



26th 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 those that mourn

(with Children's Church and Younger Youth)

Reading: Romans 7: 14-25 **Speaker:** Stephen Carter

(LiveStreamed on the SMB YouTube channel)

6:30pm // The foolish God

(with Holy Communion and Adult Baptisms)

Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 18 - 2: 5 **Speaker:** Barney de Berry

This week

Monday Bumblebees Baby & Toddler Group (10:00am to 11:30am)

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

Wednesday Hotspot (10:00am to 12:00pm)

Thursday Student Night (7:15pm)

Ministry Letter from Stephen, our Associate Vicar

Dear friends,

This Sunday is the official start of the student term. We're so glad to have our students back with us at SMB, especially after a time when they've hardly been physically in a room with us together. Whether you're new to the city or just trying church for the first time, **welcome**.

If you're an undergraduate here in Canterbury we'd like to invite to join us for **student lunch** after our morning gathering today, and each Sunday during the term time. Some lunches will be here at church (including the next four Sundays) and others will take the opportunity to travel to and join members of the SMB congregation in their homes. If you'd like to host some students for lunch one Sunday do speak with me.

This Thursday 30 September we're having **Student Night** here at SMB with dinner being served at 19:15 followed by a time of worship, teaching and discussion. I'll be speaking from 2 Chronicles and Daniel, and how as students we need to be ready to live out our faith confidently, passionately, and sacrificially in a world of [cultural] exile. I hope you can join us.

For the rest of this term we're partnering with our friends at City Church to run **Student Alpha**. This will be in person, with food, and will follow the Alpha film series followed by small group discussion. We'd love to have several tables so please invite some fellow students!

This year our students will be championed by Sam Deal, Rowan Lovegrove, Nathan Marsh, Jacob Nicholson, Rose Ross and myself. For more information please see smb.org.uk/students and follow us on Instagram @smbstudents

Do hold students in your prayers as they start this year and extend your welcome as they join us!

With love,

Stephen

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

Adult baptisms // 6:30pm

Today in our Evening Service Ben, Lewis and Natasha (Tash) will be being baptised. Please pray for them as they continue journeying into the fullness of God's love.

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

This will be starting up again on Monday 27th September. For more information go to smb.org.uk/bumblebees

Café Lumen & Older Youth // Tuesdays

Our new Youth Café launched this Tuesday evening! It runs from 3:15pm to 6:00pm every week during Term Time. Older Youth will run after Café Lumen, from 6:30pm to 8pm. For more information go to smb.org.uk/youth

Hotspot // Wednesday 10:00am

The Hotspot coffee morning is resuming this week. Please come along for drinks & homebaking, Traidcraft stall and chat. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Anne Young - 07854 376465.

Online Alpha // Wednesday

29th September Our Alpha course starts this Wednesday on zoom so there is a final chance to invite your non-Christian friends to come along!

Please note that the deadline for signing up is Tuesday morning (28th Sept). To find out more and to sign up go to 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 or if you have a MyChurchsuite log in go to My Events and look for it on the calendar.

Seniors' Ministry Survey The Seniors' Ministry survey that was mentioned in Family News last week has now been sent out (via email) to all those we think it may be relevant to. If you haven't received it but would like to, please do get in touch with the Office Team.

Christian Aid Update Many thanks for the generosity of all who have supported the Elham Valley Sponsored Walk from Hythe to Canterbury (22 miles in a day). To date £2,800 has been raised for Christian Aid. If anyone still wants to contribute, the Just Giving link is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ealhamvalleywalk>. Thank You, John Ward

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

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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