



ST MARY BREDIN CHURCH // FAMILY NEWS

24th 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 // All Age Harvest Service

(LiveStreamed on the SMB YouTube channel)

6:30pm // Locked In
an evening of praise and sung worship
with Holy Communion

This week

Monday MakeLunch 11:30am-1:15pm

Wednesday Hotspot 10am -12pm

Thursday Student Alpha at SMB 7:15pm

Ministry Letter from Barney, our Vicar

Dear Friends,

It has been so wonderful these last few months to be able to gather and worship together, to meet in person in groups, to see ministries relaunch and to see new ministries such as the youth café take off. It has been a blessing to welcome so many new people to the church as well as welcoming back everyone else. As we have returned to 'normal' there have been a few changes, one of those that we made this autumn was to our communion pattern. As an Anglican church we are required to celebrate communion at least once every Sunday. With the closure of our 8am service this meant having it more frequently at our other services and so we have established the pattern of having communion in the morning on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month and at our evening services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. This pattern seems to be working well and has added to our times of worship. The only real knock on is that when we have communion in the morning it does make the Children's church and younger youth times shorter, and this is obviously now happening more often. It is lovely having young and old there for times of communion but to reduce the disruption to the teaching time for our children and young people. I am proposing that the 1st Sunday of the month will be a family communion where the children return to the service for communion as they have always done while they will remain in their groups and be collected after communion and at the end of the service on the 3rd and 5th Sundays. We will review this at the end of term but will be starting it on 31st October which is a 5th Sunday to see how it goes.

With Covid rates on the rise again we are carefully monitoring the latest advice and regulations. It is a distinct possibility that we will return to some form of restrictions if not full lockdown in the next few weeks, so please do keep an eye out for any emails or messages that we might send out in that regard over the next few weeks.

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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

Tap social: Fireworks on Tyler Hill.

Book your ticket at

www.tylerhillbonfire.co.uk

6th November meeting at 5:30 at the Old Bev. For more details contact Charmaine on cmuir@smb.org.uk

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

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.

Help required for the Light Party // Children's Church will be holding it's Light Party at 3:30pm to 5:00pm on Sunday 31st October. If you are able to help please get in touch with Mim Taylor via email on mtaylor@smb.org.uk

ACTs // provides meals for those in particular need for example the birth of a baby. If you think you can help with this ministry then please get in touch with Ruth Roots or the office to find out more about how you can get involved.

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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