



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 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024

Welcome to this week's e-news!

We'd still be glad to have help with our Holiday Club if you are DBS and safeguarding checked. 10am Monday is the final setup for building and painting to which all are welcome! See below for details. Please pray for the Holiday Club and consider if some of the other needs in the Church are things you could help with – please check below.

Next Sunday evening Julia is witnessing to her faith in Jesus by being baptised. Please come and support her if you can. Would you like to know more about Baptism? Please ask for more information.

There are a number of new prayer requests this week, and we especially pray for the Swartz family as this Sunday is their last with us before taking up a new ministry planting a church in America.

**10:30am Morning Worship led by Jonathan & Cliff Swartz: John 10:22-42 Many believe in Jesus.**  
(followed by Church lunch. See notice below). (Morgan is at Saltford Evangelical Church)

[Click here for Morning Service](#)

**6:30pm Evening Worship led by Jonathan. Malachi 4:1-6 Pride and humility – preparing for the day of the Lord. (Morgan is at Saltford Evangelical Church.)**

The service is followed by the Lord's Supper.

[Click here for Evening Service](#)

# THE WEEK AHEAD

## MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> July

From 10am Scenery building and painting for Holiday Club.  
All help welcome.

7:00pm Romans' course on zoom – session 7 (Use Fellowship  
Zoom link at the end of the e-news)

## TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> July

No Ladies' Bible Study

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

3:00pm - Men's Coffee – at Coffi Lab

7:30pm – Midweek Fellowship 'What happens when we die?' And prayer  
for the holiday club.

## WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> July

9:30 – 1:30 Holiday Club 1<sup>st</sup> session

No Footprints

2:00pm Songs of Praise at Bridges Community Centre,  
followed by refreshments.

No Brigade for girls

## THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> July

1:00pm Romans' Course (in person in the Centenary Room) Session 8.

## FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> July

Men's Bible Breakfast – Living like the Church in Antioch.

No Ladies' Bible Study

## SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> July

3:00pm Serving Our Streets

## SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> July

10:30am Morning Worship led by Peter Milsom.  
(Jonathan is at Ewyas Harold, Morgan Blaina Evangelical Church)

6:30pm Believers Baptism Service led by Jonathan.  
(Morgan is at Blaina Evangelical Church)

# FELLOWSHIP NEWS

## FAREWELL

Today we say goodbye to the Swartz family. They go to a new ministry in America, with our love and prayers, and our deepest thanks to God for all they have done to honour the Lord Jesus and share Him with our community in Monmouth.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

To Caroline Swartz and Jacob who get married in Oxford on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July.  
We pray for God's blessing on their married life together.

## DATES OVER THE SUMMER

Footprints is only on Wed 31<sup>st</sup> July and 28<sup>th</sup> August.

Ladies' Bible study will not run through the summer but will resume on 10<sup>th</sup> September.

Sunday Club will be run as one joint group with a couple of leaders on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> August, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 25<sup>th</sup> August.

4<sup>th</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> September are All - Age Family Services.

## MBC Kitchen invites you to a Fellowship Lunch, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July

The MBC Kitchen Team invite you to a Fellowship Lunch after the morning service on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

We will be preparing a summer BBQ at this lunch with burgers (meat and vegetarian), sausages, chicken, roasted veg & halloumi - baps and wraps.

We would like to request assistance with vegetable side dishes, pasta creations and salads to support the BBQ meal.

As per usual, please could we ask for dessert donations too.

We are also wanting to ask for volunteers to assist with managing drinks, serving, clear up and setup for the dinner.

So that we can gather an idea of numbers for the lunch and list volunteers; please could you fill in this [online form](#) to confirm your attendance, who will be joining you, understand any food preferences/allergies and if you can contribute a dish or volunteer to help at the Fellowship lunch.

<https://forms.gle/du53nPQKmxDv4esh9>

If you have any questions, wish to RSVP by email or can volunteer to help on the day, please contact Rich at [rich.coltart@polzeathbay.com](mailto:rich.coltart@polzeathbay.com).

## HOLIDAY CLUB

Please let Jonathan know if you can help on any Wednesdays in the summer. We hope to run Sports Academy Going for Gold Holiday Club, 9:30am -1:30pm on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 31<sup>st</sup> July, 21<sup>st</sup> Aug and 28<sup>th</sup> Aug, with picnic lunch and sports day on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August.

Construction for the scenery will be 7:30pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and 10am on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July



## **Sports Academy Holiday Club**

Monmouth Baptist Church  
for Primary age children 5yrs+

Four Wednesdays

(24th July, 31st July, 21st Aug and 28th Aug.)

9:30am – 1:30pm

*(No Charge. Bring your lunch with you)*

Fun

Games

Magic

Puppets

Bible stories

Workout Songs



Pre-Book here:  
<https://tinyurl.com/4runbvt5>



Or goto  
[www.monmouthbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.monmouthbaptistchurch.org.uk)

*Byo picnic lunch and sports day on Sunday 4th August.  
All leaders DBS checked and safeguarding trained.*

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### **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

2 volunteers are needed to prepare the Lord's Supper for the morning service every 3rd month. Only 4 times a year!

Please message Mo on email: [maureen.vandervelden@btinternet.com](mailto:maureen.vandervelden@btinternet.com) or 07793361476 if you can help.

### **OUR DAILY BREAD**

Copies of Our Daily Bread (July to September) are available in the foyer. Free to anyone who wishes to have a copy.

*Fiona Beber*

### **MONMOUTH SHOW CHRISTIAN WITNESS**

Sunday 18th August - Monmouth Show Christian Witness

Volunteers needed for putting up and taking down the Marquee, and to help chat to visitors and serve teas in the daytime. *Volunteers need to pay for entry into the show.*

Tent goes up about 7.00am. Comes down when numbers fall, probably around 4pm.

Usual routine, with refreshments, puppets etc, Children's corner, stalls of Christian ministries, personal workers chatting to visitors.

Attendance was around 5,000 last year, apparently they are expecting 7,000+ this year.

Please contact Ian Roberts if you are able to help [ian.roberts@talktalk.net](mailto:ian.roberts@talktalk.net)

## THE ROMANS COURSE

Get to know Jesus better through this amazing book of the Bible. A Video based 10-week course with discussion: in person on Thursday afternoons, and online on Monday evenings. This week however, the online meeting is Wednesday.

Mondays 7:30pm on Zoom (Fellowship Link at the end of the e-news)

Thursdays 1pm in person in the Centenary Room

Please download your participant's Guide here: [participant's Guide](#)

## TOUGH TOPICS –

***Please note the change of dates and topics...***

*Tuesdays 7:30pm in the Centenary Room*

23<sup>rd</sup> July What happens when we die?

30th July Are there rewards in heaven?

27th August God's love for SSM Couples

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Please pray for Julia as she prepares for Baptism.

Please pray for the Holiday club preparations and the children who will come.

Please pray for Cliff, Katie, Anna and Charlotte as they prepare to move to USA to a new church planting ministry.

Pray for Caroline Swartz and Jacob who are getting married in Oxford on Saturday (27th)

Pray for our young people on camps during the summer.

Pray for those recently bereaved in our church and in the community, and people who are unwell or worried in the fellowship.

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

***Pray for Israel and Palestine and for an end to the ongoing war in Ukraine, and for Eritrea below.***

## WORLD FOCUS

### **ERITREA**

Eritrea has stepped up its campaign against Christians, arresting 218 in the past 12 months – some along with their children, 110 between January and May. This latest crackdown means that around 400 Christians are currently imprisoned – indefinitely, without trial or charge – because of their faith. Most of those recently arrested are being held at Mai Serewa prison, while others have been sent to jails around the country.

Eritrea, in the horn of Africa, is a single-party state headed by Isaias Afwerki. It has been described as the North Korea of Africa, such is its opposition to Christians and its social, political and religious intolerance.

**Pray:-** Pray either for the conversion of its president, Isaias Afwerki, or for a change of government. Pray for God's people in Africa's "North Korea". Pray that the gospel will continue to spread, resulting in a changed country.

*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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**Fellowship Zoom Meetings** please use this link for any zoom meetings taking place and

Church meetings: Join Zoom Meeting [click here](#)

Meeting ID: 878 9781 4017

Passcode: 563340