



# 17th 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 the merciful**

with Children's Church and Younger Youth

**Reading:** Matthew 18: 21-35 **Speaker:** Stephen Carter

(LiveStreamed on the SMB YouTube channel)

**6:30pm // Holiness in marriage**

**Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7: 1-16 **Speaker:** Barney de Berry

### This week

**Monday** Bumblebees 10:00am - 11.30am

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

**Thursday** Student Alpha at SMB (7:15pm)

**Saturday** Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:15am - 9:00am)

# Ministry Letter from Barney, our Vicar

Dear Friends,

Today the focus of our services will be our Mercy Ministries. One of the great promises of the gospel is of mercy, mercy that we receive from God through Christ. To reflect that mercy we, who have benefitted from it, are called to demonstrate it ourselves and show and extend mercy to others. There are many ways we can do this in our day to day life and through the church. In many ways all we do should demonstrate the mercy of God but there are specific ministries that do this more overtly, meeting the needs of those who find themselves powerless and need mercy to help and save them.

A few years ago we as a church decided to focus on three such ministries to sustain them, resource them and make sure they were an effective vehicle for people to receive mercy and see something of the mercy of God. There are so many brilliant ministries out there that we could have taken on but by limiting the number to three it meant we could really concentrate our efforts on them and make sure they were viable and effective here in Canterbury. We do partner with other churches in other ministries that extend mercy such as street pastors, but our three mercy ministries are ministries that we at SMB are called to carry ourselves on behalf of our city.

Our three mercy ministries are: **MakeLunch** which looks to help those local families that rely on free school meals to bridge the holiday hunger gap by providing lunch and activities once a week during the holidays, **Christians Against Poverty** which is a ministry that helps, enables and supports people as they look to escape from the trap of debt and **Stop the Traffik** which raises awareness of, and looks to identify, modern slavery in our communities and seeks to work alongside the authorities to rescue those who have been trafficked and are in slavery. Each of these ministries requires different levels of resourcing from financial support, volunteers, publicity and of course prayer.

This Sunday as we think about 'Blessed are the merciful' we will be highlighting these ministries and seeing how we can continue to support them, how we might pray for them and how we might step up to help them. As we hear about all that God has done through them let's pray to see how God might be calling us to get involved and be those who are blessed being merciful.

God bless, Barney

## 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.

## Events & Notices

### **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](http://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](http://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/](http://smb.org.uk/) students to sign up.

### **Harvest Service// Sunday 24th October at 10:30am**

Next Sunday morning we will be having a Whole Church Service to celebrate Harvest. There will be no Children's Groups, but instead we will gather together as a church family for an all age service.

be collecting donations for the Food Bank — please do have a look at the list of items they would particularly like as they are well stocked for some items at this time. To see the list go to [smb.org.uk/sundays](http://smb.org.uk/sundays)

### **Locked In // Sunday 24th**

**October at 6:30pm** Next Sunday evening we will be having a Locked In service - an evening of praise & sung worship, starting at the usual time of 6:30pm.

**SMB Football Team** The SMB football team are looking for more players to join them, to be a Christian witness on the football field! They meet on Saturday mornings from 9:15am, with matches starting at 10am. Games against other teams are held every 2 out of 3 weeks, with training sessions or friendly matches arranged for the other weeks. Home games are held at Aylesham, and lifts can be arranged between players using the team's WhatsApp group. If you'd like to know more, or are keen to get involved please contact Joel Laraman by email [joeltoria@yahoo.com](mailto:joeltoria@yahoo.com)

## 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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