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### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.  
Hebrews 10:24-25*

Welcome to this week's e news!

Please note some of the special meetings and events coming up soon. Please come to the AGM if you are able on Tuesday evening. All are welcome to attend.

On Sundays we have started two new series – in the morning we're exploring "Believe" in John's Gospel, and in the evening, the Life and Times of Nehemiah, in his book, and the prophecy of Malachi – to explore what faithful discipleship looks like.

#### **10:30am Morning Worship led by Morgan. Stay-In Sunday for Juniors**

**John 7:37 – 44 'Living Water'. (Jonathan is at Norton)**

[Click here for Morning Service](#)

#### **6:00pm Links Youth Fellowship**

#### **6:30pm Evening Worship led by Jonathan**

**Malachi 1: 1 – 5 'Does God really love me?'**

[Click here for Evening Service](#)

# THE WEEK AHEAD

## MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> May

7:00 – 9:00pm Art Fringe

## TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> May

9:45 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study

10:30am – Tuesday Coffee – at The Malthouse.

3:00pm - Men's Coffee – at COFFI LAB

7:30pm – **CHURCH MEETING AND AGM** all welcome. See notice below.

## WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> May

9 :30 – 11:30am Footprints

5:00pm Brigade for girls

## THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> May

7:00pm Deacons

## FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> May

7:30am Men's Bible Breakfast

8:00am for the Study

9:30 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study

6:30 – 9:00pm Board Games Café

## SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> May

10:30am Morning Worship led by Jonathan.

Romans 5:1-8 Knowing the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The service will include a presentation from Stephanie Price who works in schools with ICE Wales.

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Links Youth club and Morgan.

Mark 8:27-38 What is Discipleship? (Jonathan is at Longtown)

# FELLOWSHIP NEWS

## CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next Church Meeting, which includes the AGM, is due to be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm. All welcome to attend.

During this meeting Church members will elect deacons. The role of a deacon is to help serve the fellowship and encourage us to live out the mission God has given us. It is also a trusteeship role. Please prayerfully consider this matter. Elizabeth Alderson and Helen Hopkins have been nominated for re-election.

**Centenary Room. Monmouth Baptist  
Church. Friday 17th May.**

## ACROSS THE BOARD

**"Switch Off, Drop In,  
Boards Out"**



**Bring a friend, bring your own game or learn a new  
game with experienced players on hand to help get  
you started. Come anytime between:**

**6:30- 9PM**

**COFFEE, TEA, HOT CHOCOLATE.  
CAKE & SAVOURY SNACKS**

## **GOD LOVES YOU TOUR – Concert and Message**

Saturday 15th June 6pm in Birmingham (Leaving Monmouth early afternoon).  
Franklin Graham tour supported by Michael W Smith (3-time Grammy winner) and Taya (ex-Hillsong). We're hoping to take a group from MBC (but people from other churches most welcome!) The event is free, and if we can get a coach then the coach would be free.  
Bring a friend, especially if they are seeking. There's a sign up sheet at the back of the church, or contact James or Amanda Endicott

## **COMING SOON: THE ROMANS COURSE**

Get to know Jesus better through this amazing book of the Bible. A Video based course in person on Thursday afternoon, and online on Monday evenings TBC.

## **OPEN AIR MISSION**

On May 25<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a team will be coming to share about their work in doing Open air talks and outreach with a book table. Anyone interested in finding out more is welcome. If you'd like to join the outreach itself a little later, please bring a packed lunch as well.

## **TOUGH TOPICS**

*Tuesdays 7:30pm in the Centenary Room*

(14<sup>th</sup> May AGM)

28<sup>th</sup> May Prayer Focus

11<sup>th</sup> June What happens when we die?

25<sup>th</sup> June Are there rewards in heaven?

(9<sup>th</sup> July Church Members Meeting)

23<sup>rd</sup> July God's love for SSM Couples

30<sup>th</sup> July How Should Christians vote?

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please let us know if you would like the fellowship to pray for you.

Thanks for praying for Kate: she returns home this weekend, and for praying for Barbara H whose fractured wrist is still in recovery.

For those recently bereaved, including Mo and Llinos.

Let's pray for our brothers and sisters at Norton, and for Ken who celebrates his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this weekend.

Please pray for Morgan as he visits churches seeking new ministry – especially in May. Please pray for the Lord to open the door to guide Morgan to his next step in Christian service.

***Pray for Israel and Palestine.***

***Pray for an end to the ongoing war in Ukraine.***

## WORLD FOCUS

### INDONESIA

Further to Bert's Sunday evening sermon (May 5th) on Nehemiah's prayer (a challenge to us all), read the following. When you have read it, read it again and be amazed at the sovereign grace and will of our God.

"This is a green area," said the local government leaders to Y, who was church planting in Java. Green is the colour of Islam, so this statement meant that they did not want any Christians or Christian activities in their area. Y reduced her ministry activities but did not stop. She reached the point where a building was needed for the Christians to meet, but Indonesian law requires approval from 60 non-Christian local households for a new church building.

The Christians prayed and fasted. Gathering her courage, Y began trying to collect the necessary signatures, even from the local government leaders who seemed to hate her. Much to her surprise, they all signed their agreement to the proposed Christian "house of prayer". Praise God for this.

Please pray for God's continued blessing and guidance on the growing congregation.

*Simon Beber*

## 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.

**Tennis** - Please speak to James Endicott to play at Monmouth Tennis Club's excellent facilities on Monmouth Sportsground; cost £4 per session for non-members (free for members).

**Football** - Jim Barker runs 5 a-side football sessions, currently fortnightly on a Friday at 7pm. If you are interested in joining, please speak to Jim or James Endicott to be added to the Football Whatsapp Group.

**Basketball** – Please ask for details.

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

You can also give online at [www.give.net/monmouthbc](http://www.give.net/monmouthbc).

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".

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