



ST MARY BREDIN CHURCH // FAMILY NEWS

6th June 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 | Evangelism Unlocked
with Holy Communion**

(with Youth and Children Groups in person)

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

Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

Speaker: Barney de Berry

This week

Monday to Friday – Morning Prayers at 9:10am

Saturday - Men's Prayer Session online at 8am

Ministry Letter from Charmaine, our Curate

Dear friends,

This week we are launching MyChurchSuite. This is a platform which will help us build our community as a church family and enable good communication about events, rotas, small groups etc. MyChurchSuite is used widely across churches, and we've heard great things about how it helps people connect easily with all that is going on.

MyChurchSuite provides a safe way for us to hold information; none of your personal details will be available to other users unless you choose to make them available. You have control over your own privacy settings. Information on children is never visible to other users apart from the Growing Faith team and SMB staff.

In the coming week, you will receive two emails. The first from our office team explaining how MyChurchSuite works and how you will be able to log in and check your information. The second will be an invite from ChurchSuite to log in to MyChurchSuite and will provide you with a login name. You can access the site either on your computer or the ChurchSuite app (on any phone or device). Do check your junk/spam inboxes in case these emails go there; if you haven't received your emails by Wednesday then please do contact the church office. If you know of others in the church who have not received it, please do get them to contact the church office, we would love to enable the whole of the church family to have access to MyChurchSuite.

Next Sunday (13th June) we will have a helpdesk at church to help with any questions you may have regarding it.

If you don't have an email or easy access to the internet, please don't worry, we will still ensure that you receive the information you need and that you are able to book for events (and church services).

We pray this will enable us to continue to grow in community together and to enable us as a church to be holy and to be a blessing together.

Charmaine

Events & Notices

News from our mission partners

Damaris and Ulli Drews in Hong Kong Things are now calmer in Hong Kong. Kids are back to school and adults back to work. Daily covid infections are zero due to rare public gatherings, obligatory mask-wearing and a 2 week quarantine law so we can't visit the UK yet. We have no place to meet as a congregation, so people have boldly opened their homes and welcomed in strangers. A burly, tattooed young man selling vegetables on the street shouted to us that he wanted to come eat with us. The next week he was in my home eating and worshipping. Whenever we invite him, he comes, and encounters Jesus in tears. Another woman called us from a side alley. She recognised Ben (my eldest son) and welcomed us into her community of makeshift homes. Her neighbour is a 13 year old girl who lives in a room just big enough for her bed. The aircon is broken (it's often 35 degrees) but the landlady refuses to let us fix it. Her dad runs an illegal gambling den, rarely coming home. The highlight of her week is to visit our friends and bathe in their aircon. Her neighbour has now taken her in. Parents resort to online gaming to keep their kids quiet. Moneylenders phone people to entice them into debt. What good news we have to bring!

Please pray for:

- Thank God for the miracles He's done in Ofelia - a selective mute who is now talking and will join our school this week! Pray for more miracles.
- Kids (including our own kids) to get resilience and faith as family homes become daily meeting places.
- Jana (14 yrs old) as she starts High School, Ben (11 yrs old) as he starts Secondary School and Jack (9 yrs old) as he starts upper primary - that they will draw closer to God and experience Him draw closer to them, and that Ulli and I will parent and disciple them wisely through these changes.
- Miracles for the youth at the Summer Camps and for those addicted to online gaming.

Holiday Club

Holiday Club will be held on 24th—27th August this year, and is open to children in Reception - Year 6. We'll be bringing superheroes to the Olympics with our Super Stars theme! Please register your children now if you'd like them to attend, as places may need to be restricted this year. If you'd like to help, either before or during the week, please register your interest online or contact Mim www.smb.org.uk/children

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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