



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 17th May 2026

"Once you fasten your eyes upon Christ, you will have victory. As long as Peter kept his eyes on Christ, he could walk upon the water, but when he looked upon the waves instead of Christ, he began to sink." – Billy Graham

Welcome to this week's e-news.

We have a baptism service on 31st May. If you'd like to explore baptism or Church Membership, please let us know.

Have you signed up for Churchbox – our online fellowship directory and a good way to connect with the e-news? You can sign up here:

<https://monmouthbc.churchbox.co.uk/login> and if you need help there's a Saturday morning where people are offering to help – just come along.

It's also a great place to sign up children for the holiday club. Just look at "events" when you sign in.

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 Bert: Romans 7 'The Victorious Life'

Jonathan is at the Baptist Assembly

6:00pm Links Youth Club

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Bert: Ephesians 6 'Pray without ceasing'

The service is followed by the Lord's Supper.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 18th May

7:00pm Art Fringe

Tuesday 19th May

9:45 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study (at Jo's)

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

3.00pm Men's Coffee at Claire and Bob's tea rooms

7:30pm Small Group Fellowship

WEDNESDAY 20th May

9:30 – 11:30am Footprints

7:00pm Deacons' Meeting

THURSDAY 21st May

7:30 – 9:30pm Ladies' Bible study (at Mand's)

FRIDAY 22nd May

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

Matthew 17:1 – 13 'Transfiguration'

9:30 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible Study (at Church led by Cat)

SATURDAY 23rd May

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

SUNDAY 24th May

10:30am Morning Worship led by Jonathan: Romans 8 'The Victorious Life'

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Bert: Jeremiah 38 'Pray without ceasing'

MEN'S BREAKFAST PLAN SUMMER 2026

	Leader:	Bible Passage
May	15 BERT	Mat 16:13-28 Jesus & Peter
	22 ALAN	Mat 17:1-13 Transfiguration
	29 <i>Schools Half Term - no meeting</i>	
Jun	05 ??	Mat 17:14-27 Coming down
	12 ??	Mat 18:1-14 The Kingdom 1
	19 TIM	Mat 18:15-35 The Kingdom 2
	26 ??	Mat 19:1-12 Divorce
Jul	03 ??	Mat 19:13-30 Disciples?
	10 ??	Mat 20:1-16 Workers
	17 ??	Mat 20: 17-34 Going to Jerusalem
	<i>MCS and local schools Term ends 20th</i>	
	<i>Summer Break until Sep 4th</i>	

WORLD FOCUS

CHILDREN – part 1

Around the world, Christian children or children of Christian parents are vulnerable to religious persecution. Sometimes they are targeted to destabilise families and communities and to undermine the future of the church. Sometimes, if they choose to convert, they are persecuted by their own families.

*An example is **Bangladesh**. The Bangladesh Constitution gives every citizen the right to 'profess, practise or propagate' any religion, and also states that no person attending any educational institution shall be required to receive religious instruction. In practise, it is very different. The population is 90% Muslim. The government is pro-Islam. The state religion is Islam. Due to social and religious prejudices, Christians are facing more direct persecution and pressure from their family, relatives, non-believing community and radical Muslims. The main persecutors of Christian children are non-Christian relatives, neighbours, non-believing classmates, playmates, their parents and teachers. Christian children and youth endure considerable levels of violence as their parents choose to follow Jesus, including verbal, physical, psychological and sexual violence. Often, they are bullied, mocked and discriminated against at school. They are isolated and can even be a target for abduction and drug addiction.*

Pray:- *Pray for the resilience of these Christian children and pray that these non-Christian children will observe the faith of their Christian parents and likewise follow the Saviour.*

Simon Beber

TRACTS

There are tracts on the table in the foyer. We have purchased them for anyone to take and use in their personal evangelism.

Sometimes it can be difficult to strike up a conversation about Christ and even trepidation about doing so. But handing someone a tract can be an icebreaker to further conversation or simply leaving them with something they can read in their own time.

Please do use them.

Simon Beber

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please let us know if you would like the fellowship to pray for you.
Please pray for God to raise up workers in His harvest here.

Pray for a number of people in the church who have had falls, are in hospital or having treatment at the moment.

Please pray for Nic getting baptised on 31st May.

God is Sovereign over His world, we can go to Him for help in time of need, and we can talk to Him about the nations of the earth.

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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