

## 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

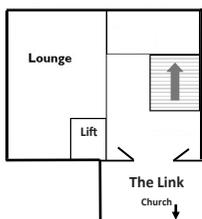
**Explorers:** Yrs 3 - 5  
Meet in The Kendall Hall

**Trailblazers:** Yr 6  
Meet in the Prayer Room

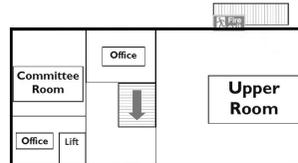
**Adventurers:** Additional Needs  
Meet in The Committee Room

No groups during Whole Church Services.

### Ground Floor



### First Floor



## Youth Work

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

**Connect:** Yrs 10 - 13 | Friday (alternates with Deeper) | 7-9pm | SMB

**Deeper:** Yrs 10 - 13 | Friday (alternates with Connect) | 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 taxpayer, 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

# 21ST APRIL 2019

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 | Easter Celebration**  
With Holy Communion

**6:30pm | Easter Evening Service**

## This Week

**Wednesday 24rd April**

10am - Hotspot

**Thursday 25th April**

5pm - TAP and Student Dinner

7.30pm - APCM

**Friday 26th April**

7.30pm - Connect Youth

**Saturday 27th April**

7.20am Men's Prayer Breakfast

3pm - Duggie Dug Dug

**Sunday 28th April**

12pm - Bring and Share Lunch

## Ministry Letter - From the Vicar

Dear Friends

Happy Easter! It is always a fantastic time of the year as we remember and celebrate the central event of our faith, the cross and resurrection of Christ. My prayer is that each of us realise afresh what Christ has done for us and receive again a new and greater dose of the joy of our salvation this Easter time.

With that in mind I want to flag up the baptism service that is taking place at our evening service on Pentecost Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. These services are always a great celebration as we hear about the salvation that people have received from Christ, and as we stand with them as they commit themselves to following Jesus. We already have quite a number of people who are going to be baptised or who are renewing their baptismal vows through immersion, so it promises to be a brilliant time. Please do come along to be encouraged by what God has done, to be reminded of the power of the gospel for salvation and to celebrate the good news of the new life we have in Christ. If you would like to be baptised, then do speak to one of the clergy about what is involved as we would love as many people as possible to take this opportunity.

As we think about God's work among us please, if you can, make our APCM on 25<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm a priority. It is a great time to review what God has done among and through us and to look ahead as a church. We also vote on members of our PCC which is the decision-making body of the church. So do come along and do pray for the PCC as they continue to serve us in this role.

If you have been away over the Easter period, I hope you have had a restful time and I pray that God will bless us all and renew our hope in him this Easter Season.

**Alleluia Christ is risen, He is risen indeed Alleluia!**

God Bless  
**Barney**

## Prayer

**The mission partner for April is Baiba Strause-Kalmere at Friends International. Please pray for:** new international secretaries, Koren and Beth looking to inspire and equip local students to reach out to international students; students from Bulgaria, Poland, Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong going to the Word Alive conference this month; planning for the Canterbury Summer International Outreach and recruiting the team for the outreach in July.

**The next Men's Prayer Breakfast is on Saturday 27th April from 7.20-9am**

If you are a man and love God and cooked breakfasts, come along to meet with other men to talk, pray and eat.

## Events & Notices

### Hotspot

**Wednesday 24th April // 10am**

Everyone is welcome to come along! Bring your friends and family and join us for home-made cakes and treats with time to relax and catch up on news. Contact Anne Young for details or just pop along and stay a while.

### Duggie Dug Dug Crazy Science Praise Party!

**Saturday 27th April // 3pm**

Join us as we welcome Duggie Dug Dug for a jam-packed 90 minutes of songs, puppets, illusions, a Gospel message, and lots of fun and laughter. To buy tickets (£4 per child, adults free) see the poster in the Link or talk to Mim.

### Marriage Course - from 7th May Tuesdays // 7.15-9.45pm

Don't forget to sign up to The Marriage Course at [smb.org.uk/marriage](http://smb.org.uk/marriage). The course costs £70 per couple, and lasts for 7 weeks with a 2 course meal each week!

### Mozambique Cyclone

Our mission partners, Lisa & Orlando Muerasse, are able to send aid directly to where it is needed. If you would like to donate to help those affected by the cyclone, please send funds to Pastos Verdes UK Account, Account No: 13691268, Sort Code: 20-54-25. Quote the reference "Emergency Relief". For further information, contact Anne Young ([anneyoung26@gmail.com](mailto:anneyoung26@gmail.com)) or Trevor Sharp ([tpsharp@gmail.com](mailto:tpsharp@gmail.com)).

### The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Thursday 25th April at 7.30pm.

A copy of the current Electoral Roll Register is on display in the Link. Please check your details. Only those on the Electoral Roll will be eligible to vote at the APCM. There are also copies of the Annual Report with financial statements for 2018 and the Minutes of last year's meeting.

### 'Thank You' Bring and Share Sunday 28th April

We will be holding our annual 'Thank You' Bring and Share lunch after the Morning Service on the 28th April. As usual, we need help with setup and clear up. If you're able to help (the more the merrier - and quicker!) please leave your name at the Welcome Point today.

### Farewell to the Hunt family

As most of you will know, Craig, Becky, Noah & Anna will be leaving SMB next month to go to Nottingham where Craig will be the new Director of Ordinands, responsible for selecting and training new clergy. We will officially say goodbye to them all on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May in our morning service but we will also be having tea and cakes at 3.30pm in the Link to say thank you. We would also love to give them a gift to show our appreciation of all they have given to us as a church family. If you would like to contribute then please write a cheque to 'St Mary Bredin PCC' and clearly mark that it's for Craig & Becky's gift. If you are unable to come to the farewell then please do keep the whole family in your prayers as they prepare for this move.