



10th October 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 hunger
and thirst for righteousness**

with Children's Church and Younger Youth

Reading: Psalm 63 **Speaker:** Nigel Genders

(LiveStreamed on the SMB YouTube channel)

6:30pm // A holy people in an entitled society

Reading: I Corinthians 6: 12:20 **Speaker:** Barney de Berry

This week

Monday Bumblebees 10-11.30am

Tuesday Café Lumen (3:30pm to 6:00pm)

followed by Older Youth (6:30pm to 8:00pm)

Thursday Student Alpha at SMB (7.15pm)

Saturday Tap Teaching Event (7.30pm)

Ministry Letter from Angela Swindley

Bumblebees, SMB's Baby and Toddler group is back! Every Monday morning in term time, the whole space in the main Church and the Link is transformed into a place where children can play and carers can meet up and be encouraged. It was wonderful to welcome about 25 families over the last two weeks and our expectation is that numbers will soon be back up to 35 to 40. Their delight in being able once again to come to a safe, happy place and see their children enjoy the variety of quality toys and activities, has been plainly evident.

Ministry to families with small children is a key area for outreach. Research published last year, showed that 74% of all parents in the UK with children under the age of five attended a church-run activity in the previous year. Our experience confirms that this is an area of service which draws many people into the orbit of SMB who would not otherwise have any contact with a church community. When they come on a Monday morning, we want them to find an oasis of joy and peace, and for that to be a welcome relief from the often relentless demands of small children.

Our newly revamped vision statement - Nurturing families Physically, Emotionally and Spiritually – points to our ambition that, along with all the toys, activities, refreshments and so on, we also want to share God's love. We are keen to introduce some creative prayer activities alongside the craft, but at the moment we don't have enough people on the team to be able to run this. In particular, we have an urgent need for volunteers, who are not trying to supervise their own children through the session, who can be in the kitchen serving refreshments. A larger pool of helpers would ensure that we are always able to set up, pack away and maintain a safe environment. Please speak to one of the team if you think you might like to help.

Blessings, Angela

Mission Partners Prayers

The mission partners for October are Lisa & Orlando Muerasse -Mozambique

Please pray for good health and wellbeing for Lisa, Orlando, Nehemiah & Nahaliel; more team members to join the ministry; circumstances to change so that they can travel to the UK at Christmas for a much needed break.

Student Lunches // Sunday

If you're a student do come and join us for homecooked food in The Link after the Morning Service this Sunday. Great food, and great company! No need to book, just turn up.

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

For more information, and to complete the required Registration Form please go to smb.org.uk/bumblebees.

Café Lumen and Older Youth // Tuesdays

Our new Youth Café runs from 3.30-6.00pm every week during term time. Older Youth is held after Café Lumen from 6.30-8.00pm. For more information go to smb.org.uk/youth.

Student Alpha // Thursdays in the Link Our Student Alpha will be running every week on Thursdays. For further details go to smb.org.uk/students to sign up.

The TAP Teaching Event— Being a Christian in the work place // Saturday 16th

October at 7.30pm More details will be shared on the Facebook page, as well as on the website. To sign up go to smb.org.uk/thetap. The tap is for those in their 20's and 30's (post-student years).

Food Bank Canterbury are looking for volunteer drivers to help with weekly food parcel deliveries. Please get in touch with Foodbank directly via the website if you can help: www.canterburyfoodbank.org

Mini School of Discipleship // Saturday 13th November

Peter Ould will be exploring 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 please go to www.smb.org.uk/schoolofdiscipleship or if you have a MyChurchsuite login go to My Events and look for it on the calendar.

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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