



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 25th January 2026

Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

– Martin Luther King Jr

Welcome to this week's e-news.

We are sorry to report that that the lift is still out of action due to some needed repairs. Please use the links below to share in the service if you cannot access the building without it and do let us know. The repairs are scheduled for Monday 2nd Feb. On Sunday mornings, we return to our exciting studies in John's Gospel. On Sunday evenings our series God's People-God's Story takes us through the Bible's Big Good-News Story, from the perspective of the people who encounter God. What is He saying to us, as God's people and our part in His Big Story! Please note that the church building is extensively being used by other groups at the moment while Bridges is being repaired.

10:30am Morning Worship led by Bert.

John 15:18 – 25. 'Servants are not greater than their master.'

Jonathan is at Ewyas Harold.

[**Click here for morning service**](#)

6pm Links Youth Club

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Bert and Jonathan. God's People, God's Story: Joseph Genesis 37:1-20

[**Click here for evening service**](#)

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 26th January 2026

7:00pm The Art Fringe

TUESDAY 27th January

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 Claire and Bob's Tea Room.
7:30pm Midweek Fellowship in the Centenary Room.

WEDNESDAY 28th January

9:30 – 11:30am Footprints
2:00pm Songs of Praise in the Centenary room,
followed by refreshments.

THURSDAY 29th January

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

FRIDAY 30th January

7:30am Men's Bible Breakfast. 8:00am for the study.
9:30 – 11:00am Ladies' Bible Study (at Church led by Cat)

SATURDAY 31st January

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

SUNDAY 1st February

10:30am Morning Worship led by Bert.
John 16: 1 – 15
The service is followed by the Lord's Supper.
Jonathan is at Garway
6:30pm Evening Worship led by Bert and Jonathan.
God's People, God's Story: Moses

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

BIBLE READING IN SERVICE

If you would like to read the Bible passage, at the morning or evening service, and you haven't done so before, please let Jo Walker know on 07801 539847. Thanks

INTERESTED IN BAPTISM OR IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?

A course is beginning soon, so please let Jonathan know if you'd like to explore Baptism or church membership. There's no obligation – come and find out!

WORLD FOCUS

PERSECUTION TRENDS FOR 2026 part 2

IRAN Christians directly involved in ministry were a particular target for the authorities in 2025. Persecution is increasing because the authorities are aware of the growth in the number of converts and house churches and are determined to stem this. Their goal is to exterminate the Persian-speaking church and allow only the Christian-minority groups to operate. Longer prison sentences are being given to Christian workers. Converts and especially leaders and ministry workers are likely to face increasing pressure in 2026.

IRAQ The Kurdistan region of Iraq has become a refuge for persecuted Christians including Muslim-background believers (MBBs) fleeing violence, discrimination and threats from across Iraq and beyond. In southern and central Iraq persecution remained severe in 2025, especially for MBBs. Evangelism and conversion from Islam are considered crimes under Iraqi law.

AFGHANISTAN Christians face threats from the Taliban, local devout Islamic leaders and from families. Persecution is increasing. It is expected that in 2026 Christian families, who have to practise their faith in secret, will continue to be hindered in raising their children according to their beliefs, plus more arrests and imprisonments in 2026 and more Christians to be forced from their homes.

Simon Beber

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please let us know if you would like the fellowship to pray for you.
Please pray for God to raise up workers in His harvest here.

God is Sovereign over His world, we can go to Him for help in time of need, and we can talk to Him about the nations of the earth.

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".

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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