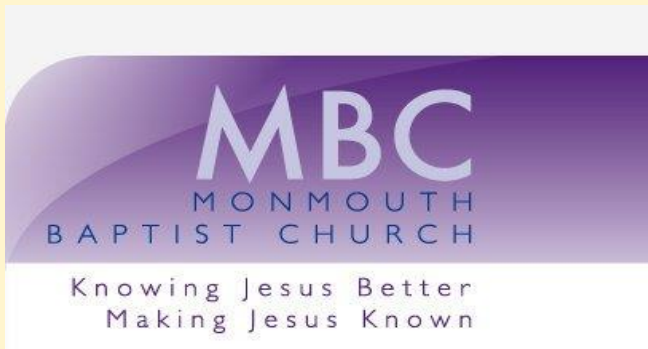




Our Sunday services are usually streamed live on the internet and video recorded. For GDPR purposes, it is presumed that people attending are happy to appear in it. If you would prefer not to, please feel free to sit near the back centre or back left as facing the front of the church which does not appear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

Sunday 6th September 2026

Rest time is not waste time. It is economy to take care of the vessel. C H Spurgeon

Welcome to this week's e-news.

May God bless all who've had an opportunity to take some rest over the summer time. Jonathan started back this week following his sabbatical, for which he'd like to thank the church. It has been a restful and refreshing time. There's a bit more information to report at this week's church meeting.

If you're a church member there will be some important issues to discuss and vote on, at Tuesday evening's Member's Meeting, so please prayerfully attend if you can.

Sunday morning's service is promotion Sunday for our young people starting year 7 and we will look at the marks of a healthy church. What can we be sure of in a changing and uncertain world? As a follow on from our studies in Hebrews, Sunday evenings will help us explore things the Bible says we can be certain of.

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. Luke 24:36-53 The Marks of a Healthy Church. The service is followed by the Lord's Supper.

Bert is at Edington.

6:00pm Links youth fellowship starts back

**6:30pm Evening Worship led by Jonathan. Be sure your sins will find you out.
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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 7th September

7:00pm The Art Fringe

TUESDAY 8th September

9:45 – 11:30am 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 Church Meeting and Fellowship Forum

WEDNESDAY 9th September

9:30 – 11.30am Footprints

THURSDAY 10th September

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

FRIDAY 11th September

7.30 – 8:30am Men's breakfast and Bible study

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

SATURDAY 12th September

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

SUNDAY 13th September

10:30am Morning Worship led by Jonathan.

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Jonathan.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

STUDENT PLACEMENT

A few weeks ago we were offered the opportunity to become a placement Church for a Student minister, starting at Bristol Baptist College this September. The Church has been praying about ministry opportunities this year, and we will discuss it in our September Church Meeting.

In the meantime Josh has met Jonathan and Bert, and, with Julie and their 4 children (between 11 to 7 years old) they have already visited us in August. They will be coming again on Sunday 6th September so we can meet them as a fellowship. We will have an opportunity to briefly hear from him in the service, and meet the family afterwards.

CHURCH MEETING AND FELLOWSHIP FORUM

The next Church Meeting is on 8th September at 7:30pm. All welcome to attend.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Dear Church, as we all know, door wedges are in use in church. It has been brought to our attention that the use of door wedges to keep fire doors open is dangerous and should be avoided. The decision has been made that we remove them. This will happen shortly but, in the meantime, please only use a fire door as instructed (they all have information signs telling you permissible use). Apologies for the inconvenience but it is essential that we maintain the fire regulations in place in our church.

Jeff Bowman

OPERATION MOBILISATION

'Waves of Hope' visit of the Logos to Cardiff Bay from the 11th to the 27th of September.

After another look at the very helpful website

<https://www.uk.om.org/waves-of-hope-cardiff>

I found that the only event that is fully booked is the John Lennox one. For all the others there is still room. I suggest that the best way forward is for individuals, families and small groups to organise their own trips to Cardiff. There are events for children (accompanied by adults!), Seniors, Welsh speakers, seminars, Men, Women and Young Adults. There are also guided tours for groups of 7. It is easy to book through the dedicated website.

Bert

There's also opportunity to go to the Wales Leadership Conference on engaging with culture, connected to the ship visit on Friday 25th and then some other events. Details and booking below.

7pm, Friday 25th September
"Bringing the Hope of the Gospel to our Culture"
OM Logos Hope, Cardiff Bay

9am, Saturday 26th September
Glenwood Church, Cardiff

7:30pm, Thursday 1st October
Jesus Meets Us On The Journey
An evening event for women
Thornhill Church, Cardiff (& online)

BOOK HERE: [Click here](#)

WORLD FOCUS

VIETNAM

On August 5th, Pastor Y Nuen Ayun, 59, was charged with and sentenced for the crime of “undermining the policy of national unity” by the People’s Court of Dak Lak province. His sentence is 7.5 years imprisonment plus 4 years’ probation after his release. The authorities accused him of using the Central Highlands Protestant Church of Christ as a cover for activities that violated national security. These activities were supposedly for the purpose of setting up a separate religious entity for ethnic minorities that would operate outside government control and ultimately create a “separate state”. His lawyer argued that establishing and leading a church, preaching, helping followers to develop spiritually, and organising worship online and at meeting places, do not indicate any plan to oppose the government. The church has said that members have faced police harassment and questioning since the church was founded and their only intention is to practise their faith under Vietnam’s Constitution and Law on Belief and Religion.

Pray:- Ask that Pastor Ayun will know the Lord’s strength and presence in the challenging days ahead and pray that his family will receive support to sustain them. Pray that the church will draw renewed resolve from the Holy Spirit to grow in faith and enable God’s work in Vietnam to advance mightily. Pray for a successful appeal.

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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Harvest Service

September 27th

Lee Abbey – Ladies’ Retreat weekend –

October 2nd – 4th

Jesus the evidence -Invitation

October 4th 7:30pm

Church Anniversary weekend with guest John Funnell

October 24th - 25th

CREATION CONFERENCE
PROFESSION STUART BURGESS

Emeritus Professor of Engineering Design – Bristol University

- 200 + publications on engineering and biological design
- Lead Transmission Designer for the British Olympic Cycling Team
- UK Mechanical Engineer of the year 2019

SATURDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 10:30 – 3.30pm

MOUNT OF OLIVES CHURCH

Eastbourne Crescent, Coleford, Glos, GL16 8BS

- Talk one – The importance of creation doctrine in education and the church
- Talk two – Why the human back is a design masterpiece and defies evolution
- Q & A session
- Day One bookstall

FREE ENTRY - LIGHT LUNCH PROVIDED

For more details: T: 01594 240048 E: info@gloscreation.org.uk

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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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