



ST MARY BREDIN CHURCH // FAMILY NEWS

28th March 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 | Living in the light of the resurrection

(LiveStreamed on the SMB YouTube channel)

with Youth and Children's Work

Reading: Colossians 3:1-14

Speaker: Barney de Berry

This week

Monday to Friday – Morning Prayers at 9:10am

Monday - Parenting For Faith final session (from 7:35pm for 7:45pm)

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

Thursday - Student Night online (7.30pm)

Saturday - Men's Prayer Session online at 8am

Ministry Letter - from Mim, our Growing Faith Pastor

Dear Friends,

Below are a few things coming up which I wanted to let you know about so do invite others to join in and be praying as we plan and prepare for these events. If you walk past the church on Old Dover Road side over the next week you may notice the windows aren't as clean as they usually are! There will in fact be a **window painting** with the events of Easter; similar to what we did at Christmas. This is tying in with an **Easter Egg Trail** we are planning around Wincheap from 2-5 April over the Easter weekend. I'll email more information about this to the church during the week.

Yesterday twelve of our families gathered via zoom for **Faith in Kid's Easter BakeAlong** to make chocolate brownies whilst learning about the Easter Story. The resources are still available on their website www.faithinkids.org/easter-bake-along – perhaps you know of someone who'd enjoy doing this with you during the Easter holiday?

Next Sunday is **Easter Sunday** and we are looking forward to celebrating Jesus's resurrection - together both in the building and online at 11am. Do look out for information from the office team on how to book seats for the service. It will be a whole church service so no separate groups for children and youth, and groups are taking a week off on 11th April during the Easter holidays.

Children's Church and Younger Youth will have a final week on zoom on Sunday 18th April before resuming groups in the building from Sunday 25th April! This will be done in the same way as previously; across the 9.30am and 11am services to allow for covid guidelines to be followed. We'll send out reminder information about how this works nearer the time. We're really looking forward to being able to meet again in person and can't wait to welcome the children and youth back to the building. Please do pray for the team as we prepare for this and re-group after being on zoom for so long.

Please also be praying for the **Youth Evangelist** role that we are currently recruiting for. This is a really important role as we look to serve the young people of SMB as well as those in the local schools and community who are yet to hear the good news of Jesus.

Do contact me on mtaylor@smb.org.uk if you have any questions or want to chat about children or youth work. I'm always happy to talk!

Mim Taylor,
Growing Faith Pastor

Events & Notices

News about our Mission Partner 'Time Out' in Canterbury

In between lockdowns Time Out re-opened its Tuesday cafe at Spring Lane Neighbourhood Centre (Route 23).

New outdoor furniture was bought and there were many happy reunions.

Back in lockdown again staff are furloughed, and we support each other in new ways. We had a zany and

joyous Christmas Zoom party with 30 people attending of all ages; for some a first on zoom. Our Easter Zoom party is on Tuesday March 30 from 12.30-2pm with an Easter quiz, bingo and bake-off. Meanwhile, Easter goodies are being delivered with a chat on the doorstep, and the offer of prayer.

Restrictions permitting we will re-open for outdoor service in early May. Please pray our grant applications will be successful. Also, if you've never been to our cafe please come. It's called Route 23 because the No 23 bus from the bus station will take you to Spring Lane on Sussex Avenue where we are. Better still you can walk or cycle! One of our treasured volunteers, Paul Whittles, retired recently so we are praying for a replacement.

We could do with a friendly presence for any customers needing a chat.

And, once we restart our Lunch Club some more volunteers to befriend folk and share the love of God would be wonderful. If you can't make a weekly commitment how about sharing a skill, talent, craft or life story at our post-lunch activity?

Laura Boobbyer (Volunteer) and Jan Newport (Chair of Trustees)

Youth Evangelist vacancy

We are now recruiting for our Youth Evangelist and the advert is on our website www.smb.org.uk/ **vacancies** Please pray about who God is calling to this role, and if you know of anyone who may be suitable, please do share the link with them.

Cleaner vacancy We are seeking to recruit a cleaner for the church and Kendal Hall with immediate start. The job would be between 10-20 hours per week, over 5 weekday mornings. If you would like to know more please contact Catherine Colley.

Save the date! The **APCM** will be held on 29th April at 8pm. More details to follow after Easter.

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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