



ST MARY BREDIN CHURCH // FAMILY NEWS

14th February 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 | A commitment to forgiveness

(LiveStreamed on the SMB YouTube channel)

with Youth and Children's Work

Reading: Matthew 18: 21-35

Speaker: Nigel Genders

This week

Monday to Friday – Morning Prayers at 9:10am

(**Ash Wednesday Service** online at 9:10am)

Thursday - Make Lunch food parcels

(from 2:30pm packaging, from 3:30pm delivering)

Ministry Letter - from our Growing Faith Pastor

Dear Friends,

I want to start by thanking you all for your prayers, financial and practical support for MakeLunch over the past year. It hasn't been an easy time for lots of families but being able to provide food parcels to those who need it most has eased the burden for them a little, both financially and emotionally.

When lockdown started back in March I spoke to our local primary school about supporting some of their vulnerable families. Along with those we already had contact with, we've been delivering to around 22 families through the year, with between two and eleven family members in each family. A committed and efficient team have worked hard to pack and deliver over 400 food parcels. We began our partnership with FareShare when lockdown began which means we have a weekly delivery of food that supermarkets have either overstocked on or have a short shelf life left and donate to FareShare to be redistributed to organisations who can use the food at short notice. This means we get a substantial amount of food at very low cost, as well as helping reduce food waste and being able to give our families a range of good quality food. We never know what is going to be delivered until it arrives which is a challenge as well as a surprise! I get messages from the families every week saying how grateful they are, so I am passing their thanks on to you too.

Please keep the work of MakeLunch in your prayers – both for what we're doing locally, but also the national influence the organisation has to advocate on behalf of the most vulnerable children.

God bless,

Mim

Events & Notices

News from Georgie Taylor our Mission Partner YWAM

Nuneaton Hi there everyone, thanks so much for your continued prayers and support. It's such a blessing. Life for us has been quite busy, leading up to this season, so January came with some rest for me which was good. I have also been able to focus on the Masters that I recently started, alongside my work, which has been a benefit of the slightly slower pace. This will be great training for me in what I do as it's in Pioneering Leadership.

As a community we are generally doing well and mostly we have all kept well. Although a lot of the things we would usually do have been stopped and there are the challenges that face us all - especially with so many coming from overseas and having families sometimes far away in this time - we have continued to be able to reach out in different ways, now mostly online. This has been through teaching and also continuing to serve the local church in the ways that we can. Some of these things have been through youth work, English language schools and our different bible teaching, seminars and schools that we run.

Although it's been a tough season we have also seen an opportunity of many

blessings in this time. We are continuing to seek God, and for new things, and the way forward in how we can continue to be a blessing in this difficult time.

Please do continue to pray with us for the new things that are coming, and will continue to come, out of this season and for continued protection as we do our best to navigate this time.

Many blessings to you all, *Georgie*

Ash Wednesday Service

Charmaine will be leading a short Ash Wednesday service this Wednesday (17th February) at 9:10am. If you would like to join us we will be using the Morning Prayers zoom link. Please contact us in the office (ahead of Wednesday) if you would like the link for this.

Canterbury Christian Unions' Events Week

This year the Canterbury Christian Unions are putting on their annual events week, called REAL! from the 15th-19th February. Please be praying for them as they reach out to students via social media and the internet. Join them each evening at 5pm (Zoom) for international events and 7.30pm (live stream) for the main events. Follow this link for more information: linktr.ee/REALCanterbury2021 or visit them at www.realcanterbury.co.uk

Children

At 9:30am (online)

Scramblers: Pre-school (with parents)

Climbers: Reception - Yr 2 (online)

At 11:00am (online)

Explorers: Yrs 3 - 5

At 2:30pm (online)

Adventurers: Children with additional needs

Youth

At 11:00am (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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