



ST MARY BREDIN CHURCH // FAMILY NEWS

20th 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 | Resources Unlocked

(with Youth and Children Groups in person)

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

Reading: Malachi 3:10 & 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

Speaker: Barney de Berry

This week

Monday to Friday – Morning Prayers at 9:10am

Friday - TAP @ Tankerton at 6:30pm

(more details on TAP Facebook page)

Saturday - Men's Prayer Session online at 8am

Ministry Letter from Barney, our Vicar

Dear Friends

As we continue to think about unlocking as a church in our sermon series, and as we look forward to unlocking as a church, today's sermon will be thinking about unlocking our resources. When we speak of resources I mean not only finances but also gifts, time and any other resources God has given us that can be used to build his kingdom through the church. It has been a strange eighteen months with some things continuing and other things shut down completely. Financially, God continues to be faithful through our giving to provide what we have needed in this last year but he has also called us to step out into new areas such as the CAP Debt Centre that will need financial resourcing in the coming years. It is always good for us to continue to seek God about our own personal financial giving and resourcing of his work and so this is an opportunity for us to do that and see if he is calling us to give more.

One of the big areas that will need resourcing as we unlock are our rotas and teams. As part of this Sunday we have identified a list of areas and ministries that need people to be involved in. The resource of time is precious and valuable but it is also something that we are called to give to God's work. The list of ministry teams that need volunteers isn't exhaustive but are some of the main areas where rotas need to be repopulated as we start them up again or as they become fully unlocked. I know some things like the MakeLunch team have been going right through lockdown but in other areas like our Sunday hosting teams we do need to re-gather a team while there are other areas where we need to form a team for the first time such as for the Youth Café.

I know many people have served faithfully on some teams for years and I hope that one silver lining of lockdown might be that it has been a sabbatical from those teams, and that it has given you fresh energy and vision to re-engage and serve once more in those teams.

So as we think about unlocking as a church and how the resources we each have might be unlocked do please pray about which areas and teams God might be calling you to get involved in, and do sign up to get more information about what being part of those teams might involve. I continue to be so grateful for all the faithfulness that is shown in and through the church family to resource the Lord's work here and I look forward to us stepping out of lockdown into all that he has for us.

God Bless, *Barney*

Events & Notices

News from our mission partner Ruth Radley, Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Our staff have continued to work through the pandemic, often in very traumatic situations, with all their coping mechanisms taken away. It has been so difficult, and a number of our staff also volunteered to go to the adult hospitals – nursing adults is very different to nursing children! Now things have eased a little, I can feel the difference this has made to people - the ability to go away for a weekend, see family and friends, meet up for coffee and meals etc. They seem such small things, but they really are so critical to continue healthily in such a difficult, emotional and pressured role.

It is still tough for families, as our visiting policy is still very restricted, and it needs to be. The Delta variant is growing in Birmingham, and our patients are so vulnerable. This continues to make it so very hard for families, especially those who are here long term. However, we are encouraged with the uptake of vaccines, guidelines being followed and the effect that this appears to have on our hospitals planning to lift visiting restrictions.

Please pray for our staff, the ability to have real, meaningful rest & relaxation; our patients and families, still so impacted by restrictions; those making crucial decisions in the hospital.

Heather Roche

Some of you will remember with fondness, Fergal and Heather Roche who worshipped at SMB with their young family 25 years ago, during which time Fergal served as Churchwarden. It is with great sadness that we let you know that Heather died very suddenly and unexpectedly last week. Please do pray for Fergal and their now grown up children Camilla, Marcus and Nina at this very difficult time; for strength and comfort in the coming days and weeks.

ChurchSuite

We hope you've had a chance to log in to MyChurchSuite and to explore the different areas within it that you have access to. We encourage you to download the Churchsuite app to your phone - you can then access MyChurchSuite simply by putting in a 4-digit pin, and any bookings, forms or sign up forms that you then choose to complete will autofill with your details.

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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