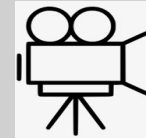


Our Sunday services are usually streamed live on the internet and video recorded. For GDPR purposes, it is presumed that people attending are happy to appear in it. If you would prefer not to, please feel free to sit near the back of the church which does not appear on film.



Sunday 21st April 2024

"In one sense, the whole object of being a Christian is that you may know the love of Jesus Christ, His personal love to you; that He may tell you in unmistakable language that he loves you, that he has given Himself for you, that He has loved you with an everlasting love." Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Welcome to this week's E-News. We thank the Lord that we will be able to give well over £1000 to the grain of Wheat Easter appeal for children's camps in Ukraine.

This week why not consider coming to the Tuesday evening fellowship to discuss a tough topic. And on Wednesday – Songs of Praise is a great place to sing some hymns and enjoy the Good News of Jesus – 2pm at Bridges.

10:30am Morning Worship led by Morgan. 1 Thessalonians 4: 13 – 5: 11.

'Christ our Hope in life and death.'
Jonathan is at Ewyas Harold.

[Click here for Morning Service](#)

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Jonathan. 1Corinthians 15:19-34 Eat drink and be merry.

The service is followed by the Lord's Supper and an opportunity to receive prayer.

[Click here for Evening Service](#)

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 22nd April

7:00 – 9:00pm Art Fringe

TUESDAY 23rd April

9:45 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study

10:30am – Tuesday Coffee – at The Malthouse.

3:00pm - Men's Coffee – at COFFI LAB

7:30pm – Midweek Fellowship: Tough Topics – If God's in charge, do we really have free will?

WEDNESDAY 24th April

9 :30 – 11:30am Footprints

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

5:00pm Brigade for girls

FRIDAY 26th April

7:30am Men's Bible Breakfast

8:00am for the Study

9:30 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study

SATURDAY 27th April

12:00 Rural Churches prayer lunch (see notice below)

SUNDAY 28th April

10:30am Morning Worship led by Peter Milsom.

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Peter Milsom.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

ELECTION OF DEACONS

The Church AGM on 14th May will include the election of deacons. 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 from the membership (with their permission) to serve in this way. Of the existing deacons Elizabeth Alderson and Helen Hopkins are coming to the end of their term of service and are eligible for re-election.

Nomination forms are available in the foyer and must be given to David Adams by Sunday 28th April.

RURAL CHURCHES PRAYER LUNCH

On Saturday the 27th April in Garway village hall at 12 noon. The speaker is Rob May, regional minister for the SWBA. Following lunch there will be a short service to include prayers for the work of the rural churches, shared communion, and an address from the speaker. Finished by 2.30pm. For catering purposes, please let Jonathan know if you'd like to go, by Sunday the 21st April.

COMING SOON: THE ROMANS COURSE

Get to know Jesus better through this amazing book of the Bible. A Video based course in person on Thursday afternoon, and online on Monday evenings TBC.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

For those recently bereaved and those with health needs: including Barbara H whose fractured wrist is still in recovery.

Let's pray for our families and for the young people of the church. Especially for Willow and Elizabeth on our "Cradle Roll".

Please pray for Morgan as he visits churches seeking new ministry – especially in April. Please pray for the Lord to open the door to guide Morgan to his next step in Christian service.

Pray for Israel and Palestine.

Pray for an end to the ongoing war in Ukraine.

WORLD FOCUS

INDIA

India is going to the polls to elect a new government amid growing concerns about rising persecution and intolerance against Christians as Hindu nationalism gains ground, ever since the BJP party (a nationalistic Hindutva movement) was voted into power. Latest figures show a 45% increase in attacks (601 in 2023 and 160 Jan-Mar 2024) against Christians and churches. Pastors severely beaten (e.g. Joshua was beaten for handing out Bibles and hospitalised for 5 days), churches attacked, prayer meetings disrupted, pastors arrested, Christians lives threatened. And all of which is “justified” by the increasing number of anti-conversion laws which prevent Christians from sharing their faith with Hindus. Yet Christians are helping people turn away from drunkenness, despair, domestic violence, helping poor children get an education, helping women escape temple prostitution and providing health care for the sick.

Pray for the church to grow and survive by continuing to live out their faith.

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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