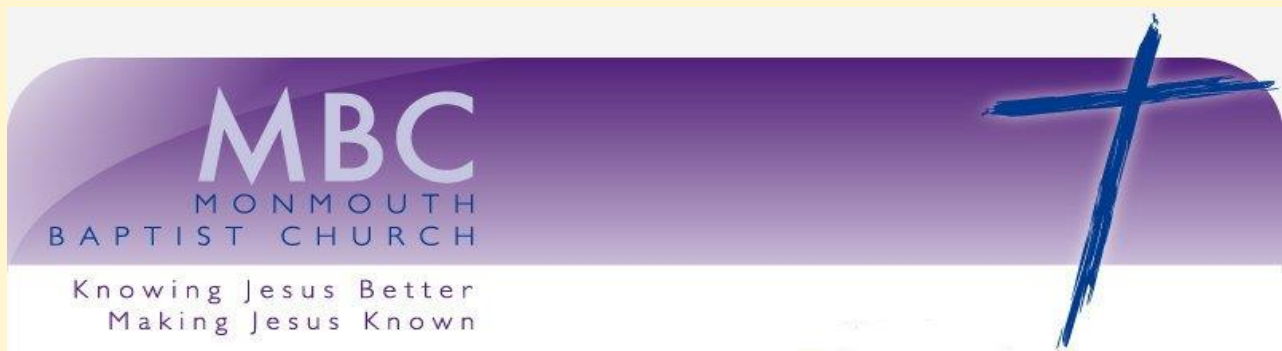




Our Sunday services are usually streamed live on the internet and video recorded. For GDPR purposes, it is presumed that people attending are happy to appear in it. If you would prefer not to, please feel free to sit near the back centre or back left as facing the front of the church which does not appear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

Sunday 2nd August 2026

*'Teach me, O lord, Thy holy way, and give me an obedient mind,
That in Thy service I may find my soul's delight from day to day.'*
William Tidd Matson

Welcome to this week's e-news.

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 Bert. Job 32: 1 - 22

'Why was Elihu's counsel to Job better than that of all the others?'

The service is followed by the Lord's Supper.

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Andrew Symes.

Hebrews 10. 'Jesus sat down at the right hand of God'

THE WEEK AHEAD

Schools have broken up for Summer Holidays so some activities may be on holiday too! Please check.

TUESDAY 4th 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 meeting during the holidays.

SATURDAY 8th August

9:00am ART WORK DAY – getting all backgrounds painted for the Holiday Club. See notice below.

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

4:00pm – Church Summer Picnic – see notice below.

SUNDAY 9th August

10:30am Morning Worship led by Jon Stark.
Bert is at Cornerstone.

6:30pm Evening Worship led by Bert.
Hebrews 11:1 – 19 'Without faith it is impossible to please God.'

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

OLIVE BECKINGHAM

Some members of the fellowship will remember Olive Beckingham with great fondness. She recently went home to be with her Lord. Olive's funeral will be held at Longhope Baptist Church on Tuesday 11th August at 12:00 noon. All welcome to attend.

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

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB CRAFT



Do you like PRINGLES?

For our Holiday Bible Club Craft, we need lots of Pringles' cylinders (small or large). They don't need to have the name of Pringles on it; cheaper versions will do! Please save these and pass them on to Maria Weenink!

HOLIDAY CLUB ART WORK HELP NEEDED

Starting at 9am, **All Day Saturday 8th August** is the final chance to help get all the back-grounds painted for the Holiday Club. Many hands make light work. Please help!

Amanda Endicott

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

CHURCH SUMMER PICNIC

Saturday 8th August
4pm with a byo picnic at 5pm
Garden games

At Rich and Liv's
The Mill, Oaklands Farm, Garway
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Olivia McLachlan

WORLD FOCUS

YEMEN

Yemen is third on the World Watch List of persecution against Christians. Interrogation, solitary confinement, sickness and extremist indoctrination are just some of the challenges facing imprisoned Christians in Yemen. But amidst the opposition are opportunities to share the gospel. When Mahfouz (alias) discovered that he was about to be released, he prayed for a delay to his release so that he could witness to a fellow prisoner.

Imprisonment creates fruitful opportunities to witness and build the church even in prisons. Similar testimonies are emerging following a crackdown on Christians in Yemen at the turn of the year. That does not make believers' experiences in prison in any way easier. It can include interrogation and solitary confinement, but it gives them hope that, even during the darkest moments, the light of Christ is shining in and through their hearts.

Back home, wives are struggling with juggling daily life. Without the main breadwinner, they need to find work whilst caring for their children and trying to seek legal aid for their husbands.

Amazingly, some believing prisoners get a "nod" from prison guards as they recognise their love, care, kindness and sharing of the gospel. And they get respect for being Christlike.

There are risks, of course, but because of their sacrifices, the Word of God is proclaimed.

Pray:- For the wellbeing and spiritual strength of our imprisoned brothers in Yemen, that their families will remain strong and provisioned, that many inmates and guards will come to Christ.

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 Holiday Bible Club at our church from the 10th to the 14th of August.
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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