



ST MARY BREDIN CHURCH // FAMILY NEWS

17th January 2021

Welcome to **SMB** online!

We are a church looking to follow Christ's call to
'Be Holy and Be a Blessing'

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 so please do get in touch.

God bless, Barney

Today at **SMB Online**

11:00am | **Morning Worship**

(LiveStreamed on the SMB YouTube channel)

with Youth and Children's Work

24/7 **Discipleship**

Reading: Luke 9:57-62

Speaker: Barney de Berry

This week

Monday to Friday – Morning Prayers at 9:10am

Thursday - Make Lunch food parcels

(from 2:00pm packing, from 3:30pm delivering)

Thursday - Student Night online at 7:30pm

Ministry Letter - from our Associate Vicar

Student Ministry – Spring Term

What a year to be a student. If you're reading this and are a student, wherever you are, however you're doing, welcome to the start of this new term. You do not have to do this alone. SMB Students is ready to walk through this together, looking to Jesus and encouraging one another.

If you're not a student, please hold them in your prayers. If you know any students take a moment now to send them an encouragement. For those involved in Kent Uni and Christ Church Uni Christian Unions the big focus this term is REAL, a focused week (15-19 February) of evangelism to reach the campus. As with most things this year students are having to think outside the box and hold plans lightly, but they're so keen to share the good news of Jesus Christ in ways that they can.

On Thursday (14th January) we started our Student Night again. It's likely this will all be online this term, though if that changes, we'll let you know. We'll be meeting all the way up until Easter. Most weeks we'll be looking at Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, the very heart of Jesus' teachings; that we might live more like how he calls us to live. We'll also be doing a few 'Big Questions' evenings on the last Thursdays in each month. These are opportunities to look at something thematic, maybe an apologetics question or explore some presenting issue.

We can't wait until we're back meeting, eating, serving and worshipping together in person. But until then we're going to press on with what we can. He is so faithful and His grace really is sufficient.

With love,

Stephen

Events & Notices

News of Joe and Sarah our Mission Partners in North Africa

After enjoying a few months of returning to something close to 'normality', cases of Covid-19 have suddenly risen again here. Our church is small enough in number that social distancing is easy and we are thankful to still be able to meet together as believers. Joe is now responsible for our Sunday church meetings as well as our midweek foreigner meetings so please pray for wisdom for him as he tries to encourage and pastor others through this season. School has now closed for a month, partly due to Covid but also a combination of the cold weather and exam season means parents are reluctant to send their children to school. Pray for all the children in their homes that they would be safe and for provision to engage with the online materials. Sarah is due to start teaching in the Nursing School at the hospital next month; pray that the programme would be able to continue and that the nursing students would be able to graduate this summer as planned. We are so thankful for all the ways that God is continuing to use us here and how He is so clearly at work in this small town and as always we are grateful for your prayers and support.

New Wine Celebration

evening On 7th February, we will be joining together online with other local churches for a New Wine Celebration evening. Simon Ponsonby will be the preacher, speaking on the theme of 'Treasure in the darkness.' Do put this date in your diaries!

Morning Prayer

Monday-Thursday every week we meet for Morning Prayer at 9:10am, finishing by 9:30am. Email Stephen scarter@smb.org.uk for details

Parenting for Faith

Forty four households have signed up for the Parenting For Faith course which started last Monday. Let's be praying for all those attending, and the young people whose lives they are involved in.

Make Lunch food parcels

are being made up and delivered every Thursday afternoon throughout lockdown. If you would like to help with this please get in touch with Mim.

Offers of help

If you have any specific practical needs during this lockdown, or you are able to offer help in a particular way (running errands, collecting prescriptions etc) please do get in touch with us in the office.

Children

At 9:30am today (online)

Scramblers: Pre-school (with parents)

Climbers: Reception - Yr 2 (online)

At 11:00am today (online)

Explorers: Yrs 3 - 6

At 2:30pm today (online)

Adventurers: Children with additional needs

Youth

At 11:00am today (online)

Younger Youth: Yrs 7 - 10

Parents — please contact Mim for more information if you are new to SMB Online, or if you would like to know about provision for Older Youth (Years 11-13).

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. More information at smb.org.uk/finance

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. Please phone or email the office for a form which we can send by email or in the post.

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