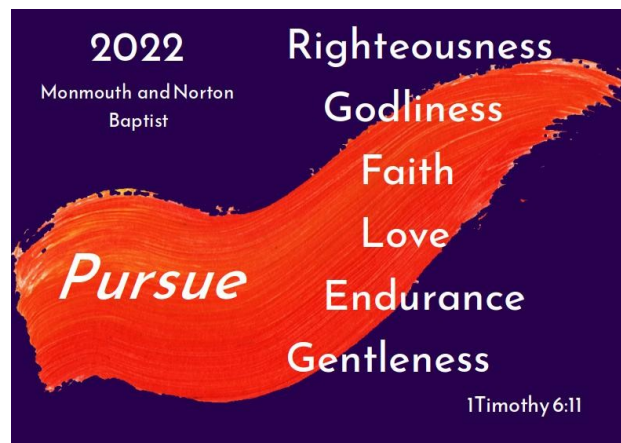




Sunday 9th January 2022

Dear friends,

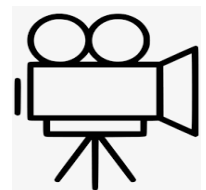
In spite of covid changes to meeting in person we have an exciting start to the year with a new New Year Text encouraging us to consider what we "pursue" in life from 1 Timothy 6:11:



Text Cards are available to take from the foyer.

Please pick up our Church calendar for Spring 2022 as well – or use the pdf attached to the email.

On Sunday evenings we are continuing a new series exploring Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians "Looking Forward, Moving Forward" which should help us as disciples of Jesus in the opening months of the year. Paul helps his readers to see that expectation of the return of Jesus transforms our work and witness today.



Please use the links to watch from home. Please book in advance for the morning service, you can just turn up for evening services.

Visit our [YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#) for past services.

You can also just follow the links from [Facebook](#)

as well as from www.monmouthbaptistchurch.org.uk

Our Sunday services are 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 in the social distance area which does not appear on film.

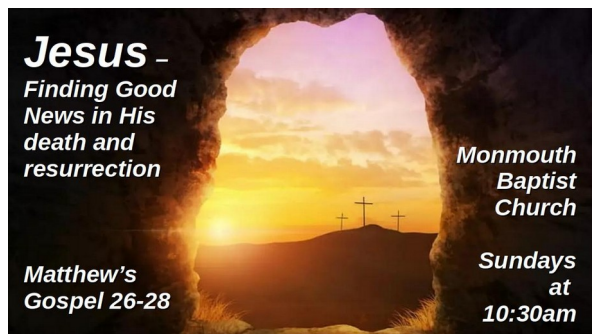
SUNDAY 9th January

10.30am Morning Worship led by Bert Weenink Matthew 26: 1 - 16

Jesus anointed and betrayed.
Sunday Club runs this week.

(Jonathan is at Norton)

[Click here for Morning Worship](#)



6:30pm Evening Service led by Jonathan and Bert

1 Thessalonians 2:1 – 16 'What is Gospel Mission? In our 'Looking Forward, Moving Forward' series.

[Click here for Evening Worship](#)



THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY 11th January

10:30am – 12:00 Coffee Morning – at the Whole Earth Cafe, Swan Court.
Meet friends and have a chat!

1.30pm - 2.30pm Christianity Explained in the Centenary Room

8:00pm Passion for Life training video online. Week 1 All welcome

(Use zoom link at the end of the e-news)

WEDNESDAY 12th January

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

5:00pm Wyesham Brigade for girls

5:30pm Roots Youth Bible Study

7.45pm Baptism and Membership course

FRIDAY 14th January

8:00am Men's Online Bible Breakfast

[Men's Breakfast Bible Study Link](#) Zoom Meeting ID: 758 7733 0496

Password: 1kings2v2

SUNDAY 16th January

10.30 am Morning Worship ALL AGE FAMILY SERVICE led by Jonathan.
Matthew 26: 17-30 "The Special Meal"

6:30pm Evening Service led by Jonathan



The Lord's Supper follows the service – for those joining online please use the zoom link under 'CONTACTS' below.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP COURSE – Wednesdays 7:45pm

Explore the Christian Faith, and find out about Baptism - all welcome. Please contact Jonathan if you'd like to know more

CHRISTIANITY EXPLAINED

Please note new start date

Six weeks exploring the Message of Jesus from the earliest eye-witnesses

Starts Tuesday 11th January 2022

**Christianity
Explained**

You don't need to know anything about the Bible. You won't be asked to pray, but there's plenty of opportunity to discuss and ask questions.

*Tuesdays 1:30pm -2:30pm at Monmouth Baptist Church just come along, or contact friends@monmouthbaptistchurch.org.uk
01600 716423 for more information*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember Ron G, Pearl W, Peter W and Allen in your prayers.

Please pray for the work of TEARFUND bringing hope and faith in action around the world.

“What she has done is a beautiful thing” Matthew 26 “Father God, help me to love Jesus so much that I might do beautiful things for Him, and learn to worship Him. I pray for my brothers and sisters – that they might know they are loved by you today, by the reassurance of knowing Jesus came to die on a cross for them. Please help us never to be ashamed of loving and serving you, even when the world humiliate us for putting you first. Amen”

PRAYER FOCUS FOR OUR TEARFUND APPEAL

Thank you to all who contributed to our Christmas offering to TEARFUND. Many are affected by increasing levels of flood and drought attributed to climate change. Tearfund are at the forefront of helping the neediest people around the world.

Father God, we remember before you all in need today – especially those whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless, hungry or destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. For those who have fled persecution and famine. Help our gifts and the work of Tearfund meet the practical and spiritual needs of so many. Turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the sake of Jesus who for our sake became poor. Amen.

WORLD FOCUS

CHINA

A court in China has upheld the sentences against booksellers Chang Yuchun, 53, and his wife, Li Chenhui, 44, for 'inciting subversion of State power'. They each face a seven-year jail term and must both pay fines of 250,000 yuan (approximately £29,700) for running an 'illegal business operation'. A local source told Open Doors: "This is not the first case of religious booksellers being given a jail sentence. However, seven years and a hefty fine is rare." Over the course of five years, Yuchun and Chenhui printed and sold Christian literature until their printing company was shut down by authorities in July 2021. More than 210,000 books were confiscated from the warehouse and workshop. In September 2020, a Christian bookseller in Zhejiang province also received a seven-year prison sentence and a fine of approximately £22,700 for alleged illegal business activities, running an on-line bookstore selling Christian literature.

Please pray for Yuchun and Chenhui to have strength and courage in the face of this persecution and censorship and that Chinese Christians will find other ways of disseminating Biblical literature.

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 tax payer, we can arrange for Gift Aid to claim tax back.

You can also give online at www.give.net/monmouthbc.

There is a box 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, please contact Jonathan.

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Fellowship Zoom Meetings please use this link for midweek fellowship and Church meetings: [CLICK HERE](#) Meeting ID: 864 3571 5316

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