



ST MARY BREDIN CHURCH // FAMILY NEWS

16th 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 | Worship Unlocked

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

(with Youth and Children Groups in person)

Reading: Psalm 150

Speaker: Barney de Berry

This week

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 Charmaine, our Curate

Dear friends,

On Thursday we celebrated Ascension Day. Remembering and celebrating our Lord Jesus ascending to be at the right hand of his Father. Hebrews reminds us that we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God (4:14) therefore we can with confidence draw near to the throne of grace and find mercy and grace (4:16). In a week's time we will celebrate Pentecost, the day when Jesus, having gone to his Father, sent his Holy Spirit to be on all believers.

Starting last Thursday, but continuing until Pentecost on Sunday 23rd, we are doing 24/7 prayer together, joining in with the 'Thy Kingdom Come' movement across the country. If you haven't already signed up to join many of us as we pray together.

There is much that we can be praying for through this time, for our church community, for our city, our country and our world. Prayer for those who are suffering from COVID19 and particularly for countries in Asia and South America who are particularly affected at this time. In the Mini-school of discipleship on Prayer, we were looking at the Lord's Prayer, looking at how it points us upwards towards God and God's priorities, and outwards towards others as we pray for 'our' needs, forgiveness and protection.

On Pentecost Sunday itself we will be gathering (weather permitting) for a whole church service in the Kendall Hall garden. Being outside we will be able to sing together. Do look out for details on booking (and back up plans for rain). And maybe add in some prayers for good weather!

God Bless,

Charmaine

To sign up to for our 24/7 prayer room visit:

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/8c84ed>

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.

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>

Pentecost Sunday service at 10.30am on Sunday 23rd May. This will be an outdoor service. Come and join us (we will be singing!!). Please bring chairs or picnic blankets, and drinks and snacks for afterwards. (In case of inclement weather please book to attend inside the church for either 9.30am or 11.00am)

Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

If you would like to donate to the work of CAP (either as a one off payment or as a monthly standing order) please use 'CAP' as the reference for BACS payments. Our bank details can be found at www.smb.org.uk/finance

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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