



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 1st December 2024

“...we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ” The Apostle Paul, Titus 2:13

Welcome to this week’s e-news!

Would you be interested in exploring the Christian faith, or explaining it to others? Why not look at the 321 Course we are running in January – see below.

We are preparing for Christmas – please see the publicity and information in the e-news. We’re especially hoping to have volunteers for our live nativity. Please let Jonathan know!

10:30am Morning Worship led by Jonathan. Proverbs 8:22 – 36

‘Preparing for Jesus’ The service is followed by the Lord’s Supper.

[Click here for Morning Worship](#)

6:00pm Links Youth Club for 11+ aged Young People

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Jonathan. Titus 2:11-16 Our Great God and Saviour

[Click here for Evening Worship](#)

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 2nd December

7:00pm Art Fringe

TUESDAY 3rd December

9:45 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study

10:30 – 11:30am – Tuesday Coffee at Café Nero, Monnow Street.

3:00pm - Men's Coffee – at Coffi Lab.

7:30pm Small Group Fellowship

WEDNESDAY 4th December

9:30 – 11:30am Footprints

THURSDAY 5th December

7:00pm Advent service at Zoar Baptist, Pandy (see notice below)

7:30pm Ladies' Bible Study

FRIDAY 6th December

7:30am Men's Bible Breakfast

8:00am for the study

9:30 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study

SATURDAY 7th December

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

SUNDAY 8th December

10:30am Morning Worship led by Morgan Britton.

4:00pm Service at Norton (see notice below)

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Jonathan.

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Explore the Christian Faith in a relaxed way, four sessions.
Starting in January. Please ask for details.

**DISCOVER LIFE
ACCORDING TO JESUS**

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Questions about God? Life?

A video based course over 4 sessions.

Includes thoughtful conversation as part of a small group, with opportunity for discussion.

**No knowledge of the Bible is needed.
Starts January 2025, please ask for details.**

FOOD.GIVES

Each week, we read about further persecution of God's people, particularly in Muslim, Hindu and atheist run countries. So often, they are at the back of the queue for humanitarian aid or denied access to food because of active persecution against them. Barnabas Aid collects food for them through their 'food.gives' initiative. So, each week leading up to Christmas, there will be boxes in the foyer to take and fill. Please be generous in your giving of packets of rice, lentils, chickpeas, sugar and salt. I will then take the boxes down to the warehouse in Swindon. The recipients are so grateful for being remembered by us, through our giving and our prayers for them. Indeed, their prayers of thanksgiving to God should be a great encouragement to us who give.

Galatians 6:10 - Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Simon Beber

COMING SOON – Celebrating the birth of Jesus!

Sunday 15th December

6:30pm Contemporary carols led by Links Youth Group

Parade House residential Home 3pm Thursday 19th December

Homeforge House TBC

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Sunday 22nd December

10:30am Sunday Club all-age service with nativity Play.

**5pm Carols and Candles

Monday 23rd December

5pm the Christmas Experience.

Live nativity starting at Whiteswan Court.

Please tell Jonathan if you'd be willing to be an actor.

Wednesday 25th December

9:30am-10:15am Celebration, and bring a present to show.



Live Nativity!

Monday 23rd December
Starts at 5pm

THE CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE

See the story unfold before your very eyes!
Begins at Whiteswan Court, NP25 3NY

*Please note that this event involves walking, steps and crossing roads. A torch might also be useful.
Organised by Monmouth Churches, and supported by Local businesses.*

Contact 716423 monmbc@gmail.com

EVENTS AT RURAL CHURCHES

An Advent Service at Zoar Baptist, Pandy, 6:00pm on Thursday December 5th. Guest Speaker is Mark Fairweather-Tall.

Sunday 8th Dec at 4pm at Norton. A service, led by Jonathan to dedicate their new illuminated cross, with carols and communion followed by refreshments. All welcome to attend.

Sunday 22nd at 3pm, Cwmerra Carol Service.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Pray for all who are recently bereaved, especially the family of Vic Hicks.

Pray for the Links Youth Fellowship

Pray for those seeking baptism.

Pray for Israel, Palestine and Lebanon and for an end to the ongoing war in Ukraine.

WORLD FOCUS

INDIA

Young Preeti lives in a small village with her grandparents. Her grandfather, Ashok, became a Christian from an alcoholic background, when one of his relatives shared about Christ dying for his sins. He shared the gospel with the villagers and led prayer meetings at his house. But Hindu extremists were angry and retaliated by attacking Preeti's mother. Ashok confronted the attackers but was beaten with iron bars and wooden sticks and had chilli powder thrown in his eyes, ending up in hospital. The extremists bribed the hospital staff not to treat them so they received insufficient care. Preeti looked after her grandfather and read the Bible to him. He later received proper medical care from a Christian ministry as well as receiving food and prayer support.

Preeti's favourite verse from Psalms helped her cope in this situation. Psalm 18:6 – "In my distress I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help. From His temple He heard my voice; my cry came before Him, into His ears." Praise God that, even after all that Ashok has suffered, he is seeing the church grow.

Pray:- For Ashok and Preeti and family, that God will give wisdom. Pray for the family to grow in Christ and for their safety. Pray that they be kept safe to live out their faith.

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.

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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