



# 12th 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 blessed life**

with Children's Church and Younger Youth

**Reading:** Matthew 5: 3-12

**Speaker:** Barney de Berry

(LiveStreamed on the SMB YouTube channel)

**6:30pm // Church in a divided world**

(with Holy Communion)

**Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3

**Speaker:** Stephen Carter

### **This week**

**Tuesday** Café Lumen Taster Evening for SMB Youth members  
(3:30pm to 6:00pm) followed by Older Youth (6:30pm to 8:00pm)

**Wednesday** Mid-week Holy Communion (11:30am in the Chancel)

# Ministry Letter from Charmaine, our Curate

Dear SMB family

Our Discipleship Year students have started this week. This year we are combining with the Ministry Experience Scheme run through the Church of England, which means our two students will be fulltime with us, so you will see them around the church involved with many things during the week. We have two with us at SMB – Rowan Lovegrove and Sam Deal. On Wednesdays, our training days, we will be joined by three others from other placement churches. Rowan and Sam will have a focus on youth and students but will be around and serving in many ways over the course of the year.

The Discipleship Year is an opportunity for them to deepen their knowledge and experience of God, to grow in their experience and practice of church ministry, and to explore and discover the gifts God has given them and the call and purpose He is calling them to in the future. Please be keeping them in your prayers through the year, as well as Stephen and myself as we oversee the programme.

A few lines from Rowan and Sam to introduce themselves to you:

'Hi! I'm Rowan. You may have seen me around pre-pandemic as I was a student here in Canterbury from 2017 through to 2020, but if you haven't it might help to know I'm probably the redheaded guy wearing a large woollen jumper. I'm particularly interested in ideas around community, evangelism, and the environment, and I love creating spaces where people can come to meet with each other and with Jesus. If you fancy praying for me, I'd appreciate prayer for courage in my creativity and clarity in my communication. I look forward to (re)meeting you!'

'Hi, I'm Sam and I have been a part of SMB for almost the past two years, however given that the country has been in lockdown for the majority of the past two years I'll likely be an unfamiliar face to many of you. I studied history at the University of Kent and am staying on in Canterbury for another year to take part in the Discipleship Year programme. I'm looking forward to meeting more of you throughout this year. I'd appreciate prayer that this year I would grow in my knowledge and love of Jesus.'

God bless, Charmaine

## Events & Notices

### **Christians Against Poverty**

Tony Washington, our CAP Debt Centre Manager, based here at SMB, will be available after the church service today if you would like to find out more about CAP Befriending.

### **TAP Social // Sunday 12th September**

TAP lunch (for those in their 20s and 30s) is today after this morning's service. Join us in the Link for food and fun! For more information on TAP have a look at the TAP Facebook page ([Facebook.com/TheTAPatsmb](https://www.facebook.com/TheTAPatsmb)).

### **Café Lumen**

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

**Older Youth** This will be in The Link starting on Tuesday 14th September and will run from 6:30pm to 8pm. A Registration Form needs to be completed prior to attendance. For more information and the form go to [smb.org.uk/youth](https://www.smb.org.uk/youth)

**Alpha** Our Alpha course starts on Wednesday 29th September so do invite people along in the next couple of weeks. To read more, or to sign up go to [smb.org.uk/alpha](https://www.smb.org.uk/alpha)

### **Bumblebees - Baby and Toddler Group // Mondays 10am - 11:30am**

This will be starting up again on Monday 27th September. For more information, and to complete the required Registration Form please go to [smb.org.uk/bumblebees](https://www.smb.org.uk/bumblebees)

### **Baptisms // 26th September at 6:30pm**

On 26<sup>th</sup> 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 have sent you this guide in an email which you'll find stored within 'My Communications' on My ChurchSuite. 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:** YrR - 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 are 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](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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