



# ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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General Information	
Vicar	Rev Nigel Adams Email: revnigeladams@gmail.com <i>(Nigel's day of rest will be on Friday this week)</i>
Churchwardens	Lin Terris Ade Odupitan
Honorary Curate	Rev Stephen Bailey
Children's and Youth Worker (part-time)	Rachel Grove Smith
Pastoral Assistant	Jo Adams
Treasurer	Lesley Davey
Contact Margaret Kinniburgh to add items to the Notice Sheet (by noon <b>Thursday</b> ) email: notices@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk.	

**Keeping in touch**

To phone, please leave a message on the church office phone (01376 321248).

St. Michael's Church website is on the following link - <http://stmichaelsbtree.co.uk/website/> (If this does not work, you might need to clear your browsing history/web cache from your browser. In most browsers this can be done using Ctrl+Shift+Del.) On this page you can see our Magazine, Notice sheets, Annual reports and other details and will be able to access our Sunday online services.

Our Facebook page is: [www.facebook.com/stmichaelschurchbraintree/](http://www.facebook.com/stmichaelschurchbraintree/)

If you are new to St Michael's, welcome! If you would like someone to contact you, please leave your details in the collection box by the door.

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## 3rd September 2023 - Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

### Church Services - Summer Worship:

All our services are in the church building and a video recording of the 10am services are later uploaded to our YouTube Channel "St. Michael's - Worship on the Web."

#### **Sunday, 3rd September**

- 10.00am Church Family Worship - *'Lead us not into temptation'* - Matthew 4: 1-11: *Jesus in the desert* - Rev Nigel Adams
- 4.00pm Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) - *'Will God really forgive me?'* - Psalm 32 - Rev Nigel Adams
- 6.30pm Evening Worship - *'Will God really forgive me?'* - Psalm 32 - Rev Nigel Adams

#### **Sunday, 10th September**

- 9.00am Next Plus Breakfast (14-18s)
- 10.00am Morning worship with Rt Revd Dr Rob Munro, Bishop of Ebbsfleet and our Confirmation candidates (the Confirmation will be at 6pm at St Mary's Henham)
- 10.00am Junior Church (3-14s) & Creche (under 3s) - begin in church, then in Church House  
Lunch in Church House
- 6.30pm Evening Worship - *'David among the Philistines'* - 1 Samuel 27:1-12 - Jennifer Bailey

There will be a **lunch** after the Morning Service on **10th September** in Church House so that we can meet and speak with **Bishop Rob Munro**. Please sign the list at the back of the church if you plan to join us.

From the 10<sup>th</sup> September there will be a **Creche** available (from those under the age of 3) which will take place in the Main Hall in Church House where there are lots of toys! Creche will start at the same time as Junior Church (usually after the second song), so please bring your creche aged children into church for 10am. Please speak to Rachel Grove Smith if you have any questions.

### **10.00am Church Family Worship**

Welcome & notices

Birthday slot

Opening Prayer

Theme of the Year video

Puppet Sketch - 'A tempting box of chocolates' - Rachel Grove-Smith

Song: Give thanks to the Lord (MP 1046)

Confession and prayer

Song: Father you are King of Heaven

Quiz - 'What is temptation?'

Prayers: Ade Odupitan

Songs: Faithful One and You are my anchor (MP 825; MP 1134)

Video: Jesus' temptations

Bible reading: Matthew 4: 1-11 (p. 975) - Emily Fieran-Reed

Talk: '*Lead us not into temptation*' - Rev Nigel Adams

Song: What a friend we have (MP 746)

Closing prayer

### **6.30pm Evening Worship**

Welcome, notices

Opening prayer

Song: I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart (MP 307)

Apostles Creed

Song: Here I am (Majesty) (MP 1181)

Prayers: Nigel Adams

Song: Speak O Lord

Bible reading: Psalm 32 (p. 555) - Rachel Grove-Smith

Talk: '*Will God really forgive me?*' - Rev Nigel Adams

Confession

Song: How can I be free from sin (MP 846)

Closing prayer

### **For your prayers:**

**Unwell:** the mother of **Jill Jackson's friend, Caroline**, who has had a heart attack, Kirsty Huxter, Gloria Boar, Angela Hibbert-Foy, Terry Clark, Alan (Edward Toussaint's brother), Norma Huxter, Linda (Gloria Boar's daughter), Alan Bass, Jim Roberts, Dennis Buston, Katherine Cridland, Elaine Stoodley

**Housebound:** David and Anne Harvey

**Bereaved:** Please pray for the family & friends of Audrey Walford whose funeral will take place on Wednesday, 20th September 12.30pm at Three Counties Crematorium and afterwards at The Boars Head, Braintree from about 1.30pm. Anybody is welcome to come to either or both.

**Mission of the Month: Crosslinks** Jirka & Keira Kralovi are sponsored by Crosslinks to work in the Czech Republic. Now like the UK it is a secular country and genuine Bible Christians are a tiny minority. We at St Michael's are linked to that minority by Crosslinks. In particular we have a bond with the Kralovis. They live in Olomouc (pronounced Olomooch). Jirka & Keira understand that the Lord Jesus Christ has led them, so to get to know some of the students of the town, they tell them about the Lord Jesus Christ. Students study during the day and stay up late at night. As people are finishing work at around 6.00pm Jirka is beginning his. Often into late evening he is talking about Jesus Christ. Under God their efforts have met with success. So much so that this summer Jirka brought a group of them to London for basic training in how to handle the Bible. But that is not all. The Kralovis are also heavily involved in their local church. It is new – so new it is called a 'church plant'. **Please pray**...that students in Olomouc will turn to the Lord Jesus Christ; that they will grow into mature and life-long faithful Christians; that God will give physical, mental and spiritual strength to the Kralovis; that like us, our sisters & brothers in Olomouc will go from strength to strength in their Christian life and that we and they will see friends and neighbours turning to Jesus Christ.

**Coffee@St Michael's** will take place on Thursday, 7th September in St Michael's church, from 10am – 12noon. Everyone is very welcome.

**Walk in the countryside:** please join us on **Saturday, 9th September** for our walk in the countryside - a walk around Heybridge Basin/Canal. David Birch will be our guide. Everyone is welcome to join in - just turn up! Please meet at 10.30am to set-off at 10.45am. Parking will be at the rear of the Heybridge Industrial Estate (postcode: CM9 4ER) - please use the visitor car park or park outside unit 7 (we have permission!). There will be an opportunity for refreshments when we reach Heybridge Basin. Speak to David Birch or Ade Odupitan for more information. Lifts can be arranged if required.

Anyone who is **18-30 years** is warmly invited to join us on **Mon 11th Sep, 7.30pm** in the small hall of Church House for an "ice cream factory". It will be an opportunity to update one another on what you will be doing over the coming year and to explore the possibility of starting an 18-30s group. Please speak to Nigel, Jo or Rachel GS if you have any questions.

**Women@StMichael's:** Saturday School on Saturday, 16th September from 9.30am - 1.00pm in Church House. Booking forms are now available. Please return completed form by **Sunday, 10th September**.

Our next **Men's Breakfast** will be on Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept, 8.30am at The Mulberry Tree, Braintree Bypass, CM77 8GG. We look forward to Rev Stephen Bailey sharing something of God's work in his life under the title, "**Collared by God!**" Unlimited cooked breakfast (£9.99) or unlimited continental breakfast (£7.99). Do please consider inviting guests. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, if you are planning to join us.

**Quiz Night:** Saturday, 23rd September 7.00pm at Cornerstone Church, Black Notley raising funds for Christian Youth Outreach. £6.00 per person; £30 per team of 6 if booking together. Bring your own food and refreshments. Speak to Katie Whitlock for further information.

There will be a **St Michael's Church Quiz** on Saturday 7th October, 5.45pm for a 6.00pm start, in Church House. Please note the date – further details to follow.