



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

**22nd May 2022**

**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.

God Bless, Barney

## **Today at SMB**

**10:30am // All Age Service**

**6:30pm // Maturity** with Holy Communion

**Ephesians 4:11– 16 Preacher:** Barney de Berry

## **This Week**

**TODAY Sunday 22nd May:** 20s & 30s Relaunch Lunch & Walk

**Monday 23rd May:** Bumblebees playgroup (10:00 - 11:30am)

**Tues 24th May:** Café Lumen (3:30 - 6:00pm) & Older Youth (6:30 - 8:30pm)

**Wednesday 25th May:** Hotspot café - Jubilee special! (10:00 - 12:00)

**Thursday 26th May:** 'Encounter' Worship & Praise evening

**Saturday 28th May:** Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:20 - 9:00am)

## **Mission Partner for May is UCCF - Elliot Curryer**

Please pray for: CU students as they enter exam season, and for final year students preparing for the next step; the CUs through the quieter summer term, the CU to remain an effective witness and that students will be open to the Gospel; Elliot that he can end the year well and prepare for the new year ahead, rest for Elliot and the CUs over the summer, and for rest *in* the Lord.

# Ministry Letter from our vicar, Barney

Dear Friends

In a few weeks' time we will be celebrating Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the first believers. It is always a great time to celebrate and give thanks to God for his presence with us and his provision of himself for us. On Pentecost Sunday we will be having some **baptisms** at both our morning and our evening services. It is not too late to come forward to be baptised so if that is something you would like to do then do get in touch with myself or another member of the clergy.

In the ten days leading up to Pentecost we will be taking part in the '**Thy Kingdom Come**' **prayer initiative**. This has been going for a number of years now and it will be great to reengage with it again this year. The pray is centred on evangelism and we will be praying for those we long to see become Christians as well as our role as witnesses to the good news. We will have a few opportunities to gather to pray; firstly our **Encounter prayer meeting on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>** and then we will be using the evening service on the 29th as a time of praise and pray. In the past we have invited other churches to join us at this service of prayer but this year it will just be an SMB event. I hope that next year when we are fully past the events of the last few years we might be able to host that gathering of churches again.

Alongside all of this we will be running a **24/7 prayer room**. This will be set up in our committee room and it would be great if we could fill as many of the slots as possible. Even if you can't come into the prayer room itself you might put yourself down in a slot to offer prayer from your home. To sign up please follow this link: <https://pray.24-7prayer.com/signup/c9e9d7>

Finally, a week on Thursday we have our **family fun day**. At the moment we are very short of volunteers to help run the event so if you are around and can help please get in touch with Mim who will be able to deploy you so the event can go ahead and we can bless those who come.

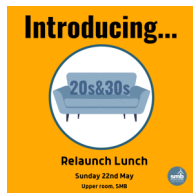
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Barney

## Events & Notices

### **TODAY Sunday 22nd May // TAP Re-launch Lunch & Walk**

For our 20s & 30s, join us after the morning service for lunch in the Upper Room followed by a walk. Come hear about plans for the future, share your ideas and get involved.



### **Hotspot Café - Platinum Jubilee Special // Wednesday 25th May (10 - 12 noon)**

Coffee, cake and chat! If you're free come along to this month's jubilee special get-together and enjoy the company of others and some refreshments.

### **Encounter // Thursday 26th May (8:00 - 9:00pm)**

A gathering of worship & praise to begin our 'Thy Kingdom Come' Week of Prayer.

### **24/7 Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Room // 26<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> June**

This year there will be a physical prayer room at church we can come and pray in. More details coming but here is the [link](#) to sign up.

### **Pentecost Baptisms**

If you're interested in being baptised, please speak to one of the clergy.

### **Men's Prayer Breakfast // Saturday 28th May**

Our monthly fry-up breakfast - no need to sign up, just turn up. Will be great to see you there. 7:20 - 9am

### **Family Fun Day // Thursday 2nd June (10am - 3pm)**

Can you help us to make the day go as smoothly as possible? We need a team of helpers! Please click this [link](#) to see a list of ways to help.

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June // Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving**

Come & watch together on the big screen. Refreshments served from 10.30am Service begins 11.30am. All are welcome!

### **Space Academy Holiday Club // 23rd - 26th August**

For children in Reception to Grade 6. Click [here](#) to book— spaces fill up fast! We need a **team to help** as there is a lot to do so if you're able to help before or during the week please sign up [here](#).

**Volunteers needed for SMB's lawn & garden** - We are lacking caretaker cover due to staff sickness; our lawns need mowing, the flower beds need neatening up... If we could get a few helpers this would share the load. You don't have to be a gardening expert!

## Children

**At 10:30am**

**Scramblers:** Pre-schoolers  
In Upper Room

**Climbers:** Yr R - Yr 2  
In The Lounge

**Explorers:** Yr 3 - Yr6  
In Kendall Hall

**Adventurers:** Children with Additional  
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 10-13) 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

## 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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