
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 20th October 2024
Anyone in Christ is a new creation!

Welcome to this week's e-news!
We welcome the Meninadanca Charity to a special presentation Saturday night, and to our Sunday service. Please invite friends if you're able to.

There are some special events coming up in November, please see below. We are especially looking forward to a baptism service on 24th Nov. Please see Jonathan to find out about baptism.
On Tuesday evening we discuss the tough topic of euthanasia and human dignity. Come if you can.

Morning Worship led by Jonathan and Meninadança. 2Corinthians 5:17-21

[Click here for Morning Worship](#)

6:00pm Links Youth Club for 11+ aged Young People.

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Jonathan. 1Chronicles 15:3, 25-29

The service is followed by the Lord's Supper.

[Click here for Evening Worship](#)

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 21st October

7:00pm Art Fringe

TUESDAY 22nd October

9:45 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study

10:30 – 11:30am – Tuesday Coffee at Café Nero, Monnow Street.

3:00pm - Men's Coffee – at Coffi Lab.

7:30pm – Midweek fellowship: Tough Topic – Euthanasia & human dignity.

WEDNESDAY 23rd October

9:30 – 11:30am Footprints

**2:30 Songs of Praise at Bridges Community Centre
followed by Refreshments.**

THURSDAY 24^h October

7:30pm Ladies' Bible Study

7:00pm Deacons' Meeting.

FRIDAY 25th October

7:30am Men's Bible Breakfast

8:00am for the study

9:30 – 11:00am Ladies' Bible Study

SATURDAY 26th October

3:00pm Serving Our Streets

SUNDAY 27th October

10:30am Morning Worship led by Morgan.

Jonathan is at Ewyas Harold.

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Morgan.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

AUTUMN SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesday 5th November we will gather at 5pm for **hotdogs** before going to the town bonfire and fireworks.

Saturday 16th November we have a **BIG QUIZ** night in support of Tearfund.

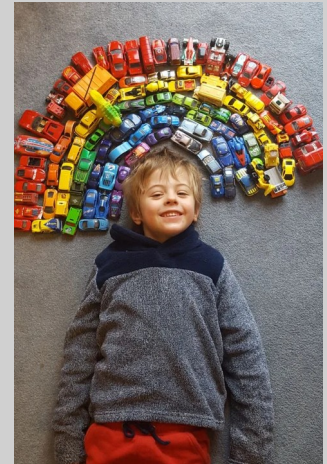
SAMUEL'S HOPE 2024

Hi everyone 🙌

Samuel's birthday is nearly here, and we'll be doing a walk up a mountain in his memory on the 4th November.

We're raising money (£3,184) to buy 410 beautiful books to give to children in Year 3 across Monmouthshire.

Samuel would have loved these books- they're bright and colourful, and share the truth of God's beautiful love for us - a message we wanted his classmates to hold on to in 2020 after he died, and one we know Samuel wanted to share with them too.



Would you like to join us as we help continue Samuel's "work" and share the certain hope he had in Jesus?

Hebrews 6:19 "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure."

<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/SamuelsHope2024>

TEARFUND

Heavy rainfall in Pochalla, South Sudan, has recently caused significant flooding, affecting more than 3,000 people. Whole communities have been displaced as they try to escape the rising waters. Homes and other infrastructure have been destroyed and land used for farming has been lost.

Many displaced families are struggling to access food, clean water and medical care, and with the harvesting season fast approaching, the loss of crops is a particular blow to food security. This raises fears of a worsening hunger crisis in the coming months.

Although seasonal flooding is expected in the region between August and October, over the past few years the level of this flooding has been abnormally high. As a result, each year almost a million people across South Sudan have been forced from their homes. In a country where more than two-thirds of the population is already in need of some form of humanitarian aid, around 2.7 million people live in areas that have a high risk of being affected by flooding. Along with the loss and destruction of property, food and livelihoods, the floodwaters often bring waterborne diseases as toilets and sanitation facilities are damaged or submerged. These preventable diseases, such as cholera and malaria, can be fatal – particularly for children who are already undernourished.

Tearfund is providing emergency funding for those in South Sudan.

Elaine Adams

In the foyer are copies of the Tearfund magazine 'Tear Times' and the Tearfund 'Prayer Diary'. Please help yourselves to these.

OUR DAILY BREAD

The next quarter of 'Our Daily Bread notes are in the foyer for anyone who would like one.

Fiona Beber

THANK YOU!

I wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone for all their messages, prayers, thoughts & flowers. I'm overwhelmed with everyone's support & kindness. It has been greatly appreciated and has spurred me on through my recovery. Hope to be back very soon.

Blessings
Julia

BELIEVER'S BAPTISM SERVICE



A believer's baptism service will be held during the service on **24th November**. Would you like to consider baptism? Please speak to Jonathan

FOOD.GIVES

Each week, we read about further persecution of God's people, particularly in Muslim, Hindu and atheist run countries. So often, they are at the back of the queue for humanitarian aid or denied access to food because of active persecution against them. Barnabas Aid collects food for them through their 'food.gives' initiative. So, each week leading up to Christmas, there will be boxes in the foyer to take and fill. Please be generous in your giving of packets of rice, lentils, chickpeas, sugar and salt. I will then take the boxes down to the warehouse in Swindon. The recipients are so grateful for being remembered by us, through our giving and our prayers for them. Indeed, their prayers of thanksgiving to God should be a great encouragement to us who give.

Galatians 6:10 - Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Simon Beber



PACK A SHOEBOX AND SHARE GOD'S LOVE!

NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK IS
11-18 NOVEMBER

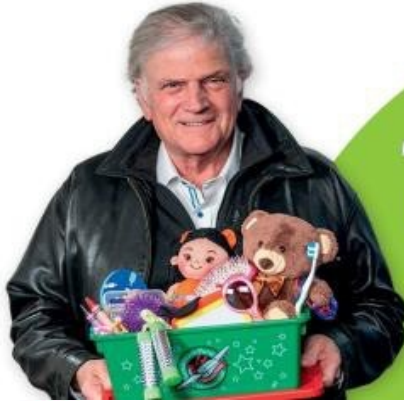
SAMARITANS-PURSE.ORG.UK/OCC

Gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are delivered together with the Good News of Jesus Christ as expressions of God's immense love for a child. So, be sure to make them ...

FUN: Include a special item (and other new toys) to delight the child. **FULL:** Add school supplies and personal care items to fill empty spaces. **PERSONALISED:** Make sure every shoebox is unique and covered in prayer. Prayerfully packed shoebox gifts lead to evangelism, discipleship, and the multiplication of believers and churches around the world.

A donation of £5 per shoebox is critical to help cover collecting, processing, shipping, and evangelism training and materials. Give online through Follow Your Box and discover the destination of your gift.

Find packing tips
and ways to give:



“Shoebox gifts are
like snowflakes—
no two are alike!”

—Franklin Graham
President, Samaritan's Purse

Build a Shoebox ONLINE

With just a few clicks

you can build an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift online to help share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a boy or girl in need around the world. **Simply select toys** and other fun items you'd like to include from our collection, and personalise your gift with your own letter and photo.

We'll pack the gift for you and send it on its way for a donation of just £25.



samaritans-purse.org.uk/shoeboxonline

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Pray for the Links Youth Fellowship

Pray for all those recently bereaved in our church and in the community. Pray for Julia's recovery following her operation and for those who are unwell or worried in the fellowship.

Please pray for the work of Meninadanca and for all affected by the recent death of Dana.

Pray for Israel, Palestine and Lebanon and for an end to the ongoing war in Ukraine. Appeals and information about the experience of Christians in Lebanon can be found here:

<https://bmsworldmission.org/prayers-for-the-world>

WORLD FOCUS

BANGLADESH

Pastor Sirajul is a Muslim convert. Muslim religious leaders "invited" him to Namaz, an Islamic prayer. At the time, they had seemed friendly. Pastor Sirajul respectfully declined and went on his way. He was asleep when the knock came at his door at 10pm from Muslim extremists, demanding that he go with them who knows where. When he declined, they threatened him with death. Neighbours approached the scene and the group left after threatening him again. Thankfully police officers spoke to local religious leaders and the perpetrators were rebuked.

Tapon, his wife, three children and elderly father were at home when a mob of 20-25 extremists, armed with weapons, advanced on their house. In fear for their lives, Tapon and his family fled, abandoning everything they had worked so hard to build. The attackers destroyed everything in their path, looting Tapon's shop and leaving nothing behind. The family later returned but have received further threats

Pray:- Please pray for Tapon, Sirajul and their families, and for all who are vulnerable in Bangladesh.

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.

Tennis - Please speak to James Endicott to play at Monmouth Tennis Club's excellent facilities on Monmouth Sportsground; cost £4 per session for non-members (free for members).

Football - Jim Barker runs 5 a-side football sessions, currently fortnightly on a Friday at 7pm. If you are interested in joining, please speak to Jim or James Endicott to be added to the Football Whatsapp Group.

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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