



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

**26th June 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 // Balance**

with Children's Church & Younger Youth

**1 Peter 2:1-17 Preacher: Brian Kelly**

**6:30pm // Balance**

**Exodus 19:3-6 Preacher: Stephen Carter** with Holy Communion

### **This Week**

**Monday 27th June:** Prayer Ministry training (7:30pm)

**Monday 27th June:** Bumblebees Baby & Toddler Playgroup (10 - 11:30am)

**Tuesday 28th June:** Café Lumen (3:30pm - 6:00pm) followed by Older Youth  
(6:30pm - 8:00pm)

**Wednesday 29th June:** Hotspot Café social gathering (10 - 12 noon)

**Mission Partner for June: Greg & Sylvia Venables - Paraguay**

**Please pray for:** Greg's responsibilities as Archbishop Emeritus - leadership, training, preaching and teaching; the serious situation in Peru which he is overseeing; Sylvia's ministry in Bible teaching; ministry in television and radio.

**Give thanks for:** Many opportunities to share the gospel; good colleagues and friends; the excellent response to Greg's recently published book in Spanish presenting the Anglican Church; good health and living close to all their children and their families.

# Ministry Letter

Dear Friends

As we will all know and will all be experiencing the cost of living is rising and causing a squeeze on people's finances. As always, this squeeze will be tighter on some more than others, pushing some into a place of real crisis. I want to take this opportunity to suggest a couple of ways you might think about responding to this crisis and helping others if you are in a position to do so. Firstly we have in our church accounts a 'Family Fund'. This fund can be used at the discretion of the Vicar and Wardens to help those within the church family who might find themselves in a crisis. If we hear of a need then even if the family fund doesn't currently have any funds in it, we do still look to help. However, having funds ready for this purpose in the family fund is really useful as it is a good mechanism to provide help. If you would like to give into this fund then do send through your gift though the office and make it clear that it is for the family fund. Equally if you know of anyone within the church family who needs help then do speak to myself or the wardens and we will look to respond as quickly as possible. Secondly you might also think about supporting the work of CAP (Christians against Poverty) more directly. We fund the CAP debt centre here at SMB through our general fund, however some people choose alongside their regular giving to give directly to the CAP ministry either through one-off gifts or a regular donation. Any money given this way would go directly to support the debt centre and free up money from the general fund to use elsewhere. Again, if this is something you would like to do then please make clear that any gift or standing order is for this purpose. CAP is an amazing ministry and I think demand for it will be increasing as more people find themselves in that place of crisis due to the cost of living.

Finally on a completely different matter, we are redesigning our Family News to make it more accessible and more useful as a digital newsletter. At the moment as you can see it is still formatted as a paper leaflet however as a result of lockdown and a desire to use less paper we are no longer handing it out before the service and instead sending it as you will have received it this morning by email. Therefore we are reformatting it to work better as an email. All the same information will still be there but it will be better integrated with our website for more information and sign ups. So do look out for the new Family News email as we make the change in the next few weeks.

God Bless

Barney

## Events & Notices

### **Prayer Ministry Training Monday 27th June 7:30pm**

Mini school led by Barney & Stephen.  
Open to all and recommended especially to all those exercising pastoral oversight. Please click [here](#).

### **Hotspot Café Wednesday 29th June 10am - 12 noon**

Our monthly informal get-together where all are welcome to enjoy refreshments and just chatting with others. There is a play area for very young ones and also a Traidcraft stall.

### **Thriving in Teaching Tuesday**

**12th July** LICC is running an online event for teachers. There is going to be a group meeting in person at SMB to do this together. The link to sign up for the event is <https://licc.org.uk/events/thriving-in-teaching/> and if you would like to join the group at SMB, please also sign up [here](#).

### **Meeting Point Outing Thursday**

**14th July** Join us on a coach outing to Kent Life Heritage Farm Park with afternoon tea & cake thrown in! Pick up a leaflet in the Link. Non-seniors welcome too! Please book your spot ASAP. **Pick up a flyer in the Link** or contact Nina Coulthard.

**Community BBQ Sunday 17th July** Join us on the Oxford Road Green for this! (See last week's Ministry Letter). Service at 11am; Food at 12. We'd love our whole SMB family to be there & if you can help, please sign up in the Link or [here](#).

### **SMB's Holiday Club Helpers /**

**Team needed!** This summer's holiday club is Space Academy running 23-26th August which is fast approaching! We still need lots of team for the week, so if you're available at all, please sign up here - [Space Academy Holiday Club TEAM \(23-Aug-2022\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

### **Charlotte Sleigh's Ordination**

Many of you will know Charlotte and may wish to attend her Ordination at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday 2 July at 11am. All are welcome!

**Accommodation Needed!** A YWAM team (connected to Georgie Taylor) coming to Kent 3-22 July who need accommodation. There are 3 females, a couple with 3 children and a couple with a baby. Please contact Anne Young if you can help [07854376465](mailto:07854376465) [anneyoung26@gmail.com](mailto:anneyoung26@gmail.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 [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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