

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

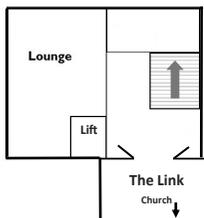
Explorers: Yrs 3 - 6
Meet in the Kendall Hall

Trailblazers: Yr 6 (From January-July)
Meet in the Prayer Room

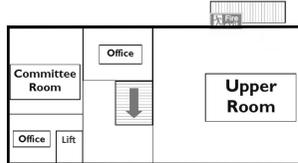
Adventurers: Additional Needs
Meet in the Committee Room

No groups during Whole Church Services.

Ground Floor



First Floor



ST MARY BREDIN CHURCH // FAMILY NEWS

20TH OCTOBER 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**

Youth Work

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

Connect: Yrs 10 - 13 | Friday (alternates with Deeper) | 7:30-9pm | SMB

Deeper: Yrs 10 - 13 | Friday (alternates with Connect) | 7:30-9pm

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, by Gift Aiding your donation. You can 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.

Today's Services

8am | Holy Communion

10:30am | Morning Service

Being a People of Community

With Youth and Children's Work

Reading: John 13: 31-35 **Preacher:** Mim Taylor

6:30pm | Evening Service

The treasure and the pearl

With Holy Communion

Reading: Matthew 13: 44-46 **Preacher:** Laura Hackett

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This Week

Tuesday 22nd October
9.15am - Morning Prayer

Wednesday 23rd October
9.15am - Morning Worship

Thursday 24th October
9.15am - Morning Prayer

Friday 25th October
7.30pm - Deeper Youth

Saturday 26th October
9am - Men's Prayer Breakfast

Ministry Letter - Eco Church

Dear SMB family,

The work of the Eco Group has been continuing over the summer, with several productive sessions clearing some of the borders in the churchyard to prepare for the arrival of fruiting trees in November. We had a fun session with the children in September learning about God's creation and decorating bird boxes and bug hotels which will encourage wildlife to thrive around our church - we look forward to seeing what kinds of birds take residence!

Our solar panels have generated over 6000 kWh (units) since they were installed. We have used over half of this, and the rest has been exported to the grid.

In the recent Outlook magazine (Issue 40 Autumn 2019), Teresa Redfern, Diocesan Environmental Officer, highlighted both the severity and urgency of action to reduce emissions and restore our ecosystem. The series of articles touched on all the major aspects of the problems we are facing: we must significantly reduce our consumption and regenerate nature in order to reduce the impacts of climate change and ecological breakdown both now and for the future.

How can we respond to this as a Church and as individuals? As Jesus calls us to: prayerfully and sacrificially. We should consider taking steps in our own lives like moving our finances to green funds and banking, reducing our consumption, changing our diet and committing to reducing travelling (see 52 climate actions for more on what you can do <https://www.52climateactions.com/>). Alongside these personal actions, collectively we must campaign for climate justice through our giving and raising our voices in whatever ways God enables and inspires us by his Holy Spirit.

As Archdeacon Stephen Taylor prays: *All Powerful God, pour upon us the power of Your love that we might love the whole world as You do, care for the most vulnerable within it and live lives that give hope to the planet and all Your people. Amen.*

Love and blessings from the Eco Group

Prayer

The mission partner for October is Katie Washington in Malawi.

Please pray for: Katie settling in Malawi after only a few weeks there; guidance regarding which ministries to focus on; her plan to start more regular youth groups in some of the villages and for blessing on that; language learning so she can communicate with people better.

The next Men's Prayer Breakfast is on Saturday 26th October from 7.20-9am.

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

Events & Notices

Service of Remembrance

Sunday 10th November // 3pm

Invitations are available from the Welcome Point for our annual Service of Remembrance for the bereaved. Please take one if you wish to come along or invite any family members or friends to come too.

CMF East Kent

Tuesday 29th October // 7.30pm

Christians in healthcare are invited to come and hear Dr Andrew Fergusson speak on 'CMF - the 1990s and now'. For details email ruth.deberry@nhs.net

Hotspot

Wednesday 30th October // 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. Refreshments on hand and our Traidcraft Stall selling gifts and goodies. Contact Anne Young for details or just pop along and stay a while.

Light Party

Thursday 31st October // 5-7pm

Anyone from Reception to Y6 is welcome, come dressed up (but no scary costumes) and celebrate God's love for us with a light party at SMB. If you'd like to come, pick up a flyer from the Link!

Younger Youth Film Night

Thursday 31st October // 5-7pm

Come along to SMB after school to eat pizza and ice cream and watch a film. Bring your friends!

What Does the Bible Say About Mental Health?

Thursday 7th November // 7.30pm

SMB Students and the TAP are excited to be holding a joint event on mental health and the Bible with teaching from Rachel Newham, founder of 'Think Twice' and author of *Learning To Breathe*. To sign up, email the office with your name and any dietary requirements, or fill in the form on the Student page of the website (smb.org.uk/students).

Catching Lives Volunteering Monday Evenings // December - March

Catching Lives is a local charity helping homeless people in Canterbury. Every Monday evening from 1st December to 31st March they use SMB as overnight accommodation. We rely on a rota of volunteers to 7-10pm on a Monday night. For more information or to sign up please contact Jill in the Church Office.

Climate Crisis Mini-School Tuesdays in November // 5th, 12th, 19th // 7.30-9pm

How can we make sense of climate change, biblically and theologically? How does God call us to respond to the climate crisis? Sign up online or email office@smb.org.uk to let us know you're coming along.

Don't forget that if you miss any of our services you can listen to the sermon via the website at www.smb.org.uk/LatestTalk.