



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 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024

*Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;  
why do they roam?  
Love only waits to forgive and forget;  
home, weary wanderers, home!  
Wonderful love  
dwells in the heart of the Father above.  
Robert Walmsley*

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 or able to do some building or painting! See below for details. Thank you for praying for the school children and young people who visited the chapel the last couple of weeks. Please pray for the Holiday Club and consider if some of the needs in the church are things you could help with – please see below.

**10:30am Morning Worship led by Rev. Bert Weenink.**

**John 10: 1 – 21 'The Good Shepherd'**

(Jonathan is at Norton, Morgan at Usk)

[Click here for Morning Service](#)

**6:00pm Links Youth Club**

**6:30pm Evening Worship led by Bert.**

**Nehemiah 4:1-23. The Wisdom of Nehemiah**

[Click here for Evening Service](#)

# THE WEEK AHEAD

## MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> July

7:30 – 9:00pm Scenery building and painting for Holiday Club.

## TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> July

9:45 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study

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

3:00pm - Men's Coffee – at Coffi Lab

7:30pm – Small Group Fellowship In homes around Monmouth. Please ask for details.

## WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> July

9:30 – 11:30am Footprints

5:00pm Brigade for girls

7:00pm Romans' course on zoom – session 6 (Use Fellowship Zoom link at the end of the e-news)

## THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> July

1:00pm Romans' Course (in person in the Centenary Room) Session 7

7:00pm Deacons' Meeting

## FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> July

Summer Term Ends

7:30am Men's Bible Breakfast

8:00 am for the study

9:30 – 11:00am Ladies' Bible Study

## SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> July

3:00pm Serving Our Streets

## SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> July

10:30am Morning Worship led by Jonathan & Cliff Swartz; John 10:22 – 42.  
(followed by church lunch. See notice below).

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Jonathan.

The service is followed by the Lord's Supper

# FELLOWSHIP NEWS

## 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](https://forms.gle/du53nPQKmxDv4esh9) 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 24th July, 31st July, 21st Aug and 28th Aug, with picnic lunch and sports day on Sunday 4th 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*

25th June Christian Institute Guest Speaker

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

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.

Pray for the new government.

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

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 Algeria below.***

## WORLD FOCUS

### ALGERIA

I have asked this question before...Have you ever been in prison? Here's another related question. Have you ever been sentenced to prison but thus far the sentence has not been carried out?

Constitutionally, Christians are free to practice their faith but outlawed from sharing it. Almost all pastors, who have been arrested and prosecuted in the past 5 years simply for living out their faith, have prison sentences imposed but not yet carried out. Good stuff, you might think. However, prison sentences cannot be completed if they are not started, so remain over people indefinitely, causing great stress and uncertainty to the pastors and their families, sometimes leading to stress-related illnesses. A veneer of due legal process through interminable waits for Supreme Court appeal hearings thinly disguises the fact that Christians are being arrested, tried, convicted and then sentenced, in contravention of the constitutional freedoms.

Why is this happening? Because of the phenomenal church growth seen in Algeria in one generation - Christians numbered from the tens in the mid-1980s to the tens of thousands by 2016.

Pray:- Please pray for these Christians, for their courage, wisdom and patience, and that they will persevere in their hope in God.

*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](#)

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Passcode: 563340