



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 25th February 2024

Dear friends,

True Christian hope is more than "hope so." It is confident assurance of future glory and blessing.— Warren W. Wiersbe

Welcome to this week's E-News. Please note the Passion for Life meetings in March, as we hope to invite friends to these special events. **Can you help support the Easter Experience? (18-19th March)**. As usual, we are really reliant on people willing to join the crowd. Also, anyone willing to be a steward. Please let Jonathan know!

As we lead up to Easter, our Evening services will focus on the way in which Jesus makes it possible for us to boldly approach God, to know Him and walk with Him. We will do this by seeing how Jesus fulfils the Old Testament Sacrifices found in the book of Leviticus.

10:30am Morning Worship led by Morgan. 1 Peter 1: 1-12

Jonathan is at Norton

[Click here for Morning Service](#)

6:00 Links Youth fellowship

**6:30pm Evening Worship led by Jonathan.
Leviticus 1 *Bold I Approach – The Burnt Offering***

[Click here for Evening Service](#)



THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 26th February

7:00 – 9:00pm Art Fringe

TUESDAY 27th February

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.

7:30pm Midweek Fellowship –Tough Topics. The Bible and Transgenderism

WEDNESDAY 28th February

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

**2:00pm Songs of Praise at Bridges Community Centre,
followed by refreshments.**

5:00pm Brigade for girls

THURSDAY 29th February

7:00pm Deacons' Meeting

FRIDAY 1st March

7:30am Men's Breakfast Bible Study

8:00am for the study

9:30 – 11:00am Ladies' Bible study

SATURDAY 2nd March Bristol Women's Conference. See notice below.

SUNDAY 3rd March

**10:30am Morning Worship led by Jonathan. John 2:13-22 Zeal for the Lord's
House. The service is followed by the Lord's Supper**

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Jonathan.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

OUR DAILY BREAD

The March to May edition of 'Our Daily Bread' is in the foyer, and free to anyone who wishes to take one.

Fiona Beber

Bristol Women's Conference Saturday 2nd 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

Ed Hall's Funeral and Thanksgiving services

The service will take place here at Monmouth Baptist, 12 noon on Wednesday 13th March, followed by committal at the Forest of Dean Crematorium and refreshments back in Monmouth at MBC Centenary Room.

Easter Experience (17th) 18th-19th March

We need as many helpers as possible, willing to dress in Bible costume and be a “crowd” please let Jonathan know if you can do this.

Passion for Life Meetings in March

We have three speakers.

Wednesday 13th March. Professor Stuart Burgess, Engineering, Bristol, “Human designed or accident?”

Wednesday 20th March 7:30pm. Former professional footballer Kristian Dimond (Crystal Palace)

Saturday 23rd March. Steve Legg, comedian, and magician. Family event 3:00pm

Monmouth's Passion for life events are an invitation to hear engaging speakers in a relaxed environment. Everyone is welcome! For more information contact us

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www.facebook.com/monmouthpfl**

a **passion** for life



Engineering in the Human Body

Professor Stuart Burgess is an Engineering scientist at Bristol University, and visiting Fellow for Clare Hall College, Cambridge. Designer of the transmission for Team GB bikes, at the Tokyo Olympics, he has a special interest in how design in nature helps us solve problems, He brings his insight as an engineer to the human body, its design and designer.

Wednesday 13th March 7:30pm Monmouth Baptist Church

Life's A Rollercoaster

Ex-professional footballer Kristian Dimond tells the story of the ups and downs in life that led to him finding real purpose and fulfilment.

Wednesday 20th March 7:30pm Monmouth Baptist Church



Family fun and magic!

Entertainer Steve Legg has worked around the world with stars ranging from Tim Vine to Paul Daniels to Bear Grylls. He's worked on all five continents, appearing on stage, TV and radio. Steve combines a unique blend of comedy, tricks and a good-news message suitable for all the family. Monmouth Baptist Church Saturday 23rd March, time 3pm.

Local Homelessness awareness event

‘There’s NO PLACE like home!’ A 24 Hour Sleep Out Event to turn the spotlight on hidden homelessness, poverty and loneliness in Monmouth and surrounding region Thursday 29th February from 10 am finishing at 10 am on Friday, 1st March 2024. Monnow Bridge, Monmouth. **Featuring** Music from the Celtic Collectors!, ‘Sleepers’ (Monmouth Comp. School Students, Town Councillors and The Lord Lieutenant of Gwent, to name but a few), a stand with Help, Support & Advice, petitions and sign-up forms, Children’s activities.

South Wales Baptist event



PRAYER REQUESTS

“If afflictions drive us nearer to Christ, the Bible, and prayer, they are positive blessings.” J.C.Ryle

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

Please pray for Gill Macey, home from hospital, and for Marian and the family of Ed Hall who recently went to be with the Lord.

Also, Michael Neve (Matt’s father) recently diagnosed with terminal cancer.

For Barbara H whose fractured wrist is still in recovery.

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.

Pray for our ministry among brothers and sisters in Rural Churches.

Pray for Israel and Palestine.

Pray for an end to the ongoing war in Ukraine.

WORLD FOCUS

COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE TOP 50

Chad is at 56. There has been a sharp increase in violent persecution of Christians in the past year from Fulani militants and Boko Haram militants, meaning Chad's Christians now face 'very high' levels of persecution.

United Arab Emirates (UAE) is at 57. Pressure remains highest on converts from Islam to Christianity, both for natives to UAE and immigrants from other countries. Islam dominates private and public life, and all citizens are considered Muslim.

Sri Lanka is at 58. Persecution against Christians has risen this year, with a significant increase in violent incidents, particularly attacks on churches and arrests of Christians. Government officials continue to contribute towards this persecution often at the behest of local Buddhist monks or mobs. Converts to Christianity are the most vulnerable to persecution.

Azerbaijan is at 59. Violence increased slightly in the past year, including damage by government armed forces. No religious activities beyond state-run and state-controlled institutions are allowed. State agents have infiltrated all religious congregations. Pastors and other church leaders are regularly "invited" for conversations with the police. This has created an atmosphere of fear and no one knows who they can trust any longer.

Pray for strength, resolve, determination, peace, joy, and patience to overcome –
Revelations 3:12 - He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God.

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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