

## 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

### Adventurers: Additional Needs

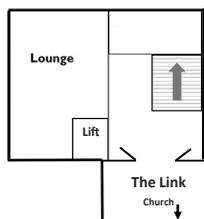
Meet in The Committee Room

### Trailblazers: Yr 6

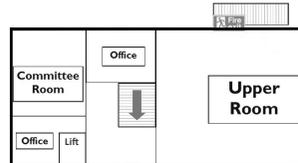
Meet in The Prayer Room

*No groups during Whole Church Services.*

### Ground Floor



### First Floor



## Youth Work

### Younger Youth:

Years 7 - 9

Sunday | 10:30am | The Mezz

### Older Youth:

Years 10 - 13

Tuesdays | 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, 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

# 16TH FEBRUARY 2020

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**

**Why do we have a sermon?**

with Youth and Children's Work

**Reading:** 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 **Speaker:** Peter Ould

**6:30pm | Evening Service**

**The Cross and Service**

With Holy Communion

**Reading:** Philippians 2: 5-11 **Speaker:** Mim Taylor

## This Week

**Monday 17th** February

9am - Morning Worship

**Thursday 20th** February

9.15am - Morning Worship

**Wednesday 19th** February

9.15am - Morning Prayer

11.30am - Holy Communion

12pm - Connections

**Saturday 22nd** February

7.20am - Men's Prayer Breakfast

## Ministry Letter - from the Vicar

Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago we had our Commitment Sunday service, if you weren't able to be there you missed out on being part of our age line up. As part of our service and to demonstrate the big family of God we got the congregation to line up in age order from oldest right back round to the youngest. It was slightly chaotic at first but once we were in line it was a brilliant illustration of what church is: a big family made up of people from every age and stage of life. It is a great joy and privilege to be part of a fellowship that can genuinely say we are made up of every generation. It is something we should cherish, protect and work at nourishing and growing so others may be blessed by being part of the family here at SMB.

In my letter leading up to Commitment Sunday I highlighted a couple of areas of ministry, Children's Church and Hosting Teams, that need more help. If you have felt prompted to serve in those areas then please do get in touch with Mim Taylor about Children's Church or Catherine Colley in the office about Hosting teams. Or if there is another area of the church's ministry that you feel God is calling you to serve in then I or Stephen would love to chat with you about it so we might release every part of the church to play its part in the body of Christ here at SMB.

With Lent around the corner do pray about how you might use this time leading up to Easter to draw closer to God and deepen your understanding of and amazement with the cross of Christ and all that is ours as a result of the Easter event. One of the ways we might do this is to come along to the Mini-school of Discipleship on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> March led by Jeremy Worthen on the topic of 'The Cost of Forgiveness'. Forgiveness is right at the heart of the cross and of our response to the death and resurrection of Christ. If you are planning on attending then please do sign up online or with the office so we might know how many people will be attending.

God Bless,

**Barney**

## Prayer

**The mission partner for February is Georgie Taylor - YWAM.**

Please pray for: wisdom as Georgie and the other staff move forward in this season and discern how God is leading them in the different locations where they have been working; the All Age Discipleship Training School which Georgie will be leading in April; for the team to come together and for the right trainees to come and join them; ongoing protection and good health for Georgie.

**The next Women's Prayer Breakfast is on Saturday 21st March from 9am.**

## Events & Notices

### Seniors Connections

**Wednesday 19th February // 12pm**

Connections will be looking at the place of the ministry of SMB to the retired and those who are not at work. If you are in one of those groups we would love you to join us and to hear your thoughts.

Please let the office, or one of the Connections team know you're coming so we can ensure there will be lunch for all. We start with lunch at 12pm and follow that with our session in the Upper Room at 1pm, finishing with tea at 2pm. Join us for all or part of the time.

### Lost Property Table

Please collect anything that belongs to you., including some tablecloths that are free to a good home. Items will be taken to the charity shop on Monday 24th February.

### World Day of Prayer

**Friday 6th March // 2pm**

All welcome to this year's World Day of Prayer, which has been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. It will be hosted by St Thomas's Church, Burgate.

### Men's Prayer Breakfast

**Saturday 22nd February // 7:20am**

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

### Mini-School of Discipleship:

#### The Cost of Forgiveness

**Mondays in March: 5th, 12th, 19th  
7.30-9.15pm**

Sign up online (or email the office: [office@smb.org.uk](mailto:office@smb.org.uk)) to join our March Mini-school led by Jeremy Worthen on The Cost of Forgiveness.

### Children's Resources

Feel free to look at the children's resources in the Link, and speak to Mim if you would like to buy or borrow any of them. If you have borrowed something previously, please return them ASAP as some items have gone missing!

### Please only use the car park on Sundays if absolutely necessary.

We have limited spaces in our car park and a significant number of members with blue badges or mobility issues. Some of them have been unable to park recently and therefore cannot attend church. The bays directly opposite the automatic doors are reserved for bicycles and it's also a safe area for children to play after the service.

Sunday parking permit applications for parking in Holman's Meadow (approx £75 for a year) can be made on the Canterbury City Council website or there will be a link in the 'This Week' email.