



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 7th December 2025

“Prayer is the way and means God has appointed for the communication of the blessings of His goodness to His people.”

—Arthur W. Pink

Welcome to this week's e-news.

There's a new opportunity to pray, with some short, focused meetings as we lead up to Christmas, continuing this Sunday at 9:30am in the Centenary room.

Please make the most of the Christmas outreach and join in if you can, why not invite a friend? Use our facebook events to like and share.

9:30am Prayer meeting in the Centenary room.

10:30am Morning Worship led by Bert. 1 Corinthians 3: 18 – 4:21

‘The kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.

The service is followed by the Lord's Supper. (Jonathan is at Pandy)

[Click here for morning service](#)

6:00pm Links Youth Club in the Centenary room.

6:30pm Evening worship led by Bert & Jonathan.

Jeremiah 34: 1 – 22. Waiting for a ruler who keeps his word.

[Click here for evening service](#)

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 8th December

7:00pm Art Fringe

TUESDAY 9th December

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

10:30 – 11:30am Tuesday Coffee at Claire and Bob's Tea room

**3:00pm Men's Coffee – at Claire and Bob's Tea room
(including Bible study)**

**7:30pm Midweek Fellowship. "The 12 ways of Christmas" – Exploring
sharing Jesus at Christmas time.**

WEDNESDAY 10th December

9:30 – 11:30am Footprints

2:00pm Carols at Ganarew Nursing Home

THURSDAY 11th December

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

7:30pm Festival Choir Practice

FRIDAY 12th December

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

9:30 – 11:00am Ladies' Bible Study (at Church led by Cat)

SATURDAY 13th December

2:00pm Serving Our Streets. Meet at MBC.

SUNDAY 14th December

10:30am Morning Worship led by led by Andrew Symes. Titus 2:11-3:8

5:30pm Carol Service with Usk Town Band at MBC.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

CAROLS at CARE HOMES

I am looking for a group of willing carol singers. We shall be visiting Gibraltar Care Home on Wednesday 3rd December at 2:00pm, and Ganarew Nursing Home on 10th December at 2:00pm.

And Rockfield Community Centre 16th December at 2pm-2:30pm

Please let me know if you can come to any of these outreach events.

Many thanks.

Bert Weenink

SAMUEL'S HOPE

Once again, in memory of our son Samuel, we will be distributing the Christian devotional book, 'Indescribable' by Louie Giglio, to 240 year 3 pupils in schools across Monmouthshire.

Samuel was keen that his friends would know Jesus, and gifting these books is a way we can continue his 'work'.

If you'd like to donate please send a bank transfer to MBC with the reference 'Samuel's Hope'.

Monmouth Baptist Church

Sort code - 20 00 85

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Thank you so much for your support,

Jim and Cat Barker

LADIES NEEDED TO HELP IN SCHOOLS

Would you be willing to give an hour in the week to help run some of the children's clubs in schools with Jonathan? We need someone to help on a Wednesday lunchtime (Between 12:30 and 1:30 and Thursdays 3:20 to 4:30pm. Would need to be a woman and willing to do the DBS checks and safeguarding training.

MONMOUTH BAPTIST FESTIVAL CHOIR

An invitation to anyone who would like to learn a couple of special items for the Sunday 21st December 5pm service, (and possibly, residential homes). No need to be able to read music. Please let Jonathan know. Rehearsals 6pm to 7pm on Thursday 11 December

And 6pm to 7pm on Thursday 18 December. (And at 4pm Sunday 21st)

Ask or use the link to join the Whatsapp group for details.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FpL4unXbKFM90dl8D7gAPQ>

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH AND CELEBRATIONS

Over the next few weeks we will be updating this spot with more details of our Christmas outreach and services.

Sunday 14th 5:00pm

Saturday 20th Dec Time TBC

Carol Service with Usk Town Band at MBC

The Christmas Experience

Sunday 21st Dec 10:30am
5:00pm

All-Age Nativity service
Christmas Special– Christmas across the centuries
and features the Monmouth Baptist Festival Singers.
'God with us' All age celebration

Thursday 25th 9:30-10:15

CHRISTMAS GIVING –

Tamara in Moldova and the Swartz Family in Princeton USA

At this time of year, we often send a gift to Tamara Bucur in Moldova. Since 1996 she has started a church in her village that has a special focus on preaching the Gospel and sharing it in action through helping the elderly and children. She has facilitated building a church centre, and also cares for 9 children who are orphaned. If you'd like to contribute to a church gift, please make an online gift to the church and put "Tamara" in the reference, or in a marked envelope in the church offering.

There's also opportunity to do the same, through the church, if you'd like to make a gift to the Swartz family and their new church plant, St Andrew's as part of the Anglican Newtwork at Princeton. Again, please use "Swartz" for a special gift in your reference or envelope.

WORLD FOCUS

NIGERIA & MOZAMBIQUE

Q. Why is there so much bad news about these countries?

A. Because the Islamic terrorists are particularly targeting Christians and seeking to impose Islam across the northern and increasingly middle Africa.

Nigeria - 303 pupils and 12 teachers were abducted from a Christian boarding school in Niger State. Fifty of the pupils have since escaped. This is similar to the kidnapping of 276 girls from a boarding school in April 2014 by Islamist extremists. Around 160 of those girls have subsequently escaped, been rescued or released.

Nigeria - Thirty-eight Christians were abducted by Fulani Islamist extremists who attacked Christ Apostolic Church, Eruku, on 18 November, killing three of the congregation. Those abducted have since been rescued by the security forces.

Mozambique - At least 22 Christians have been killed in the past month by Islamic State Mozambique (IS-M), which has been waging an insurgency in the region since 2017. IS-M have killed more than 1,800 Christians since 2017.

Pray:- Ask the Lord to intervene to protect His people. Pray that there will be peace for all people in the region, especially vulnerable Christians. Give thanks for the rescue of the 38 worshippers and ask that they will recover swiftly from the trauma of their ordeal. Pray that the 250+ abducted Christian schoolchildren and teachers will escape or be rescued and reunited with their families soon.

Simon Beber

PRAYER REQUESTS

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for our town, for its beauty and community.

We pray for all whose homes, livelihoods and community spaces have been affected by the devastation of the flooding. We pray for their strength, wisdom, resilience and comfort.

We thank you for the outpouring of generosity and for all who have shown the servant-heartedness of Jesus in this time of need, whether near or far, neighbour or stranger, emergency services or community agencies.

May your presence and guidance be with us as we pass through the waters. Please help us, as our community is restored, to be good stewards of Your resources and to seek your grace and love.

We pray in the name of Jesus our Lord and Saviour, Amen

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.*

Isaiah 43:2

Please let us know if you would like the fellowship to pray for you.
Please pray for those who have health difficulties, and for those who find Christmas a
challenging time

Continue to pray for the Middle East and for a just peace in Ukraine.

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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