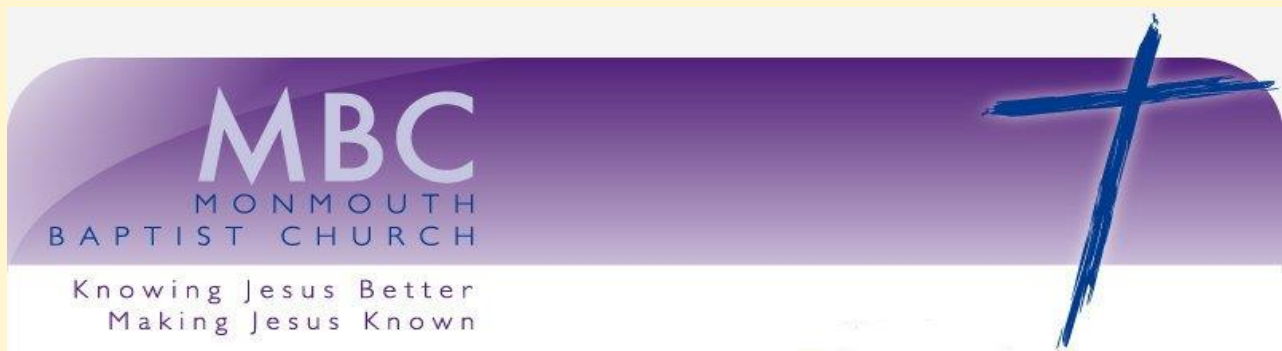




Our Sunday services are usually streamed live on the internet and video recorded. For GDPR purposes, it is presumed that people attending are happy to appear in it. If you would prefer not to, please feel free to sit near the back centre or back left as facing the front of the church which does not appear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

Sunday 26th July 2026

***'Therefore, whenever we may wander in uncertainty through intricate windings, we must contemplate, with eyes of faith, the secret providence of God which governs us and our affairs, and leads us to unexpected results.'* John Calvin**

Welcome to this week's e-news.

Please remember that Jonathan is on sabbatical until September. Please contact Bert or the deacons for any urgent matters.

If you, or someone you know, would like to sign children or young helpers up for the holiday club, please do that

here: <https://monmouthbc.churchbox.co.uk/event/view/HC26> and pass it on to others.

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 Jonny Thomas. Daniel 2.

Bert is at Ewyas Harold

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Jonny Thomas. Hebrews 9.

'Jesus was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many.'

THE WEEK AHEAD

Schools have broken up for Summer Holidays so some activities may be on holiday too! Please check.

MONDAY 27th July

No Art Fringe.

TUESDAY 28th July

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 – this week we hold a prayer meeting for the persecuted church, led by Simon Beber.

WEDNESDAY 29th July

No Footprints

THURSDAY 30th July

No Ladies' Bible study (at Mand's)

FRIDAY 31st July

No Men's Breakfast and Bible study

No Ladies' Bible Study at Church led by Cat.

SATURDAY 1st August

3:00pm SOS (Serving our Streets). Meet at MBC.

SUNDAY 2nd August

10:30am Morning Worship led by Bert Job 34 – 37

'Why was Elihu's counsel to Job better than that of all the others?'

The service is followed by the Lord's Supper.

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Andrew Symes.

Hebrews 10. *'Jesus sat down at the right hand of God'*

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB CRAFT



Do you like PRINGLES?

For our Holiday Bible Club Craft, we need lots of Pringles' cylinders (small or large). They don't need to have the name of Pringles on it; cheaper versions will do! Please save these and pass them on to Maria Weenink!

HOLIDAY CLUB ART WORK HELP NEEDED

Starting at 9am, **All Day Saturday 8th August** is the final chance to help get all the back-grounds painted for the Holiday Club. Many hands make light work. Please help!

Amanda Endicott

NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2026

Would you like to participate in a Summer Reading Challenge? 10ofthose.com have put together a fun reading challenge. There is a wide choice of books on different topics and they all have a Christian theme! Click on the link to discover more.

[National Year of Reading 2026 | Go All In](#)

David Adams

CHURCH SUMMER PICNIC

Saturday 8th August
4pm with a byo picnic at 5pm
Garden games

At Rich and Liv's
The Mill, Oaklands Farm, Garway
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What 3 words event.spin.motorist

Olivia McLachlan

WORLD FOCUS

IRAN

St Peter Church in Tehran was founded in 1876 by missionaries from the US, and was granted land by Naser al-Din, the fourth Shah of Qajar Iran. It is one of a very few Protestant churches operating openly and with its own building. It has been threatened with closure by the Iranian authorities. Meanwhile the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps has already seized a 10,000 square metre garden belonging to the church and which was home to around 20 families, mainly Armenian and Assyrian Christians, who have no chance to survive without church support. Armenians and Assyrians are recognised by the Iranian authorities as Christian minority groups, and are permitted to worship in their own language, albeit under severe restrictions and government surveillance. The church has previously been ordered to stop conducting languages in Farsi. Farsi (Persian)-speaking Christians are converts from Islam. Worship in Farsi and Christian evangelism is forbidden in any language. One convert from Islam, now living in the UK, described how she attended the church as a 17-year-old and was warned by a government agent that if she continued she would be arrested as a CIA spy. Due to courts imposing sharia law, it is not possible to legally challenge the IRGC's actions.

Pray:- Pray for the leaders and congregation of St Peter Church, that they will not lose the building. Pray that this church will faithfully continue to do the Lord's work. Pray that the families dependent on support from the church will have their needs met.

Help Needed

August 16th is the Monmouth Agricultural Show. On behalf of Good News for Everyone, I have got a pitch where we will display and give out Bibles, tracts, booklets, DVDs, etc. I aim to be there for the whole day, starting at about 10.00 till 17.00. I would be grateful if anyone can spare an hour or two to help. Many thanks.

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 and with the heat.

Please pray for God to raise up workers in His Harvest
in all the countries we are supporting as well as here in Monmouth.

Pray for the Holiday Bible Club at our church from the 10th to the 14th of August.
Also pray for Beach Missions, Summer Camps and Holiday Bible Clubs in other places.
Pray for Steph Price working with Initiatives in Christian Education.

BBQ

Norton Baptist Chapel

Saturday September 5th

At 3pm

All Welcome

Please e mail [anne.e.sheppard@gmail](mailto:anne.e.sheppard@gmail.com) if you would like to attend.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Harvest Service	September 27th
Lee Abbey – Ladies’ Retreat weekend –	October 2nd – 4th
Jesus the evidence	October 4th 6:30pm
Church Anniversary weekend with guest John Funnell	October 24th - 25th

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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