we want to thank God for the generosity of many in the church. Regular giving is part of our discipleship: it's one of the things we do to show we are committed to Jesus and His priorities. So we'd like to encourage everyone to prayerfully consider their giving, and give what you can, so we can fulfil our calling to make Jesus known. Please see the end of the e-news for details. And remember, "God loves a cheerful giver!" 2Corinthians 9:7

10:30am Morning Worship led by Bert. 1 Corinthians 1:18 - 31 'We preach Christ crucified' The service is followed by the Lord's Supper. **Shoebox Launch!** Jonathan is at Norton. [Click here for morning service](#)

6:30pm Evening worship led by Bert. Jeremiah 30. 'You will be my people and I will be your God' (Jonathan is at Links.) [Click here for evening service](#)

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 20th October

7:00pm Art Fringe

TUESDAY 21st 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)

7:30pm Small group meetings across the town.

WEDNESDAY 22nd October

9:30 – 11:30am Footprints

**2:00pm Songs of Praise at Bridges Community Centre
followed by refreshments**

THURSDAY 23rd October

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

5:00pm Explore course at MBC. See notice below.

FRIDAY 24th 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 25th October

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

7:30pm Church Anniversary Special Meeting

'Small voices, Great Echoes' (see notice below)

SUNDAY 26th October Church Anniversary

10:30am Morning Worship led by Jonathan Thomas.

'Good news for Everyone!'

6:30pm Evening worship led by Jonathan Thomas.

'Good news for Everyone!'

FELLOWSHIP NEWS



OUR DAILY BREAD

'Our Daily Bread' Newsletter and pamphlet of gifts to order will be in the foyer.
Fiona Beber

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 - Penuel	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

David Adams

EXPLORE

6 sessions that lay out the foundational ideas of the Christian faith. Groups meet in the day and evening. Thursdays at 7pm, (but this week it's 5pm) 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.

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*

**Saturday 25th
October
7:30pm**

**“Small Voices,
Great Echoes”**

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

**Sunday 26th October 10:30am and 6:30pm
Good News for Everyone**



THE BIBLE IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM

There are many artefacts in the British Museum that relate directly to the Bible and the eras of well known people from Abraham to Esther, and on through the Roman Empire. If you can get yourself to the Museum, Jonathan is offering to take a group around the Museum, gathering there at approximately 10:30am on Tuesday 28th October.

It's a tiring tour but worth it! Bring a lunch, or buy food at the Museum. Please tell Jonathan if you'd like to do the tour. Maybe friends from the church could travel together.

Special evening - European Missionary Fellowship

On Tuesday 4th November 7:30pm we are welcoming a guest speaker to share about the work of EMF and focus on mission in a particular country. Please support the evening if you can, as it will take place instead of Small Groups.

Remember! Remember! BONFIRE NIGHT GATHERING

If you'd like to gather for hot-dogs before heading off to join the town fireworks, we are meeting in the Centenary Room at 5pm on Wednesday November 5th. Please let us know you're coming in the Whatsapp group, or by email.

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.

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

Please pray for our Baptist Association in South Wales and the witness of Churches that the Lord will help the Gospel to flourish wherever it is shared.

***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

PAKISTAN

Pastor Zafar Bhatti, founder of the Jesus World Mission Church, was arrested in July 2012, aged 49, after a Muslim cleric falsely accused him of sending text messages defaming the mother of Mohammed. He was tortured in custody to extract a confession but he always insisted on his innocence. Zafar eventually came to trial in 2017, with proceedings being conducted inside prison because of security threats, and was sentenced to life im-

prisonment for supposedly insulting Mohammed. In December 2021, this was increased to the death penalty. He suffered various health problems whilst imprisoned, including diabetes and heart disease, and at least 47 appeals for bail on health grounds were cancelled. While in prison Zafar experienced much violence from other prisoners. His wife Nawab struggled to make ends meet after her husband's arrest despite much needed help.

On October 2nd this year, aged 62, his conviction was finally overturned by the Lahore High Court. But sadly, he passed away three days later, on 5th October, at his home in Rawalpindi. He fought the good fight and will be rewarded in eternity by his Saviour. Pictures below at age 49 and 62.



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. 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".

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