



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 7th January 2024

Dear friends,

Happy New Year! 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 this Sunday – or use the online one attached as a helpful prayer focus.

Please note our Christmas collection for the work for Tearfund in this week's news.

10:30am Morning Worship led by Jonathan. Hebrews 6: 1 – 15
'What God will not forget'
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 Jonathan. Ephesians 5: 1 -20
'Walking Wisely'

[Click here for Evening Service](#)

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 8th January

7:00 – 9:00pm The Art Fringe

TUESDAY 9th January

9:45 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study

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

10:30am – Tuesday Coffee – at The Malthouse. (Please note The Malthouse only takes cash).

3:00pm - Men's Coffee – at Coffee Lab

7:30pm Mid-Week Fellowship at MBC. *Exploring tough Topics*

WEDNESDAY 10th January

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

5:00pm Brigade for girls

FRIDAY 12th January

7:30am Men's Breakfast Bible Study

8:00am for the study

9:30am – 11:00am Ladies' Bible study

SUNDAY 14th January

10:30am Morning Worship

6:30pm Evening Worship

Ephesians 5:21 – 6:4 'The Christian Family'

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR TEARFUND

Giving envelopes are available by the main collection box.

Tearfund is helping communities in more than 50 countries to break free from poverty by partnering with and training local churches.

The global cost of living crisis means the funding Tearfund receives does not go as far as it used to. Rapidly escalating conflicts around the world, including Ukraine and the Middle East, are putting even more pressure on where funding is needed – and families are paying the price. Countless people are living in extreme poverty worldwide, places like Chad, where millions of people are facing ongoing climate catastrophes with limited provisions to survive, let alone thrive.

Isaac lives in Chad and struggled with extreme poverty for years. Then he heard about the training offered in his village by Tearfund's partner, the Christian Centre of Development Support (CECADEC). Isaac was desperate to learn new farming techniques to grow enough food for his family to survive on. 'I was living in extreme poverty. We had nothing to eat. It was a difficult life,' Isaac says.

Around the world, rising costs mean our resources are stretched, at a time when we are responding to greater needs than ever before – and families like Isaac's in Chad are facing unthinkable suffering. 'I ask God to bless me, to keep me and my family, and to give us food.'

Any gifts, large or small, would be a great help to communities like Isaac's. It takes a total of £125 to help train a community such as his in climate-smart farming techniques, so there's no going back to extreme poverty. *Elaine Adams*

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. This week we start with "How to explore tough topics"

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Pray for the Christmas message of Jesus to shine through to our community

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

NIGERIA

Muslim terrorists massacred 160 people, many of them preparing for church Christmas programs, Saturday night (Dec. 23) through Monday (Dec. 25). The attacks were co-ordinated in predominantly Christian areas in Plateau state. Some pastors were killed, including one pastor together with his wife and five children. Most of the Christians killed were women, children, and the elderly, unable to escape. Hundreds of houses were destroyed. More than 300 wounded people were rushed to hospitals. Christian leaders in Nigeria believe these attacks are inspired by the desire to forcefully take over Christians' lands and impose Islam. Nigeria leads the world for Christians killed, abducted, sexually assaulted, or harassed, forcibly married, physically or mentally abused, had the most homes and businesses attacked for faith-based reasons, and sustained the second most church attacks and internally displaced people.

Pray:- Hebrews 13:3 - Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering, i.e. put yourself in their shoes!!

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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