



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 3rd August 2025

“There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn't true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true.”
Soren Kierkegaard

Welcome to this week's e-news!

Our Epic-Explorers Holiday club is nearly upon us! Please drop in if you can help with some art preparation for the Club on Friday especially (between 10am and 4pm), and Saturday (Between 10am and 2pm).

A lot of our regular activities are on the summer break, please check below.

We urgently need new volunteers to add to the Audio-Visual team. Please ask for details.

10:30am Morning Worship led by Jonathan. Proverbs 18: 10 - 25

‘Fools, family and friendship’

The service is followed by the Lord's Supper.

[Click here for Morning Worship](#)

6:00pm NO Links Youth Club

6:30pm Evening worship led by Jonathan. Jeremiah 23

‘False teachers and why they matter’

[Click here for Evening Worship](#)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Many clubs and activities are not running during the summer holidays.

MONDAY 4th August

No Art Fringe

TUESDAY 5th August

No Ladies' Bible Study

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.

WEDNESDAY 6th August

No Footprints

THURSDAY 7th August

No Ladies' Bible study

FRIDAY 8th August

10am-4pm Art preparation Drop-in for the Holiday Club –

No Men's Bible breakfast

No Ladies' Bible Study

SATURDAY 9th August

10am-2pm Holiday Club Set-up

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

SUNDAY 10th August

10:30am Morning worship led by Bert.

Phil. 1:27-2:11 Have the same mindset as Jesus

6:30pm Evening worship led by Jonathan.

Jeremiah 24 – Gardening for good and bad fruit in our lives.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

URGENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We urgently need more volunteers to help fund our Audio-Visual system. You don't need prior knowledge and there's training available. Without new volunteers we will not be able to stream services or use the video screen in some of the services. Please speak to Jonathan if you'd like to help, or just to find out more.



HOLIDAY CLUB

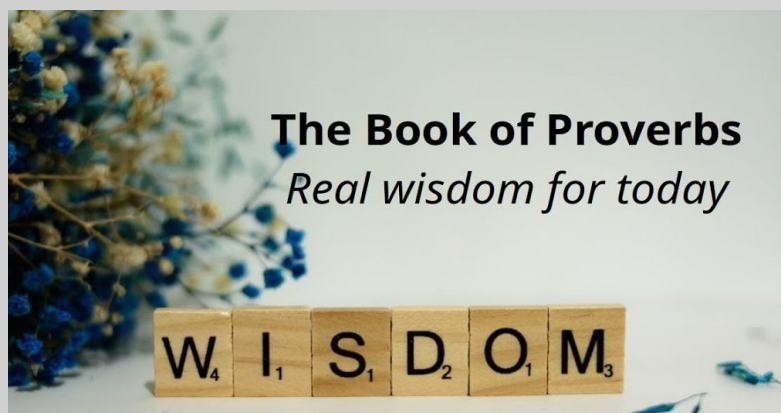
The Club will run each morning from 11th to 15th August for primary age children. Leaders and young leaders will be needed to run the club each morning.

Please let Jonathan know if you can help.
Booking here <https://bit.ly/406DHOc>

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.

SUNDAY MORNINGS – Real Wisdom for Today



We resume our series listening to God from the book of Proverbs. God's Ancient Word – real wisdom for today!

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 13th and 14th

Saturday 13th 7:30pm "What is success" with Puddings and Desserts

Sunday 14th 10:30am Does my life have a Purpose?

Sunday 14th 6:30pm Can we find Hope today?

WALES LEADERSHIP FORUM WOMEN'S EVENTS

EQUIP '25

Thursday 2nd 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.

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Pray for the staff and students affected by the sudden closure of Spurgeon Baptist College, after 169 years of work training people for Baptist Ministry.

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

Pray for the Epic Explorers Holiday Club.

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

WORLD FOCUS

SRI LANKA

In Sri Lanka there is increasing intolerance of Buddhism towards other faiths. Christians were preparing to hold a worship meeting at the home of Pastor Shashi in Ududumbara, a town with a predominantly Buddhist population (more than 91%). There are no church buildings, mosques, or Hindu temples in the area, as the local Buddhist monks do not permit any other religious group to operate. The monks surrounded the house and demanded that the church cease its activities. The police soon arrived but dispersed the believers, warning them not to proceed with the service, as a group was planning to surround them and cause unrest. This hostility seems to have been stirred by a recent revival in the church with many non-Christians beginning to attend the services.

Church officials are planning to meet the local authorities to resolve the situation.

As a temporary measure, the Christians plan to hire a bus to travel 30 miles to a church service in Kandy.

Pray:- Pray that Pastor Sashi and his congregation will receive the Lord's protection, guidance and strength at this tense time. Pray that their faith will remain resolute, fixed on the Lord Jesus, and that the Lord's work will grow from strength to strength.

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.

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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