

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.

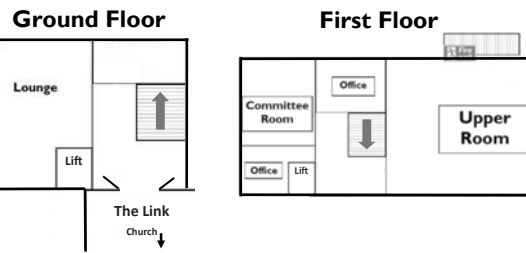
Scramblers: Pre-school
Meet in The Upper Room

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.



Youth Work

Younger Youth: Yrs 7 - 9
Sunday | 10:30am | The Mezz

Connect: Yrs 10 - 13
Friday | 7-9pm | SMB

Deeper: Yrs 12 - 13
2nd & 4th Tuesdays | 7:30pm

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 fulfil God's calling on us as we, His church, continue to tithe and give as God calls us. The best way to give is by standing order and, if you're a tax payer, to ensure that you gift-aid your donation. Do ask for a giving form at the Welcome Point.

Get Connected

Our Fellowship Groups are central to our life and fellowship 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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ST MARY BREDIN CHURCH // FAMILY NEWS

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER

Welcome to St Mary Bredin (SMB) and a special welcome if this is your first visit. 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 it. 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

with Youth and Children's Work

The Attitude of a Disciple

Reading: Philippians 2: 1-11 | **Speaker:** Stephen Carter

6:30pm | Evening Service

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary...

Reading: Luke 1: 26-38 | **Speaker:** Barney de Berry

This Week

Monday 9th October

9am - Morning Worship
10am - Bumblebees

Tuesday 10th October

7:15pm - Marriage Course

Wednesday 11th October

7:30pm - Alpha

Thursday 12th October

6:30pm - Student Night

Friday 13th October

7pm - Connect Youth

Saturday 14th October

7:20am - Men's Prayer Breakfast

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Ministry Letter - from the Treasurer

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation it now very much looks like we will balance the books in 2017!

For several years SMB's financial position was very comfortable indeed. We held significant reserves, income and expenditure were broadly in line and PCC finance reports were blessedly short. But after a period of consolidation it became clear in 2016 that the Lord was calling us to do rather more. We appointed an associate vicar, launched new ministries such as CAP and Make Lunch and the PCC continues to prayerfully consider future callings on our time, finances and other resources. It is exciting, it is challenging, and it is clear that more will be required of us.

The treasurer and PCC have had to adapt to our new situation as we try to balance our human responsibility - that we can't spend money we don't have; with God's higher calling to live by faith. Each month the treasurer has had to urge caution while convicted that the Lord will continue to do great things at SMB. My report at the annual church meeting highlighted that we needed to increase giving in 2017 to cover our costs and yet again our gracious God provided.

Our coming gift day (details to follow) will give us a chance to prime the pump for the year ahead and gift aid backed standing order forms are available at the welcome desk. As a church we continue to learn how to walk by faith. We must be mindful of our responsibilities, but we must never allow ourselves to be held captive to them.

We thank God for his gracious provision for us.

God bless,
Simon

Prayer

Our Mission Partner for October is Friends International. Please pray for:

3 Reach volunteers in Canterbury to settle quickly into their new role; the recruitment of an additional staff worker in Canterbury as the harvest is plentiful; students to come back to the Discovery follow-up group after holidays; new students in Canterbury to engage with us;
World cafe meeting twice a month led by Joe Ling.

Mosaic Prayer

Tuesdays // 9:30 - 10:30am

Men's Prayer Breakfast is on this Saturday 14th October from 7:20 - 9am.

If you are a man and love God and cooked breakfasts, do come along and meet with other men to talk, pray and eat. This week Robby Keen will be sharing with us.

Events

The Link

Wednesday 11th October // 10am

This is a great opportunity to meet for coffee and a chat, open to all, every second Wednesday of the month. Please come along and join us. Bring your craftwork, knitting, sewing, puzzles, crosswords etc...

Harvest Service

Sunday 15th October

We will be celebrating Harvest together at our Morning Service. As part of our collection we will be donating items to the Food Bank. So please do bring along what you can to offer it to those in greater need. Suggested items from the Food Bank are: Jam, Long life fruit juice, Biscuits, Tinned carrots, Tinned peas, Sugar, Long life milk, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Toiletries.

Women's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday 21st October // 9-10:30am

Allow us to bless you with a delicious breakfast! Then listen to a short talk and spend some time praying. If you've never joined us before this is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other women in the church. Please sign up online or email/text Karien (karien43@gmail.com or 07749 237314) to tell us you will be there. We look forward to welcoming you.

Notices

CAP Vision Evening

Monday 9th October // 8 - 9pm

Come along and hear about the new, exciting CAP work we're going to be doing from SMB. Lynn will also be sharing the different roles that you can be involved in. If you missed our CAP Sunday talk, you can catch up online.
🌐 smb.org.uk/LatestTalk - Guest Speakers

Need Help with your Garden?

Saturday 21st October

Our 20s & 30s are getting involved with ACTS and doing some gardening. If you'd like help with your garden on Saturday 21st October please get in touch with Stephen.

Children's Light Party

Tuesday 31st October // 5-7pm

Let's celebrate God's love for us... come dressed up, but no scary costumes! Craft, games and food are all included. If you'd like your child (Reception - yr6) to come along you'll need to fill out a consent form and hand it to Mim for Sunday 22nd October.

Abandoned Bike

The silver bike in the bike racks has been there for a couple of months. If this belongs to you, or you know where it has come from, please do contact the Church Office. If nobody has come forward by Friday 13th October, we will dispose of it. Thanks!

Do you own a car?

Please can we remind everyone that cars should only be parked in marked spaces in the car park and not on the hatching or blocking other cars. This is important in case emergency vehicles need access, as well as people being able to leave the car park easily. Please consider if you really need to park in the car park as there are a number of people with mobility needs and blue badge holders who require spaces and recently it has been difficult for them to park. Many thanks.