



ST MARY BREDIN CHURCH // FAMILY NEWS

29th 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 // Maturity

with Children's Church. Younger Youth & Holy Communion

Ephesians 4:11-16 Preacher: Barney de Berry

6:30pm // Thy Kingdom Come

This Week

Thursday 2nd June: Family Fun Day (10am - 3pm) in the SMB gardens

Friday 3rd June: Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving - watch live on our big screen

HALF TERM holidays: Bumblebees on Mondays & Café Lumen (3:30 - 6:00pm)
& Older Youth (6:30 - 8:30pm) on Tuesdays will resume next week.

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

Associate Vicar ministry letter

I write this on Thursday afternoon, just a few hours before Encounter. Today is Ascension Day, marking the beginning of a ten-day period leading up to Pentecost, latterly known as **Thy Kingdom Come**. During this time, we are reminded why Jesus ascended into heaven, so that the Holy Spirit would be poured out on all believers, and that we would be clothed with power from on high. I encourage you to wait on the Lord, and ask him to fill you afresh. Whilst there are many times and places we can do this why not sign up for one of our 24/7 prayer slots this week. I wonder what God might do in answering our prayers.

Next Sunday we will be celebrating **Pentecost**, and what better way than my joining with and supporting those being baptised too. If you think you'd like to be baptised, it's not too late but please don't delay speaking with one of the clergy.

Parenting courses

We want to help support parents and those who care for our children and young people as they grow up. The *Parenting babies and toddlers* course starts 9th June for 5 weeks on zoom, and *Parenting teenagers* starts 16th June for 5 weeks in person. If you're interested in either, contact Mim.

Newcomer's lunch – Sunday 26th June

The last time we'd scheduled a newcomer's lunch we had to postpone because of another covid variant outbreak! We're mindful that lots of people have joined our church family over the past two years and so we want to make the space to come along, hear more about SMB, get to know some long-standing members of our church family as well as other newcomers. You might want to ask questions and consider what particular ministries you'd like to be involved with, whether serving or receiving. Please sign up if you'd like to come to this.

Mini-school – *Equipping the church to pray for one another* – Monday 27th June

In our church life there are so many brilliant ways that we can love, support and serve one another. The best gift we can give to one another is to keep bringing God into the picture, asking him to speak, heal, forgive, provide and guide us. And what a blessing that God uses us to bless one another in His power and in His name. Barney and I will be hosting this single session mini-school that will be open to all in the church family who are hungry to grow in prayer ministry, but especially encouraging all those exercising some sort of pastoral oversight to come along. Further details on how to sign up to follow.

With love, Stephen

Events & Notices

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 help.

Friday 3rd June // Jubilee

Service of Thanksgiving

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

24/7 Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Room // 26th May – 5th June

This year there will be a physical prayer room at church we can come and pray in. Use this [link](#) to sign up.

Men's BBQ Evening // Friday 10th June (7 - 9pm)

If you have children, bring them along to next Friday's BBQ and give your wives an evening off. We'd love to see you there!

Missing lego

A blue box of lego has gone missing which we use in children's groups and school workshops. If you've seen it, please speak to Mim! Thanks.

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

Hurray for the return of Holiday club! 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!

New Wine 2022 — “United”

SMB will be attending the first week A (23-28 July) - hope you can join us! Visit the New Wine [website](#) for more info.

“Luminosity”—the Youth stream of New Wine that runs alongside the adult's *United* program. Especially for 11—18 yr olds. Contact Megan for more info.

Box storage space needed

Georgie Taylor, one of our mission partners, is off overseas for YWAM training for two years. She's in need of storage space for 8 boxes—this could be split between 2 people. Contact her here: georgina_taylor1@hotmail.com

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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