



ST MARY BREDIN CHURCH // FAMILY NEWS

21st 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 Spirit filled life

(LiveStreamed on the SMB YouTube channel)

with Youth and Children's Work

Reading: Acts 2: 1-13

Speaker: Barney de Berry

This week

Monday to Friday – Morning Prayers at 9:10am

Monday - Parenting for Faith online
(from 7.35pm for a 7.45pm start)

Thursday - Make Lunch food parcels
(from 2:30pm packaging, from 3:30pm delivering)

Ministry Letter - from our Curate, Charmaine

Dear SMB family,

I wanted to give you an update on The Tap and our upcoming plans. We began the year with the annual Vision Evening - this time, of course, creatively done on zoom. It was a great opportunity to take time to reflect on the year that had been and to think ahead and pray about the year that was beginning.

Our upcoming plans are for a Quiz Night on the 6th March; I'm looking forward to seeing how good people's general knowledge is (or maybe what their secret hidden mastermind topics are!). Then for Easter we have planned a Treasure Hunt around Canterbury. The treasure hunt details will be given out a week ahead, so people have time to complete the hunt and then we'll gather for a zoom on Saturday 3rd April to share the treasure hunt adventures. Details for both these events will be put up on the Facebook page and in the messenger group. If you're not part of the messenger group and would like to be do get in touch with me (cmuir@smb.org.uk).

The Tap is for anyone in their 20s and 30s and provides opportunities for focused teaching and social events. As always, however, we do also encourage everyone to join a Fellowship Group, so if you are not currently in a Fellowship Group and would like to be please get in touch.

God bless,

Charmaine

Events & Notices

News from Greg & Sylvia Venables, our Mission Partners in Argentina

Having spent March to December in total lockdown, we decided to move to Asuncion in Paraguay which, although still a high risk area, is not quite as bad as Buenos Aires. There is a reasonable compliance regarding protocols and every business has a washbasin with running water and soap outside and someone takes your temperature before you enter. I handed over the diocesan role in December and am now serving as Archbishop Emeritus.

Life is as busy as ever. I am especially involved in training up ordained and lay ministers and coordinating the spiritual side of St Andrew's College where I served as head from 1978-1989. Our younger daughter's husband, Donald, is chaplain there. Our other son in law, Ronald, oversees the cathedral here and is also rector of Cristo Salvador, a city parish. All three of our children live nearby with our eight grandchildren aged between two and twenty four. Sylvia is keeping well and busy, greatly enjoying being with the family. We are close to completing publication of a book I was asked to

write about Anglicanism since, in spite of a strong Anglican presence in the continent for two centuries, there is very little information in Spanish and the local languages. I have also been asked to prepare a commentary in Spanish on the book of Romans. Thank you for your ongoing support and fellowship. Please pray for protection and provision for us and the family; God's guidance and blessing for the church in South America in these difficult times; the formation of a new generation of leaders and ministers; the unity and expansion of the church.

Ashburnham 2022

Spaces for Ashburnham are filling up fast. You'll find all the information you'll need at smb.org.uk/

Ashburnham We want everyone who would like to come to be able to — we have some financial support available, so please get in touch (confidentially) if you would like to speak to someone about this.

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request (for you or someone else) or you require any kind of confidential support during this time, please email Barney and Stephen at prayer@smb.org.uk

Children

At 9:30am (online)

Scramblers: Pre-school (with parents)

Climbers: Reception - Yr 2 (online)

At 11:00am (online)

Explorers: Yrs 3 - 6

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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