



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 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

“If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead.” Tim Keller

Welcome to this week's e-news!

On Sunday morning Bert will be helping us explore the teaching of Jesus about how to get to heaven. In the evening, Jonathan will help us see how to suffer well as a Christian! Maybe you'd like to think a little more about how to pray? On Tuesday evening we look together, as a church, at Psalm 31.

Would you like a pastoral chat sometime? Or to talk through questions of faith? Please contact Bert or Jonathan. Please let us know if you can help with Holiday Club this year.

**10:30am Morning Worship led by Bert. John 14:1 – 15**

**‘Do you know the way to heaven?’**

(Jonathan is at Norton)

[Click here for Morning Worship](#)

**6:30pm Evening worship led by Jonathan. 1 Peter 4: 12 – 19 ‘The Fiery Ordeal’**

**The service is followed by the Lord's Supper.**

[Click here for Evening Worship](#)

# THE WEEK AHEAD

## **MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**7:00pm Art Fringe**

## **TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> 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 Midweek fellowship in the Centenary Room – learning to pray  
from Psalm 31**

## **WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> April**

**9.30 – 11:30am Footprints**

## **THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**7:30pm Ladies' Bible study**

## **FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

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

**9:30 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible study**

## **SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

**3:00pm Serving Our Streets. Meet at MBC.**

## **SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**10:30am Morning worship led by Jonathan. John 14: 15 - 31**

**The service is followed by the Lord's Supper.**

**6:30pm Evening worship led by Jonathan.**

**1 Peter 5: 1 – 7 'Elders and Youngsters'**

# FELLOWSHIP NEWS



A monthly course of encouragement for local preachers. 2nd Wednesday evenings 7:30-8:30pm On Zoom. For anyone involved in local preaching or interested in exploring Word ministry. The course will (mostly) run online, and is video based, with a manual, and covers the foundations of preaching and practical skills for faithful and fruitful ministry in the Word of God. There will be discussion, opportunity to pray for each other and a short home-study exercise each session. The group is open to men and women.

Please contact Jonathan to sign up, or for more

details [monmbc@gmail.com](mailto:monmbc@gmail.com) 07737 500093

1Corinthians 9:16 "Woe to me if I do not preach the Good News."



## HOLIDAY CLUB

Each morning from 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August for primary age children.

Leaders and young leaders will be needed to run the club each morning.

Please let Jonathan know if you can help.

## MONMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING and AGM

The next Church Meeting, which includes the AGM, is due to be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm. All welcome to attend but only members are able to vote.

This meeting will include the election of Church Secretary, Treasurer and Deacons. David Adams (Secretary); Clive Wiggins (Treasurer); Alan Cochran and Cliff Vandervelden (Deacons) are coming to the end of their terms of office; they have all been nominated for re-election. Please prayerfully consider this matter.

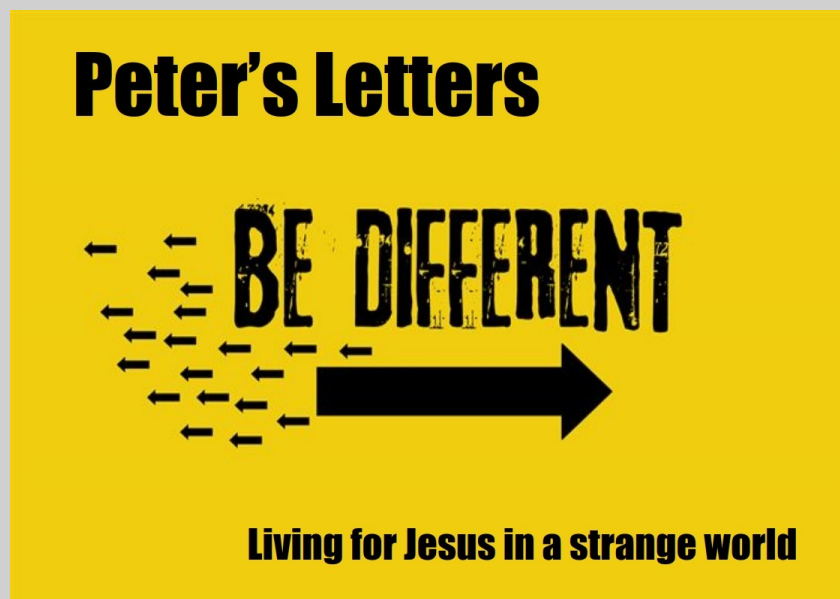
We will also be discussing and seeking to make a decision about the proposal to install solar panels and our need for someone to oversee the health and safety of the church. We will have updates about our support for mission agencies, and other matters affecting our church.

### **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.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Pray for Seren following her baptism last week.

Pray for Eden and her organisation in Central Asia

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

Use Psalm 31 to pray for the church this week.

Pray for people in Wales gathering for the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) conference in Cardiff this week on Thursday.

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## WORLD FOCUS

### **PAKISTAN**

Adnan Masih, a 34-year-old brick kiln worker and his wife were headed home on a motorcycle on the night of March 25 when two masked gunmen stopped them at gunpoint. They demanded money. When he explained that he was a poor Christian and an ordinary worker at a brick kiln, they started whispering something into each other's ears. One of them then made a phone call, and a third man soon arrived on a motorcycle. They tied up Adnan and then pulled his wife into a nearby sugarcane field and violently assaulted her. After they left, she managed to walk back to her husband, battered and beaten and they collapsed together in tears, completely traumatised. They walked back home to their three children and other relatives and prayed to God, which helped in comforting and giving them hope. The next morning, they phoned the police. The three assailants were caught.

A Christian lawmaker, who played a key role in ensuring police action, told CDI-MSN:

‘Minority women are particularly vulnerable to sexual violence as the perpetrators think of them as easy targets. Moreover, a majority of Christians living in Punjab are very poor and face several barriers in accessing justice.’

**Pray:-** For physical as well as mental and spiritual healing. Incidents like this are NOT uncommon.

*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](http://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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