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## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024

Dear friends,

Welcome to this week's E-News. Our New Year focus is from Hebrews 6:10 "God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him". Let's pray it will be a great encouragement as we serve the Lord together this year. Copies are available to take – or use the online one as a helpful prayer focus. Please note a couple of requests for help this week. And consider coming on Tuesday to have a cuppa and chat.

**10:30am Morning Worship led by Rev. Bert Weenink**  
**'From bitter to sweet' – part 1, Ruth 1: 1-22**  
**David is at Pandy.**  
[Click here for Morning Service](#)

6:00pm Links Youth Fellowship

**6:30pm Evening Worship led by Bert.**  
**Ephesians 6: 5 - 9 'Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people'. Morgan is at Goytre.**

**The service is followed by the Lord's Supper.**

[Click here for Evening Service](#)

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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

7:00 – 9:00pm The Art Fringe

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

9:45 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study

10am-3pm Open Church – *for friendship, or workspace*

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

3:00pm - Men's Coffee – at MBC Centenary Room, NOT AT COFFI LAB!

7:30pm Midweek Fellowship. Tough Topics. Exploring the role of women in church leadership.

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

9:30am - 11:30am Footprints' parent and toddler group

2:30pm Songs of Praise at Bridges Community Centre,  
followed by refreshments.

5:00pm Brigade for girls

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

7:30am Men's Breakfast Bible Study

8:00am for the study

9:30am – 11:00am Ladies' Bible study

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

10:30am Morning Worship led by Rev John Bishop. Jonathan is at Ewyas Harold, David is at Norton, and Morgan at Pandy.

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Jonathan. Ephesians 6 10 – 20

'The armour of God'

# FELLOWSHIP NEWS

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING DAY

This is on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Please could you contact Emma Lawson if you are able to volunteer to serve tea/coffee during this training. There will be three shifts: morning, midday and afternoon.

Many thanks, *Emma* (07367 577165 emmajanelawson@gmail.com)

## OUR DAILY BREAD

The winter copy of 'Our Daily Bread' newsletter and pamphlet of various items to buy will be in the foyer this Sunday.

*Fiona Beber*

## PASTORAL CO-ORDINATOR

If you wish to contact Maureen Van der Velden please use the mobile number or email listed in 'Contacts' at the back of the e news. The landline is no longer in use. Thank you.

## **COMING SOON –**

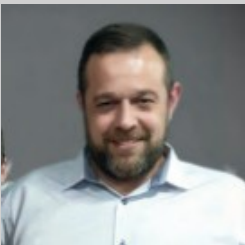
### ***THE BIBLE COURSE – Thursdays 1:30pm***

Will run on Thursdays at 1:30 starting soon. All welcome to explore this important book in the Bible.

### ***EXPLORING TOUGH TOPICS – Tuesday evenings 7:30pm***

This is the theme for our midweek Tuesday evenings when we gather together between Small Groups.

### **International Mission to Jewish People – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 7:30pm**



We welcome guest speaker Igal who reaches out to Jewish seekers, including those battling with drug addiction or involved with crime in Israel. From an early age he had a troubled life, getting involved in gang crime and drug addiction but in his late twenties, after eight years spent in and out of prison, Igal was saved through the faithful witness of a friend who is now his pastor. Igal immediately became passionate for the Lord Jesus and since then has been blessed with a fruitful ministry. He is married to Milana and lives among the Jewish community in Netanya, near Tel Aviv.

Please come and hear about this exciting work! ***Could you offer overnight accommodation for our guest? Please let Jonathan know.***

## **Bristol Women's Conference Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

“Rest – Finding our home in God.” The 2024 Bristol Women's Conference will take place on Saturday 2nd March, with speaker Ellidh Cook speaking from the book of Ruth. With an exciting range of seminars for women across the age range, reflecting on the past couple of years and looking to how God might be using those experiences into the present and future. **This year the conference is being held at a new venue: the St Michael's Centre, The Green, Stoke Gifford, Bristol, BS34 8PD.**

For more information see [www.bristolwomensconference.uk](http://www.bristolwomensconference.uk)

## **Passion for Life Meetings in March**

We have 3 speakers coming in March, details TBA

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

Please pray for Gill Macey in hospital, and for Ed Hall suffering from an infection.

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.

Here is a prayer to use for the new year based on Hebrews 6:10  
*Heavenly Father, You are a just, good, and righteous God. Your faithfulness continues from one generation to the next. Thank You that nothing we do ever goes unnoticed by You. Please help us rejoice in the great salvation you have given which is changing us every day. Help us, by the power of the Holy Spirit to take every opportunity to know Jesus better and make Him known. Enable us to use our lives to serve You and be a witness. This we ask in Jesus' name, AMEN.*

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

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

## WORLD FOCUS

### YEMEN

Meet Saleh. He has a courageous ministry in Yemen, one of the hardest places in the world to follow Jesus. His name is on the most wanted list. He has faced arrest. He has received death threats for following Jesus, sometimes by text message, sometimes phone calls. The message is always the same – stop before it is too late.

Saleh became a Christian when he left home and then heard the gospel. He returned home to discover his dad was a secret follower of Christ. He engaged in the very dangerous activity of evangelism. But persecution for this kind of boldness is inevitable in a country like Yemen. His brother and a friend, also Christians, were arrested but God used them in prison to lead many to Christ. They were released after 8 weeks by order of a person of influence who initially wanted them dead!! Saleh realised that God turns bad situations into good ones.

**Pray:-** for God's people in Yemen, for strength, courage, perseverance and fruitfulness.

*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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