



Sunday 3rd May 2026

"Four things let us ever keep in mind: God hears prayer, God heeds prayer, God answers prayer, and God delivers by prayer."

E. M. Bounds

Welcome to this week's e-news.

We have a baptism service and infant thanksgiving today, and another baptism service on 31st May. If you'd like to explore baptism or Church Membership, please let us know. Pray for Phil and for Nic as they take these steps of faith.

Have you signed up for Churchbox – our online fellowship directory and a good way to connect with the e-news? You can sign up here:

<https://monmouthbc.churchbox.co.uk/login> and if you need help there's a Saturday morning where people are offering to help – just come along.

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 Jonathan. The service includes a baptism and infant blessing. 2Timothy 1:6-14 "fan into flame the gift of God"

Bert is at Pandy.

6:00pm Links Youth Club

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Jonathan. Jeremiah 36

'Confronting the powers of the world'

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 4th May

7:00pm Art Fringe

Tuesday 5th May

Teens and Tweens at Gloucestershire – see notice below

9:45 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study (at Jo's)

10:30 – 11:30am Tuesday Coffee at Claire and Bob's tea rooms

3.00pm Men's Coffee at Claire and Bob's tea rooms

7:30pm Small group fellowships. Please ask for your nearest group.

WEDNESDAY 6th May

9:30 – 11:30am Footprints

THURSDAY 7th May

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

FRIDAY 8th May

7:30am Men's Bible Breakfast. 8:00am for the study.

Gal 6:11-18 *A new Creation*

9:30 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study (at Church led by Cat)

SATURDAY 9th May

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

SUNDAY 10th May

10:30am Morning Worship led by Jonathan. Romans 6 The Victorious Life
The service is followed by the Lord's Supper. Bert is at Blaenavon.

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Jonathan. Jer 37 The risk of telling truth

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

MONMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING and AGM

The next Church Meeting, which includes the AGM, is due to be held on Tuesday 12th May at 7:30pm. All welcome to attend but only members are able to vote.

The meeting will include the election of deacons. James Endicott; Richard McLachlan; Mike North and Liz Simon have been nominated to serve as deacons. Please prayerfully consider this matter.

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! The next baptism services are scheduled for 3rd May and 31st May.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT DROP-IN

Saturday 16th May at 9:30 – 11:30am : Monthly Technical Support drop-in

Friends from church will be offering advice and guidance on the most common worries people may have about their device and technology (such as “how do I use WhatsApp, how to spot a scam email, how to register for Churchbox, how to protect my email account, etc). Available to the MBC fellowship monthly on a Saturday morning in the Centenary room. First date – **16th May starting at 9:30am**. Coffee and tea will be served. Please bring any devices (phone, laptop, tablet) with you when you come. Advice is given to the extent of our ability, out of love for the fellowship, and a disclaimer will therefore be provided. If you are interested in being part of this Tech Support Team, please contact James Endicott.

MEN'S BREAKFAST PLAN SUMMER 2026

		Leader:	Bible Passage
Apr	17	JAMES	Gal 5:1-15 Freedom in Christ
	24	RICHARD McL	Gal 5:16-26 Freedom in the Spirit
May	01	ANDREW S	Gal 6:1-10 Living in the Spirit
	08	JG	Gal 6:11-18 A new Creation
	15	BERT	Mat 16:13-28 Jesus & Peter
	22	ALAN	Mat 17:1-13 Transfiguration
	29	<i>Schools Half Term - no meeting</i>	
Jun	05	??	Mat 17:14-27 Coming down
	12	??	Mat 18:1-14 The Kingdom 1
	19	TIM	Mat 18:15-35 The Kingdom 2
	26	??	Mat 19:1-12 Divorce
Jul	03	??	Mat 19:13-30 Disciples?
	10	??	Mat 20:1-16 Workers



Gloucester, 5th May

Tweens and Teens: What every parent needs to know, is an event for mums, dads and carers, designed to offer hope and help through the turbulence of those hormone-fuelled years.

It's packed with practical advice and strategies to help parents feel better equipped to come alongside their child as they try and establish their identity, assert their independence and find their place in the world.

Find out more and book your tickets: cff.org.uk/tweens

WORLD FOCUS

PAKISTAN

They cry for justice – but nobody listens, nobody hears. Nobody except for the Lord. And now, YOU.

Maria, a 13-year-old Pakistani Christian, was taken away from her family in June last year by a man more than twice her age. She was forced to change her religion to Islam, and to marry the man who abducted her. Maria's distraught parents reported this crime to the police, to no avail. Disgustingly, a local court decided to award custody of Maria to her abductor. Worse, in March this year, the Federal Constitutional Court upheld this appalling decision. The family will now appeal to the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Maria's case is just one example of the injustices that face so many of our brothers and sisters in Pakistan. Abductions, child marriage, forced conversion, false "blasphemy" allegations, property theft. Christians in Pakistan are an oppressed, voiceless minority.

Pray:- Father God, we pray for our brothers and sisters in Pakistan who experience such injustice. We cry out to You for Maria and her parents and others like her, asking that the family will be reunited soon. Please grant justice in this and other cases, because we ask it in our Saviour's Name.

Simon Beber

DATES FOR THE DIARY

CVM – The Gathering, Men’s Festival – June 26th – 28th.

Lee Abbey – Ladies’ Retreat weekend – October 2nd – 4th

Tracts

There are tracts on the table in the foyer. We have purchased them for anyone to take and use in their personal evangelism.

Sometimes it can be difficult to strike up a conversation about Christ and even trepidation about doing so. But handing someone a tract can be an icebreaker to further conversation or simply leaving them with something they can read in their own time.

Please do use them.

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.

Pray for the Senedd and Local elections that God would be kind and lead us to the leaders we need.

Pray for a number of people in the church who have had falls, are in hospital or having treatment at the moment.

Please pray for Phil who is being baptised today and for Nic getting baptised on 31st May.

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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