



**ST MARY BREDIN CHURCH // FAMILY NEWS**

**11th July 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 | Morning Gathering**

(with Youth and Children Groups in person)

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

**Sermon:** Discipleship Unlocked

**Reading:** 2 Corinthians 3:12-18

**Speaker:** Stephen Carter

**This week**

**Monday to Friday** – Morning Prayers at 9:10am

**Saturday** - Men's Prayer Session online at 8am

# Ministry Letter from Stephen, our Associate Vicar



## Alpha

Alpha is an 11-week course that creates a space, online or in person, where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about faith, life and God. No question is too hard, no question is too stupid.

## Alpha is happening at SMB this Autumn!

You probably know someone at SMB who has come to faith in Jesus in no small part because of their participation in Alpha. As a church we are committed to doing Alpha because we know that the content, community and culinary excellence\* in the course is a powerful recipe. We love creating the space for people to enquire and meet with Jesus.

Some people come on Alpha because they see a street poster or online advert. But most come through personal invitation. As we prepare for Alpha in September **who might you invite?** In the coming weeks do pick up some wallet-sized invitation cards or posters and pass them on. **Be praying** for those you might invite, and those you have already invited.

If you're able to support **catering** then we'd love to hear from you, please contact the Office Team.

Our course will be on Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm starting on **29th September**, and we're also hoping to start a Student Alpha, open exclusively to undergraduates in Canterbury, on Thursday evenings from 7th October.

For more information please visit [smb.org.uk/alpha](http://smb.org.uk/alpha) or [alpha.org](http://alpha.org)

Let's be bold, loving, humble and persistent with those we invite.  
Let's do this.

With love,  
*Stephen*

\* A decision will be made nearer the time on whether the Wednesday Nights are online or in person.

## Events & Notices

### **Christian Aid Update /**

**Sponsored Walk** Fighting the effects of climate change is a key priority.

Christian Aid has been working alongside farming communities in Malawi and Kenya, the indigenous people of the Amazon, families living in extremely flood-prone areas in Bangladesh and with many others who have faced the devastating **impacts of climate change** for years.

The dual crises of climate change and coronavirus are hurting the most vulnerable the hardest. Christian Aid is **responding to the pandemic** in Africa, Asia and Latin America, working with partners and faith leaders to offer vital hygiene training, equipping health facilities with supplies and providing food packages to the most marginalised families. Please pray for the work of Christian Aid and sustainable solutions.

To raise awareness and funds for Christian Aid, on 27<sup>th</sup> July John Ward together with 2 others from the Canterbury Committee, will be walking the Elham Valley Way from Hythe to Canterbury (22.5 miles in a day). Any **sponsorship** would be very welcome towards **helping those in extreme poverty**. Please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ealhamvalleywalk>

Many thanks, John Ward

### **Sunday 18th July at 10:30am**

Next Sunday the Morning Gathering will be at 10:30am and it will be an outdoors Family Service, in Kendall Hall Gardens. Please bring chairs, rugs or cushions to sit on and snacks and refreshments to have afterwards, if you'd like to stay on. We'll be sending out song words next week in an email, and in our efforts to be eco-friendly, we encourage you to download these to your phone or device to use for the service.

### **Team for Holiday Club**

If you saw our midweek update you'll have heard Mim and Stephen's 'song' encouraging you to consider signing up to help with Holiday Club! There are many ways you can get involved, either before, after or during the week (which runs from 24th-27th July) so take a look at the website [smb.org.uk/children](http://smb.org.uk/children) or on MyChurchSuite go to 'MyEvents', on the calendar select 'August 24th' and you'll find all the information and the sign up form there.

### **Canterbury Deanery Eco-Evening**

Thursday 22nd July 7:30pm to 9pm (on zoom). Speakers: Nicholas Thurston (Canterbury City Council Climate Change Officer), Teresa Redfern (Canterbury Diocese Environmental Officer), Jo Kidd (Local organic farmer). An opportunity to listen to the speakers and time for Q & A. For the zoom link please email Harry Macdonald [hjmacd@gmail.com](mailto:hjmacd@gmail.com)

## 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](http://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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