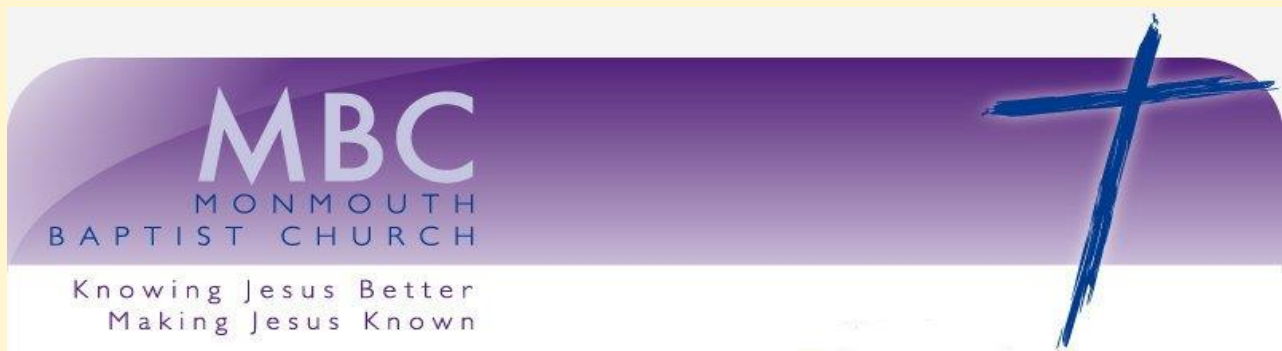




Our Sunday services are usually streamed live on the internet and video recorded. For GDPR purposes, it is presumed that people attending are happy to appear in it. If you would prefer not to, please feel free to sit near the back centre or back left as facing the front of the church which does not appear on film.

Sunday 16th August 2026

***'Ah Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm.
There is nothing too hard for You.'***
Jeremiah 32: 17 (NKJV)

Welcome to this week's e-news.

This morning we celebrate last week's Holiday Club. Huge thanks to all who worked so hard to make the Holiday Club really special.

Please remember that Jonathan is on sabbatical until September. Please contact Bert or the deacons for any urgent matters.

To watch our services online, live or afterwards, please visit our youtube channel, and the service will show there: <https://www.youtube.com/c/monmouthbaptistchurch>

**10:30am Morning Worship led by Jonathan Kear. Service celebrating the
Holiday Club..**

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Bert. Hebrews 11: 20 - 40

'Walking by faith to Glory'

The service is followed by the Lord's Supper.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY 18th August

10:30 – 11:30am Tuesday Coffee at Clare and Bob's tea rooms.

3.00 – 4:00pm Men's Coffee at Clare and Bob's tea rooms.

7:30pm Small Group Fellowship – please get in touch with your group leader as some groups are not running.

WEDNESDAY 19th August

7:00pm Deacons' Meeting in the Centenary Room.

SATURDAY 22^d August

3:00pm SOS (Serving our Streets). Meet at MBC.

SUNDAY 23rd August

10:30am Morning Worship led by Andrew Symes
Psalm 104 'Our God Provides'

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Bert. Hebrews 12
'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus'

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

OPERATION MOBILISATION

'Waves of Hope' visit of the Logos to Cardiff Bay

For details visit: <https://www.uk.om.org/waves-of-hope-cardiff>

More programme details are now available for the visit of the Logos to Cardiff Bay.

There are a variety of events, such as:

- A guided tour for groups of 7
- Children's Event
- Worship and Prayer Event
- Seniors Event
- Welsh Speakers Event
- Seminars
- Prayer and Worship Night

- **Men's Breakfast**
- **Young Adult's Event**
- **Women's Event**
- **John Lennox Conference**

All taking place between the 11th and 27th of September.

I am sorry that I do not have the time to do anything about this until after Holiday Club, but if some of you can have a look at the website and start talking among yourselves, we may not miss events because they are fully booked. Feel free to make your own bookings!

Bert

NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2026

Would you like to participate in a Summer Reading Challenge? 10ofthose.com have put together a fun reading challenge. There is a wide choice of books on different topics and they all have a Christian theme! Click on the link to discover more.

[National Year of Reading 2026 | Go All In](#)

David Adams

WORLD FOCUS

CHINA

Around 30 members of Zion Church, including eight Chinese church leaders, were arrested in October 2025 for the alleged crime of “illegally using information networks”. A pre-trial hearing is set to take place on 10 August, with the trial date set for 14-18 August. If found guilty, they face a possible three-year prison sentence.

Zion Church is a network of unofficial “house churches”, founded in 2007 by Pastor Jin and which has grown to become one of the largest unofficial churches in China. While unofficial churches are often overlooked by the Chinese authorities, they are technically illegal and members run the risk of arrest and imprisonment.

More than 200 leaders of unofficial churches are currently either imprisoned, under house arrest or otherwise detained.

Pray:- Please intercede for these church leaders, asking that their faith will remain firm as they suffer for the Name of their Saviour. Pray that the trial will show that they have done nothing worthy of punishment. Pray also for all of our Chinese brothers and sisters, especially those in unofficial churches who remain at risk of arrest and imprisonment.

Help Needed

August 16th is the Monmouth Agricultural Show. On behalf of Good News for Everyone, I have got a pitch where we will display and give out Bibles, tracts, booklets, DVDs, etc. I aim to be there for the whole day, starting at about 10.00 till 17.00. I would be grateful if anyone can spare an hour or two to help. Many thanks,

Simon Beber

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please let us know if you would like the fellowship to pray for you.
Pray for a number of people in the church who are struggling with health,
with mobility and with the heat.

Please pray for God to raise up workers in His Harvest
in all the countries we are supporting as well as here in Monmouth.

Pray for the children who attended the Holiday Bible Club.
Also pray for Beach Missions, Summer Camps and Holiday Bible Clubs in other places.
Pray for Steph Price working with Initiatives in Christian Education.

BBQ

Norton Baptist Chapel

Saturday September 5th
At 3pm

All Welcome

Please e mail [anne.e.sheppard@gmail](mailto:anne.e.sheppard@gmail.com) if you would like to attend.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Harvest Service	September 27th
Lee Abbey – Ladies’ Retreat weekend –	October 2nd – 4th
Jesus the evidence	October 4th 6:30pm
Church Anniversary weekend with guest John Funnell	October 24th - 25th

MBC GIVING

Thank you for your continued giving to the work of the Church. As an independent church we receive no outside help – only your gifts. Giving is a joyful part of committed discipleship. Please consider giving regularly to God’s work in our fellowship.

Use the Monmouth Baptist Church details for direct giving: Sort code 20-00-85, Account number 10615668. And, if you are a taxpayer, we can arrange for Gift Aid to claim tax back. 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”

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.

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