



ST MARY BREDIN CHURCH // FAMILY NEWS

5th September 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 personally, so do please come and introduce yourselves to a member of the staff or a member of the welcome team. At the Welcome Point you can find out about life here at SMB and fill in a Welcome Card so we can send you more information about how you can feel fully part of the church. I really look forward to getting to know you.

God Bless, Barney

Today at **SMB**

10:30am // The gathered people of God

with Holy Community

with Children's Church and Younger Youth

Reading: Joel 2: 15-32

Speaker: Barney de Berry

(LiveStreamed on the SMB YouTube channel)

This week

Tuesday Encounter Evening at SMB - 7:30pm

Saturday - Men's Prayer Breakfast (in The Link) - 7:20am to 9am

Sunday (12th) - TAP Social at SMB

Ministry Letter from Barney, our Vicar

Friends,

Welcome back - it is wonderful to be able to gather today in a way that resembles how we were able to gather before covid. There is still a way to go before we can say we are out of the pandemic crisis and there may be some backward steps along the way but it is good that we can gather again, worship together more fully and enjoy fellowship once again. It might be a little time before we all feel comfortable being back and we need to be aware that there is still lots of anxiety round but I think we can now look ahead and be more confident as we meet again. We will be continuing to stream our services for those who don't feel they can join us in person quite yet.

As is normal for this time of year there is a lot happening and starting up again in the next few weeks. Today sees the resumption of children's church and younger youth after a summer break and the brilliant fun of Holiday Club. You will notice a refreshing of the branding for Children's Church which I hope reflects something of the fun and adventure that following Jesus is. Next week we will be starting a new sermon series in the mornings looking at the Beatitudes while in the Evening Service, which relaunches next Sunday, we will be looking at I Corinthians and the Holy Life. We will be settling into our new pattern of communion which will be part of the Morning Service on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays and part of our Evening Service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Do join us on Tuesday evening for the first Encounter evening of the year. Encounter is a chance for us to worship together and to pray together. This another really good opportunity at the beginning of this new term to meet with God and each other. I am also really excited that our new Youth café/drop in will be opening in a few weeks time. Café Lumen - as we are calling it - will, I hope, offer a safe, fun and a generous welcome to the youth of our church and community. So please be praying for the cafe as we prepare to open for the first time later this month.

God Bless,

Barney

Events & Notices

Dedication of Zipporah & Tirzah

Today, in our Morning Service, we welcome Zipporah and Tirzah Bawtree into God's family. Do be praying for their family and friends, that they would continue to be strong role models and guide both girls with Godly wisdom.

Men's Prayer Breakfast // Saturday 11th September at 7:20am

If you are a man and love God and cooked breakfasts, do come along and meet with other men to talk, pray and eat. Back in The Link this Saturday, 11th September.

TAP Social // Sunday 12th September

On Sunday 12th September TAP (for those in their 20s and 30s) will be having their next social event. For more details take a look at the TAP Facebook page (TheTAP@smb) or contact Charmaine.

Encounter Evening // Tuesday 7th September at 7:30pm

Do join us on 7th September for an evening of praise and prayer. A great opportunity at the start of a new term to meet with God and with others. The evening starts at 7:30pm.

Café Lumen

Look out for more information about our new Youth Café which will be starting very soon!

Baptisms // 26th September at 6:30pm

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.

Autumn Term 2021 Guide // Out now!

Our new booklet for this term is available now! You'll find the booklet is full of lots of information about services, groups and events for this term. We've got lots planned for this so do take some time to look through our Autumn Term Guide to see what is going on. If you receive our mailings we sent it out to you as an electronic version on Friday as part of our efforts to be more environmentally friendly. Any further information, changes or updates will be shared with you all in emails, on the website and on the MyEvents section of 'My Churchsuite' as information becomes available.

Paper copies, for those who need them, will be made available in the next couple of weeks.

Children

At 10:30am

Scramblers: Pre-schoolers
In Upper Room

Climbers: RrR - Yr 2
In The Lounge

Explorers: Yr 3 - Yr6
In Kendall Hall

Adventurers: Children with Additional
Educational Needs
(online & in Rhodes Room in Kendall Hall)

Youth

At 10:30am

Younger Youth: Yr 7 - 9
In the Mezz

Parents—please bring Children and Younger Youth into the service with you so we be together at the start of each service for a time of prayer and sung worship. If you are new to SMB, or if you would like to know about provision for Older Youth (Years 11-13) contact Mim or Megan for more information.

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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