



ST MARY BREDIN CHURCH // FAMILY NEWS

13th 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 | Growing Faith Unlocked

(with Youth and Children Groups in person)

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

Reading: Matthew 18:1-9

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 Barney, our Vicar

Ashburnham Weekend Away 21st - 23rd January 2022

Dear Friends,

I am really excited to be able to announce that our speakers for our church weekend away at Ashburnham in January will be Amy & Frog Orr-Ewing. I am so excited that they have agreed to come and lead us on the weekend, and I can't wait to see what God will say through them as we explore the theme for the weekend which is 'The joy of our salvation'. Frog and Amy, as well as being great old friends of mine, are wonderful speakers and teachers. Amy has spoken, particularly in the area of Christian apologetics, right around the world. She is a regular speaker at New Wine and is the author of lots of great books including her latest one 'Where is God in all the suffering?'. Frog is also a regular speaker at New Wine and HTB's Focus, he helps run a church located on a farm which he also manages, and he teaches and leads a course on mission through the University of Winchester where he is Canon Theologian at the cathedral.

It will be great to have them both with us on our church weekend and I am really excited as there have been many times in the past where we have had the joy of ministering together and seeing the joy of the Lord released, and so I am personally looking forward to doing that again.

As it stands we are fully booked for the weekend as the capacity of Ashburnham is currently reduced but more places may be released as things hopefully unlock further by January. We already have a waiting list but do please sign up at www.smb.org.uk/ashburnham Our weekends away have always been wonderful and significant times for us as a church family with the only sadness being that we can't fit in everyone who is part of SMB.

God bless,

Barney

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.

CAP Befrienders

If you are interested in becoming a CAP Befriender please get in touch with the church office to find out more about the application process, or for an informal chat with Tony, Debt Centre Manager.

TAP Social

Tap @ Tankerton at 6.30pm on Saturday 25th June. For more details go to the TAP Facebook group, or contact Charmaine.

MyChurchSuite If you receive emails from us you should also have received a login for MyChurchSuite. Get in touch with us though if you haven't.

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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