



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 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025

“The greatest sorrow and burden you can lay on the Father, the greatest unkindness you can do to him is not to believe that he loves you.”

— John Owen, **Communion with God**

Welcome to this week's e-news!

Please read about the special events happening in the next couple of months, especially the Art Exhibition and the Easter Experience. Could you consider helping with the “Easter Experience” this year?

**10:30am Morning Worship led by Francis Paton** (Jonathan is at Griffithstown)

[Click here for Morning Worship](#)

**6:00pm LINKS Youth Group** (In the Centenary Room)

**6:30pm Evening Worship led by Jonathan. 1 Peter 1: 13 – 25. Children and Exiles**

[Click here for Evening Worship](#)

# THE WEEK AHEAD

## MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> February

7:00pm The Art Fringe

## TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> February

9:45 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study

10:30 – 11:30am – Tuesday Coffee at

'Claire and Bob's Tea room', Beaufort Arms Shopping Arcade.

3:00pm - Men's Coffee – at Coffi Lab.

7:30pm CHURCH MEETING – all welcome to attend.

## WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> February

9:30 – 11:30am Footprints

7:15pm 321 Course, last session

## THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> February

7:30pm Ladies' Bible Study

## FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> February

7:30am Men's Bible Breakfast

8:00am for the study

9:30 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study

## SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> February

2:00pm Serving Our Streets. Meet at MBC.

## SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> February

10:30am Morning Worship led by Jonathan. John 11:17-27

The service includes believer's baptism.

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Jonathan. 1 Peter 2: 1 – 10

'Growing up, Building up'

# FELLOWSHIP NEWS

## CHURCH MEETING

The next church meeting is on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm.  
All welcome to attend

## Easter Experience

This year's outreach presenting the Easter story to year 6 pupils in Monmouth is on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. With a dress rehearsal to which everyone is invited on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

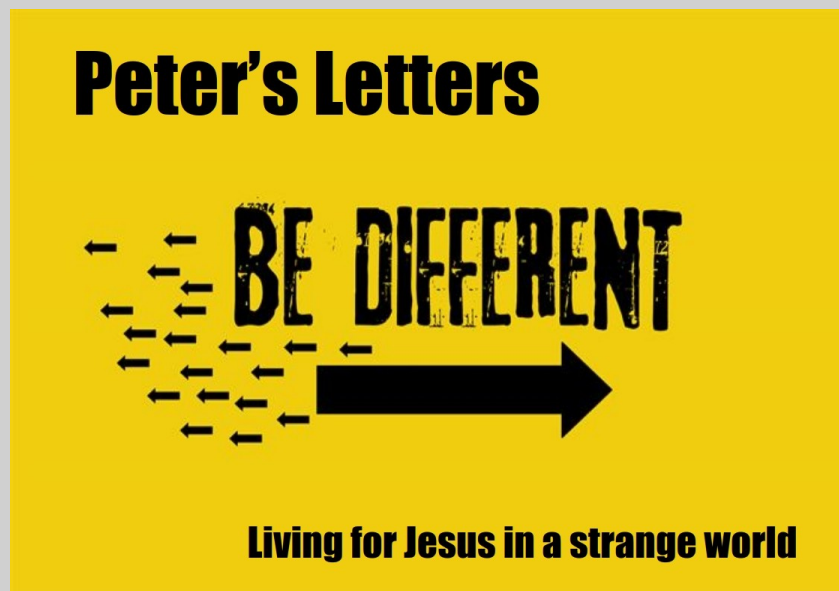
As usual we need friends to help present our part of the story or serve as stewards. Please let Jonathan know if you can help this year.

## Sunday mornings – Believe



In February, return to our series in John's Gospel, looking at how he helps us put our trust in Jesus as the Son of God, and how to find life in Him.

## Sunday Evenings – Be Different



This Spring we are looking at the letters of the Apostle Peter in our evening services. Peter shows us how to follow Jesus and live for him in a world that's going the other way.



### **AMBASSADOR COURSE**

Continuing on alternate Tuesdays, the Ambassador course, led by Mike Endicott. 7:30 in the Centenary Room. A 6-session, Christ-centred course aimed at helping better equip believers. Covering themes including; how the Kingdom works; how we grow as Ambassadors for Christ; will we see more people healed and saved? Course runs every other Tuesday (almost).

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

Pray for Tom and Lucas currently seeking baptism.

Please pray for those who are unwell or awaiting operations. Thank you for your prayers for Janet who is out of hospital recovering.

Please pray for those who were recently bereaved, including Katie Swartz whose mum died this week, and the family of Liz Hicks, a former member of the fellowship.

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

***Pray for churches in our Baptist family in South Wales, sharing the Good News of Jesus in their communities***

## WORLD FOCUS

### KYRGYZSTAN

Here's a new one which we don't hear about very often.

Kyrgyzstan is one of the former areas of the Soviet Union. It lies north-east of Afghanistan. New legislation in Kyrgyzstan has increased restrictions on freedom of religion or belief, including a ban on sharing faith in public. Churches (and other religious groups) must be approved by the State Commission for Religious Affairs (SCRA) to legally exist and hold meetings. In order to be re-registered, all local religious organisations must now provide evidence of at least 500 adult founder members resident in a single region. (The previous law stipulated a minimum of 200.) The new law authorises sharp increases in fines for groups that violate such restrictions. So, not violent persecution and suffering but nevertheless, increasing antipathy towards religion which will especially hit Christian churches who will rarely have 500 adults to allow registration.

Pray:- Pray that Christians will find ways of meeting and sharing fellowship despite the restrictions of the new law. Ask that the faith of believers will be increased. Pray against any discouragement among Christians arising from the government's decision.

*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.

Football - Jim Barker and James Endicott runs 5 a-side football sessions, currently weekly on a Friday at 7pm. We have a membership of 40 players, but there is room for more! If you are interested in joining, please speak to Jim or James to be added to the Football WhatsApp Group.

We have introduced Pickleball to the fellowship, which is an all-age (U3A-approved) racket sport, which we are playing indoors. All are welcome to join us. Pickleball's unique selling point is that it can be learned in minutes without extensive coaching. If you'd like to know more then please reach out to Sean Lawson.

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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