



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

# 19th 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 // Blessed are the poor in Spirit**

(with Holy Communion)

with Children's Church and Younger Youth

**Reading:** Revelation 3: 17-22    **Speaker:** Charmaine Muir

(LiveStreamed on the SMB YouTube channel)

**6:30pm // Life in a divided church**

**Reading:** 1 Corinthians 3: 1-23    **Speaker:** Barney de Berry

### This week

**Tuesday** Café Lumen (3:30pm to 6:00pm)  
followed by Older Youth (6:30pm to 8:00pm)

**Saturday** Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:20am to 9am)

## Ministry Letter from Nina Coulthard

Dear SMB family

Some of you know me of old, some of you I've got to know since I retired back to Canterbury and SMB, but many of you will not yet know me. My name is Nina and I usually worship at the 10.30 service. I hope to get to know more of you over time. Barney has asked me to take on the co-ordination of SMB's 'Seniors Ministry', and take a fresh look at what we provide for our older members (being now classified as one of those!). First, I'd like to find out what those who consider themselves 'seniors' would like to take part in, and secondly to build a team of helpers.

Please look out for a simple survey which will be out soon to ascertain what people have enjoyed in the past, what you would like to see happen in the future and ways in which seniors may feel able to serve - not just to be served. As well as providing for the needs of existing church members for fun, fellowship and growth in faith we also hope to be able to reach out to older members of the community who may not yet come to church services. Many live alone and long for companionship. There are also opportunities to minister to the housebound and those in care homes. The few of us already involved need extra help and will be asking a few people in person to share their ideas with us. Please note, we would love to hear from people of **all** ages who have a heart for this area of ministry.

Watch out for news of a gathering later in the Autumn Term and also the traditional Christmas lunch!

Thanks in anticipation of your support,

Nina (Coulthard)

## Prayer

Pray for all students heading off to (or arriving for) college or university this week; for them to build communities of friendship as they start, that Christian students will find a church to call home where they can settle into church family, that they will all excel and love learning more deeply and widely in their chosen courses, and that they will make wise decisions in everything they do. Please pray for Elliot Curryer, as he starts in his role as UCCF staff worker here in Canterbury, and for Friends International as they help the students to settle in and connect with others.

## Events & Notices

**Welcome!** A warm welcome to those of you who are here for the first time, particularly any students who are here today. We hope you'll feel at home. Do say hello to Stephen or any of our Student Team.

### **Café Lumen // Tuesdays at 3:30pm to 6pm**

Our new Youth Café launches this Tuesday evening! Please pray for Megan and our team of volunteers, and for the young people who come along.

### **Older Youth // Tuesdays at 6:30pm**

This will run after Café Lumen, from 6:30pm to 8pm. For more information go to [smb.org.uk/youth](http://smb.org.uk/youth)

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** The next Men's Prayer Breakfast is on Saturday 25th September. Dr Neil Rogers, a pastor currently visiting the UK from his home in central Asia, will be speaking on 'An introduction to proverbs: wisdom for living.'

### **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.

### **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](http://smb.org.uk/bumblebees)

**Alpha** Our Alpha course starts on Wednesday 29th September online so do be inviting your non-Christian friends to come along! To find out more, or to sign up go to [www.smb.org.uk/alpha](http://www.smb.org.uk/alpha)

### **Mini School of Discipleship // starts Tuesday 5th October at 8:00pm**

In this three part series Peter Ould will explore with us the book of Deuteronomy. We'll look at where it fits in the Bible, when and whom it was written by, what it contains and how it is full of allusions to the future work of Christ. To book [www.smb.org.uk/schoolofdiscipleship](http://www.smb.org.uk/schoolofdiscipleship) or sign up on MyChurchSuite if you have a log in.

**Photographer in church // Sunday 26th September** We have a photographer coming to church all day to take photographs for us to use in our publicity, and on our website. Please remember your smile!

## 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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