



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 of the church which does not appear on film.

Sunday 5th May 2024
“The great controversy that people have against Christ is his government; they will not have him rule over them.”
William Williams

Welcome to this week’s e news.
Please note some of the special meetings and events coming up soon. On Sundays we are beginning two new series – in the morning we return to John’s Gospel to explore what it means to believe in Jesus and in the evening, the Life and Times of Nehemiah, in his book, and the prophecy of Malachi – to explore what faithful discipleship looks like.

10:30am Morning Worship led by Rev. Bert Weenink.
(Jonathan is at a family wedding, and Morgan is preaching in Denbigh)
John 7: 1 – 36. ‘Who is Jesus? Make sure you judge correctly!’

The service is followed by the Lord’s Supper.

[Click here for Morning Service](#)

6:00pm Links Youth Fellowship

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Bert.

Nehemiah 1: 1 – 11 ‘The Prayers of Nehemiah’

[Click here for Evening Service](#)

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 6th May (Bank holiday)

NO Art Fringe this week

TUESDAY 7th May

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 – please ask for details.

WEDNESDAY 8th May

9 :30 – 11:30am Footprints

5:00pm Brigade for girls

FRIDAY 10th May

7:30am Men's Bible Breakfast

8:00am for the Study

9:30 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study

SUNDAY 12th May

10:30am Morning Worship led by Morgan.

John 7 :37 – 44 'Living Water'

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Jonathan.

Malachi 1: 1 – 5 'When God's love looks dim'

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next Church Meeting, which includes the AGM, is due to be held on Tuesday 14th May at 7:30pm. All welcome to attend.

During this meeting Church members will elect deacons. The role of a deacon is to help serve the fellowship and encourage us to live out the mission God has given us. It is also a trusteeship role. Please prayerfully consider this matter. Elizabeth Alderson and Helen Hopkins have been nominated for re-election.

GOD LOVES YOU TOUR – Concert and Message

Saturday 15th June 6pm in Birmingham (Leaving Monmouth early afternoon).

Franklin Graham tour supported by Michael W Smith (3-time Grammy winner) and Taya (ex-Hillsong). We're hoping to take a group from MBC (but people from other churches most welcome!) The event is free, and if we can get a coach then the coach would be free.

Bring a friend, especially if they are seeking. There's a sign up sheet at the back of the church, or contact James or Amanda Endicott

COMING SOON: THE ROMANS COURSE

Get to know Jesus better through this amazing book of the Bible. A Video based course in person on Thursday afternoon, and online on Monday evenings TBC.

OPEN AIR MISSION

On May 25th 10:30 a team will be coming to share about their work in doing Open air talks and outreach with a book table. Anyone interested in finding out more is welcome. If you'd like to join the outreach itself a little later, please bring a packed lunch as well.

TOUGH TOPICS

Tuesdays 7:30pm in the Centenary Room
(14th May AGM)

28th May Prayer Focus

11th June What happens when we die?

25th June Are there rewards in heaven?

(9th July Church Members Meeting)

23rd July God's love for SSM Couples

30th July How Should Christians vote?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Please pray for Kate who is in hospital in Windsor.

For those recently bereaved and those with health needs: including Barbara H whose fractured wrist is still in recovery.

Let's pray for our families and for the young people of the church.

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

Pray for Israel and Palestine.

Pray for an end to the ongoing war in Ukraine.

WORLD FOCUS

COLUMBIA

Despite the fact that Columbia identifies as a Christian country, church leaders continue to be harassed, extorted, and murdered due to the violence around control of territories between armed guerillas, drug gangs and other armed groups. Christians in these areas who dare to speak publicly about corruption and violence face attacks for their bold witness. Similarly, church leaders who oppose criminal activities in their sermons also can be targeted. Believers who work with youth or champion human and environmental rights risk violence from armed groups. Essentially, any action that a group views as defiant or opposes their illegal activities is enough to lead to violent attacks or immense pressure.

Drugs and guerilla groups mean lots of illicit money and lots of violent power and influence. Both are antithetical to the gospel.

Please pray for the continued work of the gospel amongst the many violent groups as missionaries and evangelists seek to win the lost away from these groups and into Christ.

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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