



Week Commencing

Sunday 9th May 2021

Hello Everyone!

Welcome to this week's e-news.

We continue to invite everyone to join us live on YouTube, and use the live chat or whatsapp to say hello. This morning we are pleased to welcome folk who are attending the morning service in person.

If you'd like to **attend in person** on 9th May there may be room – please contact us direct. We would like to encourage as many people as possible to attend in person on Sunday 16th, and the church picnic to meet Andrew Hubbard. Please use the link in the email with the e-news to say if you can come. Or contact us direct. We will email to confirm nearer to the Sunday that there's room to attend.

If you attend in person, please striving help us follow the Government guidelines by maintaining 2m distancing, and not singing or socialising on the premises.

Once again, please note this week the details about the **upcoming AGM**, and **Andrew Hubbard's** visit on 16th May. Also, an exciting initiative for local primary aged children called **Key to Life**.

Would you like **a pastoral chat**? We are now permitted to meet out-doors or in gardens and I'd be very happy to fix up a time to catch up if you'd like to. Please let me know.

For after church fellowship and midweek meetings **we are now using Zoom**.

Here are this week's quick links - just click the link to go to the right page:



[Click here for Morning Worship](#)

[Click here for Evening Worship](#)

Visit our **YOUTUBE CHANNEL** for past services. You can also just follow the links from Facebook as well as from here on our website www.Monmouthbaptistchurch.org.uk.

SUNDAY 9th May

10.30am Morning Worship led by Morgan - Zechariah 1

What to do when challenges seem so big.
With Sunday Club for Primary Age Children

(Jonathan is at Norton)

11:45am After Church Fellowship.

Join us on zoom with your own cuppa for a chat after church.

[Click here for zoom](#) Meeting ID: 687 132 725 Passcode: mbc1818

6.30pm Evening Fellowship led by Jonathan - 1 John 2

Knowing we know Jesus

Can you help?

Please say "hello" and use the live chat / comments on the YouTube live-stream.

Thank you to those who have sent videos or offered to read. If you would be willing to record yourself leading prayers, or willing to do the Bible reading, or share a testimony of something God has done in your life, please tell me or send me your video.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY 11th May 7.30pm AGM and Deacons' Election

All are welcome to attend this online meeting on Zoom.

*Join Zoom Meeting (Monmouth Baptist AGM; May 11, 2021 07:30 PM) [AGM link](#)
Meeting ID: 823 700 8057 Passcode: mbc123*

It is also possible to access the meeting by telephone (although members attending by phone will not be able to vote):

Telephone Zoom: 0330 088 5830 or 0208 080 6592

Meeting ID: 823 700 8057

Passcode: 616184

FRIDAY 14th May

8:00 am Men's Online Bible Breakfast

[Men's Breakfast Bible Study Link](#) Zoom Meeting ID: 758 7733 0496 Password:
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SUNDAY 16th May *Please use the email link to indicate if you would like to attend in person.*

10:30am Morning Worship led by Andrew Hubbard. *"Blessed by the Lord,"*

Luke24:36-53

Church picnic on Chippenham field. Please tell us if you intend to come so we can keep to regulations.

6:30pm Evening Fellowship led by Andrew Hubbard.

“The Worship of Heaven” Revelation 4

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Ladies’ Bible Study

Is now meeting in two separate groups on Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:45 -11:15am for each. For those interested in coming along, please contact Katie Swartz at katharine.swartz@gmail.com

Phone calls and Neighbourhood groups

If there are any particular needs, please let me know directly and I will ask through whatsapp etc if needed. Especially look out for people in your local neighbourhood group. If you’d like to belong to a neighbourhood group, please let me know and I will connect you to one. If you are in regular contact with someone in the fellowship by phone, please let Maureen Vandervelden know.

COMING SOON



Tuesday 11th May 7.30pm AGM and Deacons’ Election All are welcome to attend this online AGM on Zoom.

Please pray about the three people nominated to serve as deacons – Elizabeth Alderson, April Wiggins and Helen Hopkins.

SERVING THE LORD IN THE FELLOWSHIP

We are so thankful for those who have served in different ways in the fellowship over the years. This year we are looking for volunteers who would be able to:

1. Oversee the regular cleaning of the church building
2. Oversee the Kitchen management when re-starting
3. Co-ordinate Tuesday Coffee when it begins again.

Please let Jonathan know if you’d like more information about these roles, or are interested in serving the Lord in these ways.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR UPDATE – Sunday 16th May

On Sunday 16th May, Andrew will be leading our services in the morning and evening. We would like as many people as possible to have the chance to be in these services in person, and to meet him and Terri afterwards. The morning service will be followed by a church picnic on Chippenham field, in order to meet Andrew and will include a short



interview, with informal conversations. Numbers will be limited to 30, so we will be asking for people to indicate which services and sessions they intend to come to. We will hold another meeting later in the afternoon if needed.

We are especially praying this opportunity will help us to discern God's wisdom and guidance about whether we should be taking things further with Andrew.



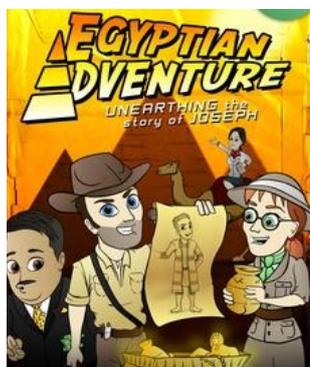
MIDWEEK FOCUS "RESET" Resumes 18th May

RESET is a series of discussion videos based on interviews with leading cultural analysts and Biblical scholars led by Glen Scrivener from Speak Truth. These include historian and presenter Paul Holland, author and journalist Douglas Murray; and people who have shared in our own meetings including Mathematician John Lennox, and

Philosopher Kristi Mair. These discussion starters show how much of our culture is influenced by the Bible and, how its deepest questions are still answered by Jesus today. In order to have time for discussion, we will start these meetings at 7.30pm, and lead into discussion until 8.30pm when we will pray together.

KEY TO LIFE -7th – 11th June For Primary aged children

In partnership with Cliff Swartz, chaplain at the Haberdashers' schools, Monmouth Baptist Church are able to host an award winning multimedia mobile experience which helps children explore the life of Jesus and what Christians believe. The Mobile centre, set up by CountiesUK will be at Osbaston Primary school, and a number of Key Stage 2 children from across the town will be able to visit it, covid safe, a class at a time. Please pray for the effectiveness of their visits. It costs approximately £50 per class to use the resource. If you'd like to contribute, please send your donation via the church (Details below), indicating "KeyToLife".



AN EGYPTIAN ADVENTURE – Unearthing the Life of Jesus. **Mornings 26th - 30th July**

We are considering running a holiday club for primary aged children in the second week of school holidays. Could you give your time to help during the week? We need actors, group leaders, and construction teams. You will need to have a DBS and safeguarding training which we can provide in advance. Please let Jonathan know if you're interested.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please let us know if you have any prayer requests for the fellowship to pray for you.

- Please remember people in the fellowship who are having a difficult time with health or other needs. Thank the Lord for those who have made recoveries from recent illness. Please especially remember Martin Lloyd following his recent new diagnosis.

- For some of the school work beginning again over the coming weeks.
- Pray for the Ministry of SOS on our streets ministering to Young people on Saturday evenings.
- Pray for the Key to Life Exhibition coming soon to local schools, and for the Good-News work among children and young people in our town.
- Pray for the Church Meeting and AGM – that God would guide our discussions.

WORLD FOCUS

Advice from pastor Pete Greig on how to pray about the Covid 19 crisis in India –

4 Ps:

PEOPLE SUFFERING. Those in hospital with Covid-19. Those sick at home. Those suddenly bereaved. ~ 'Mourn with those who mourn'. (Rom.12:15)

PHYSICIANS, nurses & key workers labouring every waking moment under impossible conditions. ~ 'He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.' (Is.40:29)

POLITICIANS rolling out the vaccine, trying to support hospitals, businesses and hold the nation together. ~ 'I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all those in authority'. (1 Tim 2:1-2)

PASTORS + PRIESTS leading churches through this crisis, facing unprecedented challenges alongside unprecedented opportunities to proclaim the hope of the gospel. ~ 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers.' (Lk 10:2)

JOB OPPORTUNITY – Abergavenny Foodbank Foodbank Manager

We are looking to appoint a Foodbank Development Manager, who is passionate about tackling food poverty in the Abergavenny area. Due to the recent Covid pandemic there has been an increased need and we are looking for an enthusiastic and visionary person to take this forward. This will include developing the vision and strategy for the Foodbank, as well as managing the operational delivery of the Foodbank services. The manager is responsible to the Trustees of Abergavenny Baptist Church. The Foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust network of food banks.

Closing Date: 18th May 2021 at 12 p.m. Interviews for short listed candidates will be held on 25th May 2021. **For more details click here:**

<https://www.facebook.com/AbergavennyBaptist/posts/4117812244954833>

For an application form please email Huw Morgan, the church secretary, at abergavennybaptistchurch@gmail.com

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 tax payer, we can arrange for Gift Aid to claim tax back.

You can also give online at www.give.net/monmouthbc.

Thank you again for giving to the Lord's work here.

If you know anyone in the fellowship in financial need, please contact Jonathan.

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