



ST MARY BREDIN CHURCH // FAMILY NEWS

9th May 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

8.00am | Holy Communion

9.30am & 11.00am | Mercy Unlocked

(with the 11.00am LiveStreamed on the SMB YouTube channel)

(with Youth and Children Groups in person)

Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Speaker: Barney de Berry

This week

Monday - Session Two of the Mini-School of Discipleship on
'The Lord's Prayer' at 7.30pm

Monday to Friday – Morning Prayers at 9:10am

Thursday - Student Night at 7.30pm

Saturday - Men's Prayer Session online at 8am

Ministry Letter from Barney, our Vicar

Dear friends,

It has been great the last few weeks to be gathering again in person. It has been wonderful to see many of you for the first time in a year and to enjoy the fellowship that comes from being physically together. Thank you for the encouragements about our sermon series 'Church unlocked'; this week we will be thinking about 'Mercy unlocked' and we will be doing this alongside launching the Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt Centre which will be based at SMB. Tony Washington is going to be starting in his role as the Debt Centre Manager so as part of the launch we will also be praying for and commissioning Tony into this role.

As you know, we as a church support three main ministries under the banner of 'Mercy Ministries'; MakeLunch, Stop The Traffic and Christians Against Poverty (CAP). Having supported the work of CAP via the Debt Centre based at Canterbury Vineyard church and funding the work of Lynn Shaw as a CAP Debt Coach, the Lord has, I believe, led us to this point where we take on the role of the Debt Centre and carry this ministry for the city. Our hope is that it will be a ministry that grows and is 'owned' by all the churches across Canterbury as there is an increasing need for the ministry as more people find themselves trapped by debt.

SMB will be underwriting the ministry and so your giving to the church will help with this but you might feel that you want to support the work more directly and you can do this in three main ways: firstly, by praying for the work, praying for Tony and that this work will be made known to those who need it. Secondly, you could volunteer to be a CAP Befriender who is someone who works with the Debt Adviser to come alongside the clients as they journey out of debt and lastly, you could financially give directly to the work of CAP. This would be done by sending a gift to the church office clearly stating it is for the work of CAP. If this is a regular gift then you can set up a standing order and let the office know that this is for CAP.

I am so thrilled that the Lord has led us to this and clearly called Tony to this role so do be praying for him and the work as we launch the Centre and seek to reach those who need this ministry to free them from debt.

God Bless,

Barney

Events & Notices

News from our mission partner in Uganda, Jenga

The impact of Covid 19 in Mbale has seen very few cases and the country is slowly getting back to normal. Over the last few months, Jenga have been able to: run the Alpha Course in 64 Secondary Schools; the Bible clubs are starting to reopen and they gave training to 83 children of two different clubs on guidance and counselling on sexual purity; they have been teaching teachers about Early Childhood Development in 23 schools. Jenga have been evangelising in Bugwere where so far 52 people have given their lives to Christ. They have also seen lives saved through their vocational training classes. They have been holding their AA and HIV support groups and also been able to offer prayer in the hospital twice a week and offer help in the Mental Health department with counselling and advice. The Goat Project is still in full force and they were able to hand out 14 goats to selected people who were chosen to receive this as a gift from Jenga.

Please pray for Robby as he takes a well earned break. There are people who still claim they own the land Jenga purchased - pray this will come to a satisfactory conclusion. Pray for good health for all the team as they work in the villages.

Could you be involved? Canterbury Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors are currently looking for more people to get involved now. The commitment is generally once a month on a rota basis, and training is available right now. More information can be found on their website www.streetpastors.org or by using this link [Home - Canterbury Street Pastors](#) Let's join in bringing the light of Jesus into dark places around our city!

24/7 Prayer Room Joining with 'Thy Kingdom Come' we will be doing an 'at home' 24/7 prayer from Ascension Day (13th May) till Pentecost (23rd May). To sign up for a slot(s) to pray - <https://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/8c84ed> The 24/7 prayer will finish with our

Pentecost Sunday Whole Church Celebration service at 10.30am on Sunday 23rd May. This will be an outdoor service. Come and join us (we will be singing!!)

Ascension Day 13th May Morning Prayer Service on 13th May at 9.10am via zoom. If you would like the morning prayers zoom link please contact the office.

Parking at SMB on Sundays We have very limited parking onsite at SMB so please try to leave the spaces for those who really do need to use them. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Children

We're back in the building:

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

Youth

We're back in the building:

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)

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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