



ST MARY BREDIN CHURCH // FAMILY NEWS

30th May 2021

Welcome to SMB

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 | Prayer Unlocked

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

(with Youth and Children Groups in person)

Reading: Matthew 6: 5-15

Speaker: Charmaine Muir

This week

Monday to Friday – Morning Prayers at 9:10am

Thursday - Make Lunch

(Packing from 2.30pm and delivering from 3.30pm)

Saturday - Men's Prayer Session online at 8am

Ministry Letter from Mim, our Growing Faith Pastor

Dear Friends,

After a great holiday club online last summer I'm really excited that we can meet back in the building for this year's Super Stars holiday club. We'll be bringing superheroes to the Olympics and having a lot of fun as we enjoy the end of the school holidays together. We don't know what the Government restrictions will allow in terms of number of children we can have, so children in Reception - Year 6 are invited to register and we'll confirm places nearer the time when we know. You can read more and sign your children up by going to www.smb.org.uk/children

Holiday club is a highlight of the year as we spend the week playing messy games, singing, making things, and hearing stories from the Bible. This year we're looking at different aspects of teamwork through characters in the Bible and learning how we're all invited to be on God's team!

As always, we really value your prayers as we plan and prepare for a full-on week. There is a lot to do and we welcome help both before and during the week. If you want more info on team roles or how you can get involved, do go to www.smb.org.uk/children and scroll down to click on the 'Sign up – team' link. There are lots of people who have been involved over the years and we always welcome new people to join the team! Do ask me if you would like to know more about what you can do.

God Bless,

Mim

Events & Notices

News from our mission partners

Friends International -

Canterbury During April and May Friends International Canterbury staff Baiba and Matt have continued to run most events online such as **Global café** (Saturdays 8pm), **Bible Studies**, **Art Corner** (Wednesdays 2-3.30pm), and **Book Reading Club** (Tuesdays 2-3.15pm). Since the lockdown has been easing and weather has been improving – they have started organising **afternoon tea parties** in small groups and **group walks** usually on Thursday or Friday afternoons. From Friday 21st May they are restarting their **volleyball activity** at Canterbury College Sports Centre from 4-6pm. This summer they have decided to cancel Canterbury Summer International Outreach (CSIO), but do more welcome events for international students in September. During the summer they are hoping to **organise day trips and walks** and more **afternoon tea parties** in local gardens. Pray for more hosts that could offer **hospitality in their gardens** for 1-3 students at a time. If you would like to have a go at hosting a few students and an FI volunteer, please e-mail Baiba on baiba@friendsinternational.uk Pray for **more volunteers** to join Global café team and volleyball, and

for **wisdom** when to start hosting more events face to face.

Pray that the Lord would grant **opportunities** to reach those international students who will decide to stay in Canterbury this summer.

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

Morning Prayer Join us Monday–Thursday each week when we meet together on zoom for Morning Prayer at 9:10am, finishing by 9:30am. Everyone welcome! Email the office for the link.

Open Air Family Service

Our next outdoor Family Service is planned for Sunday 18th July. It was lovely to see so many church members gather together (socially distanced) for our Pentecost Service last Sunday, and we hope you'll be able to join us for the next Open Air Service.

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

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

Adventurers: Children with Additional
Educational Needs (online)

Youth

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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