



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 25<sup>th</sup> October 2026

### 208<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*For Christ is the first and the last;  
his Spirit will guide us safe home;  
we'll praise him for all that is past  
and trust him for all that's to come.  
Joseph Hart (1715-1768)*

Welcome to this week's e-news.

Please remember that the clocks go back Saturday night (24<sup>th</sup>).

This week we celebrate our 208<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary! Our guest speaker is John Funnell, a businessman turned pastor and author. He's a walking testimony to the power of Jesus to transform a closing church in the Valleys. Come and hear the story Saturday evening, and celebrate God's goodness in our Sunday services.

Can you bring a pudding/dessert to share Saturday (24<sup>th</sup>) night? Please turn up with it and let Jonathan know if you have time.

To watch our services online, live or afterwards, please visit our youtube channel, and the service will show there: <https://www.youtube.com/c/monmouthbaptistchurch>

**10:30am Morning Worship led by John Funnell: 'Who is Jesus?' Matthew 1:18-25**

**6:30pm Evening Worship led by John Funnell: 'Why Jesus matters' Mark 14:32-41**

# **THE WEEK AHEAD**

Schools are on half – term this week so many activities are also having a break.

## **MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> October**

**No Art Fringe**

## **TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**No Ladies' Bible Study at Jo's**

**10:30 – 11:30am Tuesday Coffee at Clare and Bob's tea rooms.**

**3.00 – 4:00pm Men's Coffee at Clare and Bob's tea rooms.**

**7:30pm Midweek Fellowship in the Centenary Room**

## **WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> October**

**No Footprints**

**2:00pm Songs of Praise at MBC followed by refreshments.**

## **THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> October**

**No Ladies' Bible study (at Mand's)**

## **FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**No Men's breakfast and Bible study**

**No Ladies' Bible Study at Church (led by Cat)**

## **SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**10:30 Prayer at the chapel followed by open air ministry in town**

**2:00pm SOS (Serving our Streets). Meet at MBC.**

**PLEASE NOTE 2:00pm WINTER START**

## **SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> November**

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

**The service is followed by the Lord's Supper.**

**6:30pm Evening Worship led by Bert.**

## FELLOWSHIP NEWS

**Monmouth Baptist  
Church Anniversary  
Celebrations  
With Guest Speaker  
Author and pastor  
John Funnell**



**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 7pm**



**“What Jesus  
did with a little  
church.”**

*The extraordinary  
story of how Noddfa,  
Abersychan, facing  
closure, has been  
transformed into a  
thriving community”.*

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

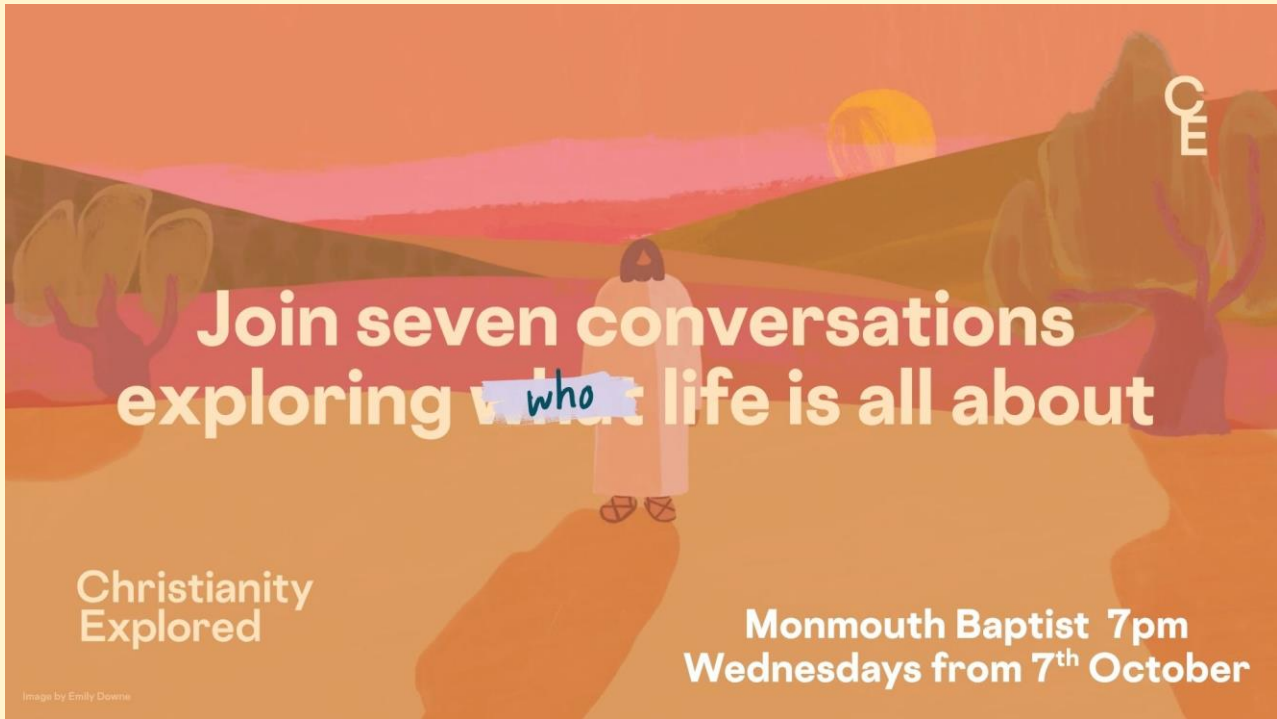
**10:30am Who is Jesus?**

**6:30pm Why does Jesus matter?**

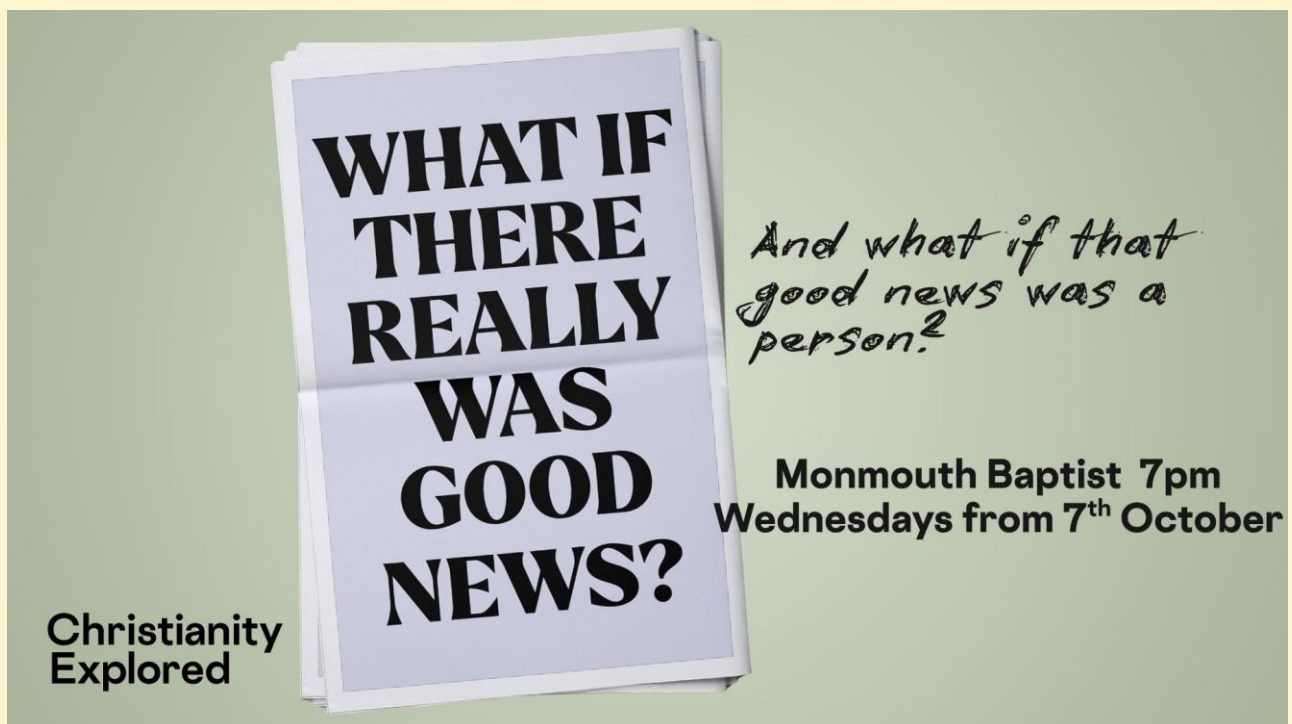
## RISING LIGHTS 29<sup>th</sup> March - 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Rising Lights 2027. Join others from the church to gather 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. Find out more and book here:

<https://www.risinglights.co.uk/event/2027/home>



***Christianity Explored – it's not too late to join – please ask Jonathan for details***





Pack a shoebox with gifts to be delivered together with a message of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Some tips for packing...

**FUN:** Include a special item (and other new toys)

**FULL:** Add school supplies and personal care items to fill empty spaces

**PERSONALISED:** Make each shoebox unique and covered in prayer, for evangelism, discipleship and the multiplication of believers and churches around the world

**DONATE:** A donation of £5 helps cover collecting, processing, shipping and evangelism training and materials.

*Alternatively....*



**SCAN TO BUILD A  
SHOEBOX ONLINE**



[samaritans-purse.org.uk/shoeboxonline](https://samaritans-purse.org.uk/shoeboxonline)

## WORLD FOCUS

### NIGERIA

A three-year-old boy was among at least 12 Christian residents killed by suspected Fulani Islamists in attacks on farming communities in Benue State in Nigeria's Middle Belt. The three-year-old was the son of a security guard in Omulonye. More than 15 heavily armed men moved from house to house chanting 'Allahu Akbar' while macheting people.

Eyewitnesses reported a similar attack in Tse-Biliji two days later, describing around 30 heavily armed Fulani arriving on motorcycles, moving from house to house, and attacking residents with machetes.

Benue State's population is 98% Christian. It is one of the Nigerian states most severely affected by Islamist terrorism and violence in general. In August this year, four Christians were killed and 12 others seriously injured as Islamist gunmen stormed a community in Guma LGA.

Pray:- Pray for our brothers and sisters as they mourn the loss of family, neighbours and friends. Pray that the Lord's comfort and strength will sustain those bereaved and for healing for those injured in these attacks. Pray for wisdom for church leaders as they seek to counsel and comfort those affected. Ask that the authorities will be able to identify the perpetrators, bring them to justice, and establish tighter security across Benue State.

***Simon Beber***

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please let us know if you would like the fellowship to pray for you.  
Pray for a number of people in the church who are struggling with health,  
with mobility.

Give thanks to the Lord for our church and its witness over 208 years. Pray for faithfulness  
and fruitfulness in the days ahead.

Please pray for God to send workers into His harvest field in Argentina, and other  
countries connected to our supported missionaries.

### 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. Many members and friends give regularly or make one off gifts online, directly to the church's bank account. If you would like to do this, please contact either Clive Wiggins ([cliveandapril@btinternet.com](mailto:cliveandapril@btinternet.com)) or Roger Clewett ([roger.clewett@outlook.com](mailto:roger.clewett@outlook.com)) for details of this account.

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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