



**ST MARY BREDIN CHURCH // FAMILY NEWS**

# 11th April 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 | Resurrection Appearances**

(LiveStreamed on the SMB YouTube channel)

(Without Youth and Children Groups today)

**Reading:** Luke 24: 13-35

**Speaker:** Stephen Carter

### **This week**

**Monday to Friday** – Morning Prayers at 9:10am

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

**Saturday** - Men's Prayer Session online at 8am

# Ministry Letter

From the **Men's Prayer Breakfast** ministry...

A weekly email goes to about 100 men on the SMB address book telling of an important meeting, the online version of the Men's Prayer Breakfast. Since April 20 this vital ministry has been the chance for men to meet, pray, intercede, approach God, learn what He has for His church locally and wider. About 18 men have responded, 16 attending each week on average, I believe we represent part of a group that God wants to use in building His church. Why do I say that? I have seen growth, reconciliation, support, encouragement and challenge, that's my view but I believe it would be echoed by many who have taken part. God wants men to gather, awaken and be ready to work for Him. We need to grow together, trust each other, willing to take 'the knocks', resolve them, be stronger for it. It's easy to get involved, you'll probably have had weekly emails from me for well over four years, in case you haven't simply email me - [waistcoat2000@gmail.com](mailto:waistcoat2000@gmail.com) and I will gladly give you further details. And there's a Welcome Pack available... actually it's a 'pack' of guys waiting to have you share with us, what's not to like?

Every Blessing, *Steve Haddock*,  
Men's Prayer Breakfast

And from the **Eco Church Working Party**...

Those who are newer to SMB may not be aware of our Eco Church endeavours. We have all been affected by the events of the past year, but the climate crisis has not gone away even if it has been less of a focus in the headlines. As a church we are working towards the Anglican church's Fifth Mark of Mission: 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain the life of the earth'. In 2019 we adopted a new Environmental Policy which includes working towards the relevant awards as part of A Rocha UK's Eco Church. Take a look at the Eco Church page on the SMB website. We have a responsibility to understand the impact we have on God's creation and to make changes in our lifestyle that will not only reduce that impact but also help sustain life. It covers all areas from worship and teaching to buildings and land, lifestyle and community/global involvement.

Some projects so far include installing solar panels, and getting children's church involved in making bird boxes and planting native saplings in the church grounds. 2020 has inevitably seen a pause in activity, but we are ready to get going again and would love your involvement! If you'd like to know more speak to one of the group members or contact the church office team.

With love and blessings from the Eco-Church Working Party,

*Chloë Baxter, Tom Gilbert, Laura Hackett, Harry MacDonald & Nicholas Thurston*

## Events & Notices

### **News about our Mission Partner 'Time Out' in Canterbury**

Our Easter party was on Zoom with an Easter quiz, bingo and bake-off.

Meanwhile, Easter goodies were 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** Please pray about who God is calling to this role, and if you know of anyone who may be suitable, please do share it with them.

[www.smb.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.smb.org.uk/vacancies)

**Mini-school of discipleship** Charmaine will be leading a two part mini-school (via zoom) on The Lord's Prayer on Monday 26th April and Monday 10th May starting at 7:30pm. For more information, and if you would like to participate please sign up on our website [smb.org.uk/schoolofdiscipleship](http://smb.org.uk/schoolofdiscipleship)

**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](mailto:prayer@smb.org.uk)

### **Annual Parochial Church**

**Meeting (APCM)** Save the date! The **APCM** will be held on 29th April at 8pm, via zoom. Being on the **Electoral Roll** gives you permission to vote and participate at our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. If you are not on our Electoral Roll and you would like to be please get in touch with the Office Team.

**Sunday 25th April** From 25th April we will be gathering in person again at 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00 for services and we will continue to Livestream at 11:00am. Bookings (for the 9:30am and 11:00am will open at the start of each week and we will be using our new online booking system—more information to follow next week.

## Children

No groups today! Back online next week for (hopefully) one last zoom session!

From 25th April:

**At 9:30am**

**Scramblers:** Pre-school (with parents)  
Meet in Kendall Hall

**Climbers:** Reception - Yr 2  
Meet in The Upper Room

**At 11:00am**

**Explorers:** Yrs 3 - 6  
Meet in The Upper Room

## 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](http://smb.org.uk/finance)

## Youth

From 25th April:

**At 11:00am**

**Younger Youth:** Yrs 7 - 10  
Meet in Kendall Hall

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

## 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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