



ST MARY BREDIN CHURCH // FAMILY NEWS

27th 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 | The Spirit Unlocked Unlocked

(with Youth and Children Groups in person)

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

Reading: John 14: 15-27

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 Mim, our Growing Faith Pastor



Dear Friends,

It is with great joy that I can tell you about holiday club which, this summer, is meeting in person! Super Stars holiday club will run 24-27th August in the building. We're looking forward to welcoming lots of sporty superheroes to join us! We're still waiting to hear on Government restrictions how many children we'll be allowed, but we're ready to adapt and accommodate to what we can.

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. Alternatively, go on MyChurchSuite and find Super Stars under 'My events' to sign up for team or to sign children up. 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 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.

Prayer Requests If you have a prayer request (for you or someone else) or you require any kind of confidential support during this time, please email Barney and Stephen at prayer@smb.org.uk

Resources Unlocked Thank you to all those of you who expressed an interest in finding out more about serving on some of our teams. The leaders of these ministries will be in touch soon with further information. Please do contact the office if you would like to find out more information at a future date.

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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