



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 centre or back left as facing the front of the church which does not appear on film.

Sunday 30th March 2025

Train up a child in the way he should go—but be sure you go that way yourself
CH Spurgeon

Welcome to this week's e-news!

Don't forget the clocks spring forward this weekend.

We hope to have a baptism service on Resurrection Sunday – please ask if you're interested in finding out more.

10:30am Morning Worship led by Bert. John 13: 1 – 17 Jesus Washes His Disciples' feet
Mothering Sunday. Jonathan is at Ewyas Harold.

[Click here for Morning Worship](#)

6:00 Links

6:30pm Evening Service led by Jonathan and Bert. 1 Peter 3: 1 – 7

'Wives and Husbands'

[Click here for Evening Worship](#)

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 31st March

7:00pm Art Fringe

TUESDAY 1st April

9:45 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study

10:30 – 11:30am Tuesday Coffee at 'Claire and Bob's Tea room',

3:00pm Men's Coffee – at Coffi Lab.

7:30pm Small group fellowship

WEDNESDAY 2nd April

9:30 – 11:30am Footprints

THURSDAY 3rd April

7:30pm Ladies' Bible Study

FRIDAY 4th April

7:30am Men's Bible Breakfast. 8:00am for the study

9:30 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study

SATURDAY 5th April

8:00am – 10:00am Ladies' Breakfast at Bethany Baptist, Caldicott

(See notice below)

2:30pm Serving Our Streets. Meet at MBC.

2:30pm Induction service at Lydbrook Baptist. (See notice below)

SUNDAY 6th April

10:30am Morning Worship led by Jonathan. John 13:31 – 38

The service is followed by the Lord's Supper

6:30pm Evening Service led by Jonathan. 1 Peter 3: 8 – 22

'Godly Witness'

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

LADIES' BREAKFAST

**On Saturday 5th April: 8:00am – 10:00am
at
Bethany Baptist, Caldicot.**

Christian author, Leanne Barriball (The Devonshire Shepherdess), will be speaking at a Ladies' Breakfast in Caldicot.

You can purchase a cooked breakfast, or a bacon roll, with free tea and coffee which you can enjoy while listening to the guest speaker.

This will be a lovely opportunity for ladies to join together for warm fellowship to hear what God wants to say to us through Leanne.

All ladies are welcome.

Of Leanne's book **'Farming broke me, but I keep fighting'**

'This stirring memoir is a tribute to the unshakable faith that carried her through the darkest times'

'Leanne's narrative is an inspiring beacon of hope, demonstrating that with faith, determination and courage, it is possible to triumph over adversity and emerge stronger than ever.'

Please let Jonathan know if you would like to attend.

LYDBROOK BAPTIST

Lydbrook Baptist would like to invite friends at Monmouth to the induction service of their new minister, Joy Thorburn.

This will be at Lydbrook Baptist Church on Saturday, April 5th at 2.30pm. The service will be led by Rev Alisdair Longwill, the Regional Minister of the West of England Baptist Network. The message will be given by Rev Paul Graham, the minister of Joy's home church at Charlton Kings.

The service will be followed by refreshments.

Please let Jonathan know if you plan to attend.

OUR DAILY BREAD

For anyone who would like a copy, the next quarter of Our Daily Bread is available in the foyer from 23rd March.

Fiona Beber

HOLY WEEK EVENTS AND SERVICES

Consider the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection!

Wednesday 16th April.

7pm Byrdsong Concert

Friday 18th April.

11am. We join Churches Together at the Old Monnow Bridge 11am for a walk of witness and short service. Followed by refreshments in Ty Price Hall.

7pm Good Friday Service at Norton Baptist

Sunday 20th April. RESURRECTION SUNDAY!

Riverside Service at Monmouth Rowing Club Steps 8:30am

Breakfast in the Centenary Room 9:15am

Stay in Sunday Celebration 10:30am

Baptism Service 6:30pm

NEW FOODBANK APP

Along with many South Wales Foodbanks we have seen a big drop in public food donations, down over 30% compared to 2 years ago. One new initiative we have introduced to support donations is the "Bank the Food" phone app. BanktheFood is FREE and very simple to use. Download the app from your app store here and follow the instructions to get started.

Find and follow Monmouth and District Foodbank. Then the app will send you a helpful 'ping' with a reminder of your food banks' needs when you are shopping in your local supermarket. It will also then show you exactly what items are needed and you can leave any your purchase in food bank's collection box at the end of your shopping trip, or in our foyer.

The food bank will also be alerted via the app of your (anonymous) donation making it easier for your food bank to track and locate items they really need.

Download the app from:

Apple Store <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/id1528301394>

Google Play <https://play.google.com/apps/details?id=com.>



CONCERT for Holy Week

Wednesday 16th April 2025
Monmouth Baptist Church
7 pm

BYRDSONG

an *a cappella* choir based in the Usk area
Conducted by: Martyn Jones

SINGING MUSIC BY
Dowland, Victoria, Bardos, Tallis, Purcell, Weelkes,
Durufié, Rachmaninov, di Padilla, Harvey,
Celminskis, Lobo, Rheinberger,
Wood, Bruckner and di Lasso



This is a choral concert of sacred music and readings. The choir 'Byrdsong' is based in Usk. Church members and friends are invited to what will be a marvellous selection of polyphonic choir music spanning about five centuries.

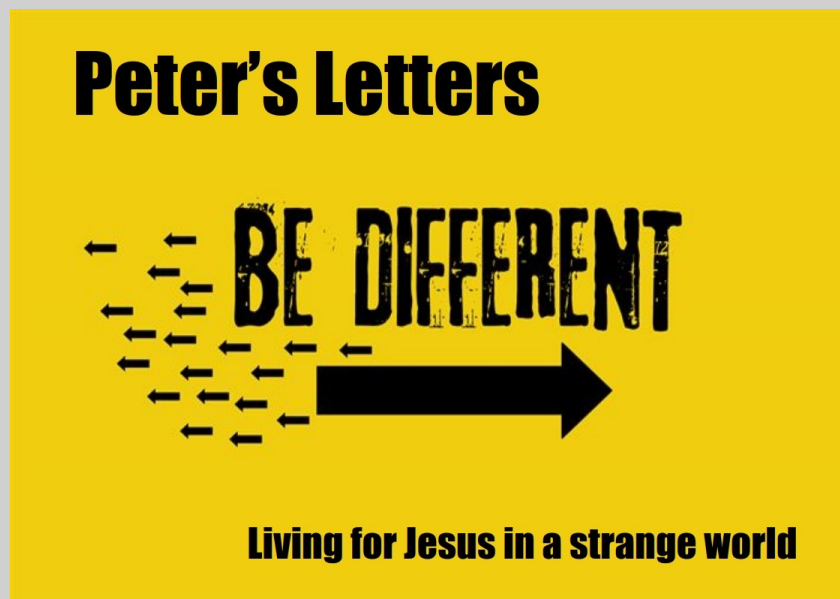
Ruth and Anthony Owen

Sunday mornings – Believe



Sunday mornings we return to our series in John's Gospel, looking at how he helps us put our trust in Jesus as the Son of God, and how to find life in Him.

Sunday Evenings – Be Different



This Spring we are looking at the letters of the Apostle Peter in our evening services. Peter shows us how to follow Jesus and live for him in a world that's going the other way.

SEE THE KINGDOM GROW ON... THE AMBASSADOR COURSE



TAKE THE FIRST STEP TO BECOMING A CONFIDENT KINGDOM
AMBASSADOR

AMBASSADOR COURSE

Continuing on alternate Tuesdays, the Ambassador course, led by Mike Endicott. 7:30 in the Centenary Room. A 6-session, Christ-centred course aimed at helping better equip believers. Covering themes including; how the Kingdom works; how we grow as Ambassadors for Christ; will we see more people healed and saved? Last session Tuesday 8th April.

By way of follow up, if you'd like to take things further, please consider asking Mike about further training, and listen in to his podcasts by clicking here: [RSS.com](https://www.rss.com).

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Pray for Seren preparing for baptism on Sunday evening, 20th April.

Pray for Charlotte and Robbie and give thanks to God for the new arrival of baby Theodore on 27th March

Pray for the Swartz Family and Princeton Anglican church as they move to worship in a new venue

Pray for Eden and her organisation in Central Asia

Pray for the Middle East and for a just peace in Ukraine.

Why not listen to A Mother's Prayer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hoy74orJu10>

WORLD FOCUS

SRI LANKA

Sasha is 18 (name changed for security). She became a Christian when she was 12 years old after she experienced a miraculous healing with her sister and aunt and then Sasha herself was healed from a sickness after being prayed for. She faced immediate opposition from her father, coming to a head towards the end of last year after her father demanded to search her bag and found gospel tracts which she would often hand out whenever she got the chance to share the gospel with someone. He beat her and warned that he would kill her if he ever saw her near a church again. Sasha's father then grabbed the gospels out of the bag and forced her to burn them. Since then, her father checks her bag whenever she goes out of the house.

Despite this abuse and opposition, Sasha remains resolute in her faith, although she has to keep her faith hidden from her father, and can't evangelise as openly as she once did.

Pray:- Pray for Sasha, and all the other women and girls who have to keep their faith secret and who fear violence and repression from persecutors – particularly those who live in fear of their family members. Pray that they will see change.

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.

Football - Jim Barker and James Endicott runs 5 a-side football sessions, currently weekly on a Friday at 7pm. We have a membership of 40 players, but there is room for more! If you are interested in joining, please speak to Jim or James to be added to the Football WhatsApp Group.

We have introduced Pickleball to the fellowship, which is an all-age (U3A-approved) racket sport, which we are playing indoors. All are welcome to join us. Pickleball's unique selling point is that it can be learned in minutes without extensive coaching. If you'd like to know more then please reach out to Sean Lawson.

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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