



Week Commencing

Sunday 16th 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. Today we are pleased to welcome folk who are attending the morning and evening services in person. Please Join us on Chippenham field after Church for a picnic, and to meet Andrew and Terrie Hubbard after church, weather permitting.

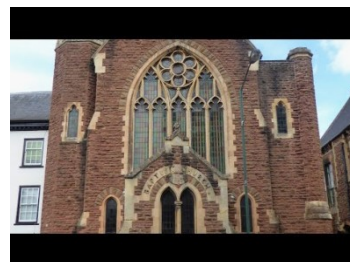
If you'd like to **attend in person** this Sunday (16th May) there may be room in the evening – please contact us direct.

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

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 16th May

10.30am Morning Worship led by Andrew Hubbard
"Blessed by the Lord," Luke ch 24: 36 - 53

Church picnic on Chippenham field.

6.30pm Evening Fellowship led by Andrew Hubbard

The Worship of Heaven: Revelation ch 4

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 18th May

7:30pm Midweek focus 'Reset' followed by fellowship prayer at 8:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8237008057?
pwd=OXZHRnl3UU4xL01zNzRKN08xYk9OUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8237008057?pwd=OXZHRnl3UU4xL01zNzRKN08xYk9OUT09)

Meeting ID: 823 700 8057

Passcode: mbc123

WEDNESDAY 22nd May

Wyesham Brigade

FRIDAY 21st May

8:00am Men's Online Bible Breakfast

[Men's Breakfast Bible Study Link](#) Zoom Meeting ID: 758 7733 0496 Password:
1kings2v2

SUNDAY 23rd May *Please use the email link to indicate if you would like to attend in person.*

10:30am Morning Worship led by Jonathan: "Rebuild" Zechariah 2

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 1John 2

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

Our Daily Bread

Copies of the latest edition can be found in the church foyer. We also have new copies of the Good News Paper in the foyer stand to read or give to neighbours.

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.

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.
4. Replacing posters on the Church notice Boards outside

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.



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. Please pass on your thoughts to Jonathan or to David Adams



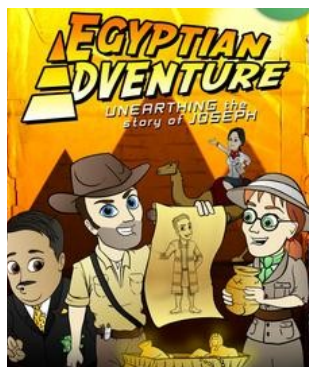
MIDWEEK FOCUS "RESET" resumes 18th May

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.
- Special prayer request from Nazareth Bible College:

Please stand with us in prayer. Dear brothers and sisters,

In the past week Israel has been going through a very difficult time. As Palestinian citizens of Israel we too are experiencing serious challenges in our culture. There is a lot of turmoil and demonstrations causing a general feeling of insecurity and fear. There has been a lot of hatred and civil violence taking place all over

the country. It has become increasingly difficult to live together as one community consisting of both Arabs and Jews. Considering this reality, we are seeking special prayer for the following requests:

First, please pray for peace in our **communities**. Our cities are no longer safe. Violence can erupt at any moment and innocent people can be hurt.

Second, please pray for our **students**. Some of them live in dangerous areas, and they are no longer able to study or to live in a normal way.

Third, please pray for our **peacemaking** programs and our Peace Center so that we will be able to be effective in spreading the peace of God during these difficult times. Pray that our activities, classes, and articles will accomplish their goals in spreading peace as well as creating peacemakers. Pray that God will send us more partners who can join us in spreading the peace of Jesus Christ among both Palestinians and Israelis.

Fourth, pray that God will bring social and political **peace** for both Palestinians and Israelis.

Yours, Rev. Azar Ajaj Please join our Facebook page for updates and prayer needs as they arise

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WORLD FOCUS

In Pakistan, Christians form approximately 2-3% of the population. They are generally despised, live in great poverty and are employed in low-paid, dirty, low-status and often dangerous jobs. Justice in the courts is rare due to great discrimination, even by the police and judges. Hundreds of Christian girls and women are kidnapped each year and forcibly converted to Islam and/or married to Muslim men. Pakistan's notorious "blasphemy" laws are often used to make false accusations against Christians and even stating one's Christian beliefs is construed as blasphemy. Currently about 22 Christians are on death row. Appeals are often postponed dozens of times.

However, the Prime Minister Imran Khan has renewed his commitment to religious tolerance and appointed a minister to oversee restraining the misuse of the blasphemy laws and to protect victims of false accusations.

Pray:- For Pakistani Christians to be willing to turn the other cheek - easy for us to pray but difficult for those who experience it first-hand. Pray for the Pakistan Prime Minister to see through his commitment to establish greater equality, tolerance and protection of minorities.

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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