

Sunday Children's Groups

We normally head out of the Morning Service around 10:45am. Each week all four groups look at the same Bible story.

Scramblers: Pre-school

Meet in The Upper Room

Climbers: Reception - Yr 2

Meet in The Lounge

Explorers: Yrs 3 - 6

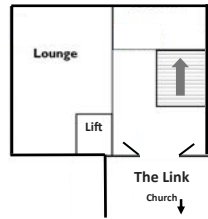
Meet in The Kendall Hall

Adventurers: Additional Needs

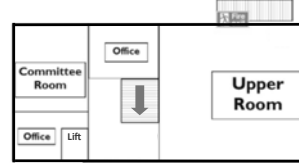
Meet in The Committee Room

No groups during Whole Church Services.

Ground Floor



First Floor



Youth Work

Younger Youth: Yrs 7 - 9

Sunday Mornings: 10:45am - 12pm

Meet in the Mezz (except Whole Church)

Older Youth: Yrs 10 - 13

Sunday Evenings: 6:30 - 9pm



ST MARY BREDIN CHURCH // FAMILY NEWS

SUNDAY 23RD APRIL

Welcome to St Mary Bredin (SMB) and a special welcome if this is your first time with us. We hope you enjoy your time with us and quickly feel at home here. We are a church looking to follow Christ's call to 'Be Holy and Be a Blessing' and we love welcoming others into the church family to join us on that journey. We would love to say hello to you personally so do please come and introduce yourselves to a member of the staff or a member of the welcome team. You can find more information about SMB on our website and in The Link, where there is lots of information about what goes on here at the church and how you might quickly feel part of the church. At the Welcome Point you can find out about life here at SMB and fill in a Welcome Card so we can send you more information about how you can feel fully part of the church.

I really look forward to getting to know you. God Bless, Barney

Today's Services

8am | Holy Communion

10:30am | Morning Service

The Sower

with Youth and Children's Work

Reading: Luke 8: 4-8 | Speaker: Barney de Berry

6:30pm | Evening Service

Why do We... Gather as Church?

Reading: Hebrews 10: 19-25 | Speaker: Barney de Berry

This Week

Monday 24th April

9am - Morning Worship

10am - Bumblebees

Wednesday 26th April

10am - Hotspot

Tuesday 25th April

9:30am - Mosaic Prayer

Thursday 27th April

6:30pm - Student Dinner

7:30pm - APCM

Giving at SMB

We believe that God calls us to tithe to our local place of worship as part of our discipleship and worship. We can only continue to seek to fulfil God's calling on us as we as His church continue to tithe and give as God calls us to. The best way to give is by regular standing order and if you're a tax payer to ensure that you gift-aid your donation. You can ask for a form at the Welcome Point.

Get Connected

Our Fellowship Groups are central to our life and fellowship together as a church and we hope that every member of SMB is a member of a Fellowship Group. This is one of the best ways to get to know others as well as serving in teams and using our gifts. Pick up a flyer from the Link and post your completed form through the post box to sign up.

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Ministry Letter - Seniors

Dear Friends,

'Connections' are going places! Our Seniors' group continues to provide a much-appreciated monthly occasion for those of us who consider ourselves to be part of the fast-growing Third Age. On the third Wednesday of the month 'Connections' follows the 11:30am Communion Service, when we meet for lunch in the Link – always a delicious contribution from Anne Young and her devoted helpers.

We then gather in the Upper Room for a varied time of reflection led by some of our planning group. Between them the Cudmores, Lewises, Macdonalds and Thorningtons devise a programme that usually includes a brief presentation on a personal topic of interest on a health or related issue, followed by some worship and a shared reflection on a biblical theme for an hour. We then enjoy tea and cake in the Link with the request for the Birthday Boy or Girl to blow out the candles on the birthday cake.

We have looked at aspects of what being the Body of Christ means and we have had our second Songs of Praise session on Wednesday 19th April. In July we are off to Goodnestone Gardens for our now annual outing to a local venue for yet more tea and cake.

If any of this appeals to you – do come and join us on Wednesday 17th May and discover something new.

Roger Thornington for the Connections planning team.

Prayer

The Mission partner for April is Damaris & Ulli Drews in Hong Kong.

Please pray: for a teenager who is very dear to them, who is now in prison in Manila, it seems he was set up & now risks life imprisonment; that we would continue to find the poor in Hong Kong since they are often lost in tower blocks; for provision for our overseas teams, working with the very poor in Vietnam, India, Philippines (in terms of manpower, food, lodging and miracles); that our children and all the young in our congregations (there are many) will love & follow Jesus' way.

Please do keep in your prayers those in our church family who are unwell at the moment. Also continue to pray for those who are recently bereaved, that they would know God close to them.

Events

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Thursday 27th April // 7.30pm


Join us as we review 2016, and look forward as a church to 2017. A copy of the new Electoral Roll for 2017 is on display in the Link. *(Please note no further additions can now be made until next years roll.)* There are nomination forms for Deanery Synod, PCC and Churchwarden in the Link and a copy of the Church Accounts for 2016 is available to view.

'Thank you' Bring and Share Sunday 30th April

We will again be having our annual Thank You Bring and Share lunch after the Morning Service next week. As usual, we do need help with set up and clear up. If you're able to help (the more people the quicker its done!) please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Link, or contact the Office.

International Food and Prayer

You are warmly invited to join Friends International on 12th May, 7-9pm, here at SMB! Come along to Worship, eat and pray for Canterbury Summer International Outreach (CSIO) 2017! Opportunity to hear stories of what God is doing among International students and how you can be part of it! Bring and share food or nibbles from UK and around the world! Let us know what food you will be bringing by e-mailing: canterbury.fi@gmail.com

 International Food and Prayer

Ordination Service for Jo Purle

Saturday 1st July, 11am at Canterbury Cathedral. For any SMB members who would like to, Jo would like to invite you to join her on this special occasion. Please dress smart. (Unless you have an allocated ticket, you will need to arrive in plenty of time.)

Notices

Help for Holiday Club!

Jungle Run holiday club is happening Tuesday 29th August – Friday 1st September. Last year we had almost 70 children and would love to be able to have the same this year. We need everyone from admin to group leaders and helpers to craft and games team to band members. Why not help us make it happen and sign up to be on team - let Mim know (mtaylor@smb.org.uk) or fill in a Sign Up form from the Link.

Help Needed Next Sunday!

We need a team of people for next Sunday's Morning Service, 30th April, to help with welcoming and serving refreshments. Hosting is a great way of serving our church family here at SMB. If you can get here an hour early for a service once a month, then we really do need your help! We have a great team of people who welcome visitors and serve drinks faithfully on Sundays, but they are having to work hard because volunteers are thin on the ground. If you are able to help with this, please contact the office. Thanks!

Thy Kingdom Come

This year, we will again be hosting a 24-7 Prayer Room here at SMB. This will run the week commencing 28th May, and begin with a Canterbury-wide service on this date. Do get the dates in your diaries, and look out for more information which will be coming soon.

Youth Trip to Gravity

Friday 12th May // 7:15pm

Younger Youth and Older Youth are combining and heading to Gravity Trampoline Park in Maidstone for an evening of bouncing and fun! Speak to Luke before Sunday 30th April if you are interested in joining in.