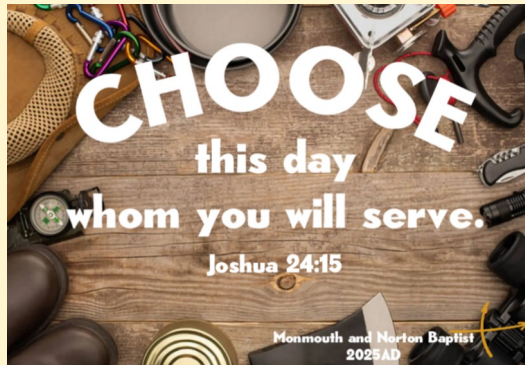




Our Sunday services are usually streamed live on the internet and video recorded. For GDPR purposes, it is presumed that people attending are happy to appear in it. If you would prefer not to, please feel free to sit near the back centre or back left as facing the front of the church which does not appear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

Sunday 23rd November 2025

“You can work all your life and make all the water in all the rivers on earth drinkable, but if, when you die, you are not ready to meet God, it doesn’t matter.” Anne Graham Lotz

Welcome to this week’s e-news.

Please consider if you can help with the School lunch club at Osbaston school on a Wednesday lunchtime or after school on a Thursday.

There’s a new opportunity to pray, with some short, focused meetings as we lead up to Christmas, starting this Sunday at 9:30am in the Centenary room.

And please support our guest speaker from People international this Tuesday evening. The festival choir rehearsal begins on Wednesday evening this week.

9:30am Prayer meeting in the Centenary room.

10:30am Morning Worship led by Bert.

1 Corinthians 3: 1 – 17 ‘Grow up and build up’

Jonathan is at Norton.

[Click here for morning service](#)

6:00pm Links Youth Club in the Centenary room.

6:30pm Evening worship led by Jonathan. Living Sanely in a Crazy World.

Jeremiah 32: 1 - 44

[Click here for evening service](#)

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 24th November

7:00pm Art Fringe

TUESDAY 25th November

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 Midweek fellowship with guest speaker from People International.

WEDNESDAY 26th November

9:30 – 11:30am Footprints

**2:00pm Songs of Praise at the Chapel - not Bridges Community Centre
followed by refreshments.**

THURSDAY 27th November

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

6:00pm Explore course at MBC

FRIDAY 28th November

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

9:30 – 11:00am Ladies' Bible Study (at Church led by Cat)

SATURDAY 29th November

**10:30am Open Air Mission prayer at MBC and outreach in the town. All
welcome – please just turn up.**

2:00pm Serving Our Streets. Meet at MBC.

SUNDAY 30th November

9:30 – 10:00am Special Prayer Meeting in the Centenary room.

10:30am Morning Worship led by led by Rev. John Bishop.

Jonathan is at Llanwenarth; Bert is at Blaenavon.

6:30pm Evening worship led by Jonathan. Jeremiah 33: 1 – 26 God's

Phone Number?

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Samuel's Hope

Once again, in memory of our son Samuel, we will be distributing the Christian devotional book, 'Indescribable' by Louie Giglio, to 240 year 3 pupils in schools across Monmouthshire.

Samuel was keen that his friends would know Jesus, and gifting these books is a way we can continue his 'work'.

If you'd like to donate please send a bank transfer to MBC with the reference 'Samuel's Hope'.

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Thank you so much for your support,
Jim and Cat Barker

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCES AWAY

Keswick in August

Come to the Keswick Convention this year **Week 2: Saturday 25 – Sat 1st Aug 2026!** **Everyone is welcome.** It is a fantastic Christian conference held in the Lake District, with great teaching, kids work, music, all in a beautiful setting! Similar in some ways to Word Alive. A number of us are going to try and have a base at the Springs Campsite, with others booking accommodation in local B&Bs or self catered places. Do ask Chris and Jo Walker or James and Mand Endicott for more info and see below websites.

<https://keswickministries.org/>

<https://www.springscamp.org.>

Rising Lights in April

From 6th-10th April Rising Lights is a gathering for five days by the coast to hear God's word, to praise our risen Saviour, and to rest. With plenty for adults, teens, and kids, alongside space to enjoy Torquay with friends and family. You have to find your own accommodation, but if anyone is going, please let Jonathan know as we will be there.

<https://fiec.org.uk/events/rising-lights>

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.

MONMOUTH BAPTIST FESTIVAL CHOIR

An invitation to anyone who would like to learn a couple of special items for the Sunday 21st December 5pm service, (and possibly, residential homes). No need to be able to read music. Please let Jonathan know. Rehearsals likely to be Wednesday evenings, beginning 26th Nov. Ask or use the link to join the Whatsapp group for details.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FpL4unXbKFM90dl8D7gAPQ>

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH AND CELEBRATIONS

Over the next few weeks we will be updating this spot with more details of our Christmas outreach and services.

Sunday 14 th 5:00pm	Carol Service with Usk Town Band at MBC
Saturday 20 th Dec Time TBC	The Christmas Experience
Sunday 21 st Dec 10:30am	All-Age Nativity service
5:00pm	Christmas Special– Christmas across the centuries and features the Monmouth Baptist Festival Singers.
Thursday 25 th 9:30-10:15	'God with us' All age celebration

SHOE BOXES THANK YOU

We were able to collect and send off 161 Shoeboxes this year. Thank you for contributing!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for our town, for its beauty and community.

We pray for all whose homes, livelihoods and community spaces have been affected by the devastation of the flooding. We pray for their strength, wisdom, resilience and comfort.

We thank you for the outpouring of generosity and for all who have shown the servant-heartedness of Jesus in this time of need, whether near or far, neighbour or stranger, emergency services or community agencies.

May your presence and guidance be with us as we pass through the waters. Please help us, as our community is restored, to be good stewards of Your resources and to seek your grace and love.

We pray in the name of Jesus our Lord and Saviour, Amen

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.*

Isaiah 43:2

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

Pray for the work of CAP Christians Against Poverty, who give us an update this Sunday.

*Continue to pray for the Middle East and for a just peace in Ukraine.
Remember persecuted brothers and sisters, especially those in Nigeria, where the highest number of deaths for following Jesus currently take place.*

WORLD FOCUS

NIGERIA

The link below is a video of the situation of Christians in Nigeria against Boko Haram and the Fulani Islamists. The video is nearly 25 minutes long but I would encourage you to watch it, because it tells it, as it is, from the perspective of the Christian victims themselves. The video is saddening, disturbing, challenging, encouraging. It will make you feel angry but also prayerful. It will make you question why. It will make you realise that their, and our, only hope is in Christ.

<https://www.barnabasaid.org/gb/faith-in-the-fire/#full-video>

Simon Beber

MBG 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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