



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

Summer Services at SMB

Sunday 25th July

8:00am | Holy Communion

11:00am | Picnic Church Services 'Meals with Jesus'

7:00pm | 'Locked in' Sung Worship Evening

Sunday 1st August to 22nd August

8:00am | Holy Communion

11:00am | Picnic Church Services 'Meals with Jesus'

Sunday 29th August

8:00am | Holy Communion

10:30am | Holiday Club Service

Ministry Letter from Barney, our Vicar

Dear Friends,

Just to remind you that over the summer our services will continue to be outside with our 'Picnic church' services at 11am each Sunday. We still need people to sign up for our services and please do bring along a picnic so we can enjoy fellowship after the services. We will continue to stream our services over the summer but due to the reduced resources over this time in our team and tech we are moving the streaming to zoom. This might not be as good as Youtube but will mean we can continue to offer some streaming and might also offer more fellowship online. The theme for our Picnic Church services is 'Meals with Jesus' and we will explore some of the accounts of Jesus joining others for meals. At the end of the summer holidays we are having our Holiday Club and so Sunday 29th August will be our Holiday Club Service.

From the 5th September we are planning to return to one morning service at 10:30am with our children's church groups and the younger youth meeting at the same time again. The following week, 12th September, we will also resume our evening service at 6:30pm. These plans are obviously open to change if restrictions return but for now we feel it is the right thing to do and I believe will be ok if we are still showing some caution and keep looking out for each other.

In other news it is with some sadness that we feel the 8am service has run its course. Over the years the faithful congregation of our 8am service has diminished to the point where the congregation is often outnumbered by the clergy. The viability of this service has been a question for a few years but with lockdown and the passing or moving of some of the core members of the 8am service it seems the right time for us bring this service to a close. So the last 8am service will be on 29th August. This will have an effect on our other services as we will from that point on be alternating our celebration of communion between the morning and evening services so that communion continues to be celebrated once a week.

I do hope that you all manage some time of rest and refreshment over the summer and I look forward to seeing you at Picnic Church or if not then back in the building in September.

God bless,

Barney

Events & Notices

Baptisms

On 26th September at the Evening Gathering we're having a **Baptism Celebration!** Baptism is at the heart of initiating people into an amazing journey of faith as a follower of Jesus. We can't wait to fill up the baptistry again. If you're interested in being baptised or reaffirming your baptism vows through full immersion then please speak with one of the clergy team.

If you are interested in an Infant Baptism or Dedication for your child please do also get in touch with a member of the clergy team.

Alpha

Please be thinking about who you can pray for and invite to come along to our next Alpha course which will be running on Wednesday nights for 11 weeks starting on 29th September. We have small cards and A5 posters that we'd love you to give away or to display for others to see—please do pick some up.

Can you help?

One key element of the Alpha course is the great food and the space that this creates for good conversations to flow. If you are able to help with washing up, setting up, clearing away etc for the meals please get in touch with the church office team. If plenty of people offer to help then we'll be able to have a rota of helpers.

Holiday Club set up

On Monday 23rd August we need helpers to set up before the children arrive from Tuesday 24th August to Friday 27th August. If you're able to help from 9:30am onward please get in touch with Mim. More information about Holiday Club (booking places for children or being considered to be on Team) can be found on our website smb.org.uk/children

Coming to a church service?

Please let us know that you'll be coming to church for a service by going to our website smb.org.uk/sundays or via My ChurchSuite. For those of you who don't have access to the internet, please ring the church office and we can book you in.

My ChurchSuite

In September we'll be sharing dates, events and information about all that is planned for the Autumn Term. One way that you'll be able to be up-to-date with all that's going on, is via My ChurchSuite—our new user friendly communications platform. Perhaps over the summer you can find time to download the app and explore the various areas within it. Why not give it a try?

Newcomers

If you're new to SMB, or you've joined recently and would like to receive our communications please get in touch with the church office team.

Children

Children's Groups are taking a break over the summer and will begin again in September.

Parents — please contact Mim for more information if you would like to know about our Children's Groups.

This year's 'Super Stars Holiday Club' will be on from 24th-27th August. Go to www.smb.org.uk/children to find out more and to sign up.

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

Youth

Youth Groups are taking a break over the summer and will begin again in September.

Parents — please contact Megan if you would like to know about Youth Groups.

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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