



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 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Welcome to this week's e-news!

A lot of our regular activities are not taking place due to the summer break, please check below.

On Tuesday evenings, we have been exploring some of the names and titles given to God. This week we look at the name that says He is the Lord of Peace, come along to study and pray for the work of the fellowship.

Please note the special guest services coming up in September to invite friends to. There's information in the e-news and an Invitation to use below, on Whatsapp and in Facebook.

Can you sing a hymn? Why not join the Songs of Praise Outreach on Wednesday at 2pm, at Bridges Community Centre. And there's cake.

**10:30am Morning Worship led by Bert.**

**Lamentations 3:1-26 "God's Faithfulness is Great!"**

[Click here for Morning Worship](#)

**6:30pm Evening worship led by Bert Jeremiah 26**

**'Standing for the truth when the world is against'**

[Click here for Evening Worship](#)

# THE WEEK AHEAD

## **TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> August**

**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 gathering in the Centenary room. "Jehovah Shalom – The Lord is Peace, (Judges 6:24)**

## **WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> August**

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

## **SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> August**

**10:30 Open Air Outreach, beginning with prayer at MBC**

**3:00pm Serving Our Streets. Meet at MBC. See notice below.**

## **SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> August**

**10:30am Morning worship led by Andrew Symes.**

**Living Water – Psalm 42**

**[Click here for Sunday 31st August am](#)**

**6:30pm Evening worship led by Andrew Symes**

**Jeremiah 27 'The yolk of Babylon'**

**[Click here for Sunday 31st August pm](#)**

# FELLOWSHIP NEWS

## **OPEN AIR OUTREACH Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 10:30am**

As usual, on a 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday, the Open Air Mission team are coming to Monmouth. Will you support them in prayer or join the outreach. You don't need to do anything apart from stand with them and help form a crowd, but you can also talk to passers-by if you'd like to.

## **AN INVITATION TO LADIES' BIBLE STUDY**

Would you like to join a Ladies Bible Study group for an opportunity to dig deeper into God's Word, pray for one another and grow closer to the Lord and your sisters?

This September we are beginning a new series on Judges (please let Jo know if you'd like a copy of Tim Keller's commentary that we'll be following).

There are three groups that run in parallel, which you'd be welcome to join:

Tuesday mornings: 9:45-11:30 at Jo's.

Thursday evenings: 7:30-9:30 at Mand's.

Friday mornings: 9:30-11:00 at church, led by Cat.

Do speak to Mand, Cat or Jo if you'd like to know more.

## **AN INVITATION TO SERVING OUR STREETS (SOS)**

SOS would like you to join them as a guest any Saturday during July, August and September to see what happens. Folk meet at MBC at 3:00pm on Saturdays.

Please contact Cathy North if you would like more information.

## **PROMOTION SUNDAY - 7<sup>th</sup> September, 10:30am**

for all Year 6s moving up to year 7

## **SUNDAY EVENINGS – JEREMIAH - FINDING THE ANCIENT PATHS**

We are returning to our exploration of God's purposes in Jeremiah, in our evening services. Jeremiah calls us to seek the Lord in the ancient paths, rather than wander from the way into sin and compromise. He still has something to say to us today!



**COMING SOON – Hope Explored with Rico Tice**

Special Guest meetings and services September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm “What is success” with Puddings and Desserts

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Does my life have a Purpose?

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Can we find Hope today?



**HOPE|EXPLORED**

WHAT'S THE BEST LIFE  
YOU COULD EVER EXPECT?

You're invited to explore hope  
with Rico Tice,  
Author and Inspirational  
Speaker

*Hosted by Monmouth Baptist  
Church, Monk Street, Monmouth*



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With Links Youth Club

Visitors are especially welcome



We look forward to welcoming our Guest Speaker Rico Tice who is former Senior Minister of Evangelism at All Souls, Langham Place in London. Co-Founder of Christianity Explored Ministries, he is a regular speaker at events around the world and is the author of two books about understanding the good news of Jesus and sharing it with others.

## HOPE THE THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING

Rico's life's work is to inspire believers to share their faith in Jesus.

He joined All Souls in 1994, during the later years of the ministry of John Stott, with Richard Bewes as Rector, finding himself in his dream role focused on introducing the gospel to those who come through the doors of the central London church.

After 28 years at All Souls, Rico joined Christianity Explored Ministries full-time in September 2023.

While at All Souls Rico developed the Christianity Explored course, which encourages Christians to open up the Gospel of Mark with their friends and allow Jesus to walk off its pages. Rico saw that Mark's gospel clearly outlines Jesus's "Identity, Mission and Call" providing a good understanding of what a life with Jesus looks like.

In Rico's words:

*"I want to spend the rest of my life quite simply helping as many people as possible meet the Lord Jesus as he walks off the pages of Mark's gospel."*

When not talking to people about Jesus, Rico loves to play and watch rugby. His other hobbies include playing golf and watching films. He's married to Lucy and they have three young children. His twin sister, Camilla lives in Monmouth and has spent 20 years working for world vision specialising in how to develop volunteer small groups.



## WALES LEADERSHIP FORUM WOMEN'S EVENTS

### EQUIP '25

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

We will meet in person at New House Country Hotel, Cardiff at 7.30pm for teas/coffees and cake. Livestream will start at 8:00pm, and our speaker will be Bethan Perry.

You will find more details here: [wlf.org.uk/women-event](http://wlf.org.uk/women-event).

The aim of WLF Women is to help one another to grow in the Gospel, and to equip and encourage one other to share the Gospel confidently, lovingly and persuasively within the community God has placed us. As we do so we appreciate the importance of listening to each other, hearing each another's stories and growing in understanding of our different contexts.



### Rural Churches Fellowship BBQ

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 3pm

Raglan Baptist Church

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Pray for people in the fellowship who are unwell or bereaved at the moment.

Pray for our Hope Explored Weekend in September and who you might invite

Please pray for the witness of the Good News for Everyone stall at Yfest this weekend

***Pray for the Middle East and for a just peace in Ukraine.***

### WORLD FOCUS

#### AFGHANISTAN

Friday 15 August marks four years since the Taliban took back power in Afghanistan. Since then, Christians have been forced even further underground in a country that was already incredibly dangerous for them. It's a desperate situation, yet believers are still seeing God at work.

Khada's (not her real name) life as a widow is a blend of deep suffering and precious spiritual experiences. The loss of her husband left a deep wound in her heart, yet her faith in Christ, prayer and God's presence within her brought meaning and peace in the midst of hardship.

Women are not allowed to work outside the home, girls are not permitted to attend school beyond 6th grade and universities are closed to females. Without a male guardian, women are not allowed to enter markets or travel. Parks, public baths and gyms are all off-limits to women.

Coming to faith is always accompanied by suffering. Khada has witnessed sceptics become beacons of faith after experiencing the love and protection of the Holy Spirit. But there is always great danger.

**Pray:-** Safety for the children, the breaking down of fear and oppression, the achievement of social and legal justice, the grip of the Taliban to lessen, and the continued building of the kingdom of God in Afghanistan.

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. 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](http://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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Passcode: 563340