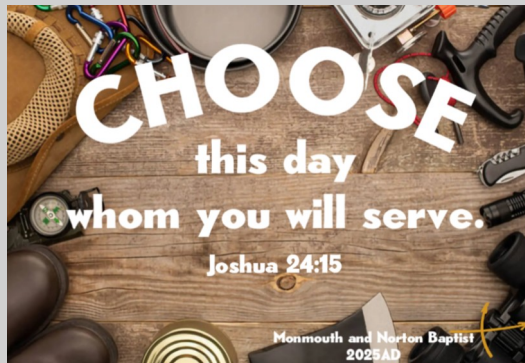




Our Sunday services are usually streamed live on the internet and video recorded. For GDPR purposes, it is presumed that people attending are happy to appear in it. If you would prefer not to, please feel free to sit near the back centre or back left as facing the front of the church which does not appear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

Sunday 2nd November 2025

“Shall we carry a flag? It is a rival to Christ.” ~ Tertullian (160AD – 220AD)

Welcome to this week's e-news. Please support the guest speaker from the European Mission Fellowship on **Tuesday evening**. Also **next Sunday** is Remembrance Sunday and as usual, we will join the town service and then gather for refreshments, holding our own short 30minute all-age service at approx 11:45. The Scouts will again be joining us.

10:30am Morning Worship led by Bert. 1 Corinthians 2: 1 – 16

‘Preaching with Power’

The service is followed by the Lord's Supper.

[Click here for morning service](#)

6:30pm Evening worship led by Bert, and Simon Beber.

International Day of Prayer 2025. 2 Corinthians 4: 7 – 12

‘Hard pressed.... but not crushed’

[Click here for evening service](#)

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 3rd November

7:00pm Art Fringe

TUESDAY 4th November

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

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

3:00pm Men's Coffee – at Coffi Lab (including Bible study)

7:30pm Midweek Fellowship – European Missionary Fellowship

(See notice below)

WEDNESDAY 5th November

9:30 – 11:30am Footprints

5:00pm Bonfire night gathering in the centenary room. See notice below.

THURSDAY 6th November

7:30 – 11:30am Ladies' Bible study (at Mand's)

7:00pm Explore course at MBC

FRIDAY 7th November

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

9:30 – 11:00am Ladies' Bible Study (at Church led by Cat)

SATURDAY 8th November

2:00pm Serving Our Streets. Meet at MBC.

SUNDAY 9th November

**(10:30 gather at the town Memorial in St James Square for the town service.
Followed by refreshments at MBC)**

11:30am Morning Worship led by Jonathan. 1 Corinthians 3:3

6:30pm Evening worship led by Jonathan. Jeremiah 31: 1 - 26

The Newness of the New Covenant and its relevance

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 2025.

On November 2nd, all around the world, Christians will be engaging in the International Day of Prayer for persecuted Christians.

Our evening service on Nov 2nd will be dedicated to IDOP 2025, led by Bert Weenink and Simon Beber speaking on 2 Cor 4:7-12 – 'Hard pressed...but not crushed.'

Please join us in this most important subject.

CHURCH MEMBERS MEETING

The next Church meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 11th November at 7:30pm.

All welcome to attend.



PACK A SHOEBOX
AND SHARE GOD'S LOVE!

NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK IS
10-17 NOVEMBER

SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG.UK/OCC

OUR DAILY BREAD

'Our Daily Bread' Newsletter and pamphlet of gifts to order will be in the foyer.

Fiona Beber

EXPLORE

6 sessions that lay out the foundational ideas of the Christian faith. Groups meet in the day and evening. Thursdays at 7pm, other times are available. Please ask for details.

SPECIAL EVENING - EUROPEAN MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday 4th November 7:30pm we are welcoming a guest speaker, Philip Jones to share about the work of EMF and focus on mission in a particular country. Please support the evening if you can, as it will take place instead of Small Groups.

Remember! Remember! BONFIRE NIGHT GATHERING

If you'd like to gather for hot-dogs before heading off to join the town fireworks, we are meeting in the Centenary Room at 5pm on Wednesday November 5th. Please let us know you're coming in the Whatsapp group, or by email.

TRAINING COURSES WITH THE CHARITY 'RESTORED'

Following the meeting led by Bekah Legg, would anyone be interested in taking an online course about understanding domestic abuse? The course is arranged by the charity Restored. If you are interested please reach out to Fay Sims (fay@simsw.plus.com) to let her know, as a couple of people from Wyesham are also doing the course.

Emma Lawson



Hereford Church Singers

are singing Advent and Christmas services throughout Herefordshire.

Would you like to join us?

In 2025 we have sung Choral Eucharists, Matins and Evensongs to settings both ancient and modern, including Common Worship.

See our website for more details www.herefordchurchsingers.co.uk

Could you be a Hereford Church Singer?

If you love church music and are a competent sight-reader we invite you to contact our Musical Director,

John Eden

by email (johnaeden1@gmail.com)

or by phone (07800 839648)

We rehearse on Wednesday evenings.

We have an ever-expanding repertoire of over 300 pieces.

In addition, we sing secular music for occasions such as weddings.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCES AWAY

Keswick in August

Come to the Keswick Convention this year **Week 2: Saturday 25 – Sat 1st Aug 2026!** **Everyone is welcome.** It is a fantastic Christian conference held in the Lake District, with great teaching, kids work, music, all in a beautiful setting! Similar in some ways to Word Alive. A number of us are going to try and have a base at the Springs Campsite, with others booking accommodation in local B&Bs or self catered places. Do ask Chris and Jo Walker or James and Mand Endicott for more info and see below websites.

<https://keswickministries.org/>

<https://www.springscamp.org.>

Rising Lights in April

From 6th-10th April Rising Lights is a gathering for five days by the coast to hear God's word, to praise our risen Saviour, and to rest. With plenty for adults, teens, and kids, alongside space to enjoy Torquay with friends and family. You have to find your own accommodation, but if anyone is going, please let Jonathan know as we will be there.

<https://fiec.org.uk/events/rising-lights>

LADIES NEEDED TO HELP IN SCHOOLS

Would you be willing to give an hour in the week to help run some of the children's clubs in schools with Jonathan? We need someone to help on a Wednesday lunchtime (Between 12:30 and 1:30 and Thursdays 3:20 to 4:30pm. Would need to be a woman and willing to do the DBS checks and safeguarding training.

MONMOUTH BAPTIST FESTIVAL CHOIR

An invitation to anyone who would like to learn a couple of special items for the Sunday 21st December 5pm service, (and possibly, residential homes). No need to be able to read music. Please let Jonathan know. Rehearsals likely to be Wednesday evenings.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH AND CELEBRATIONS

Over the next few weeks we will be updating this spot with more details of our Christmas outreach and services.

Sunday 14 th 5pm	Carol Concert with Usk Town Band at MBC
Saturday 20 th Dec Time TBC	The Christmas Experience
Sunday 21 st Dec 10:30am	All-Age service
5pm	Christmas Celebration
Thursday 25 th 9:30-10:15	God with us all age celebration

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Pray for the opportunities to listen to guest speakers over the next few weeks, and the impact of God's mission around the world.

Please pray for our Baptist Association in South Wales and the witness of Churches that the Lord will help the Gospel to flourish wherever it is shared.

***Pray for the Middle East and for a just peace in Ukraine.
Pray that the peace plan for Israel and Palestine will be effective.***

WORLD FOCUS

FINLAND

Paivi is a member of the Finnish Parliament since 1995, chair of the Christian Democratic Party from 2004-2015 and served as Minister of the Interior from 2011 to 2015. She is a Bible believing Christian.

In 2019, she posted a tweet questioning her church's official partnership with the LGBT event "Pride 2019," including a picture of some Bible verses from the book of Romans. She was accused of hate speech. The authorities investigated and in 2021 the prosecutor general brought three criminal charges against Paivi. In March 2022, the court unanimously dismissed all charges. The prosecutor general appealed the court's decision. In 2023, the Appeal Court unanimously acquitted her of all the criminal charges. The prosecutor general refused to accept the decision and in January 2024 appealed to the Finnish Supreme Court. The case is scheduled to be heard on October 30, 2025.

Finland is a signatory to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, which also covers freedom of speech. Clearly that cuts no ice with the prosecutor general. Paivi is standing strong and sees evangelistic opportunities in this prolonged legal battle. She also considers this to be a blessing in disguise, for an acquittal by the Supreme Court would set an even stronger precedent for everyone's right to free speech and religion.

Pray:- *Paivi's case is a stark reminder of the rising tide of global censorship, but it's also a reminder that free speech for all is a winning proposition. That's why we must continue defending and pursuing laws that explicitly protect free speech around the world.*

Simon Beber

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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