



# ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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## 17th September 2023 - Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

### Church Services

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, 17th September**

- 9.00am Next Plus Breakfast (14-18s)
- 10.00am Junior Church (3-14s) & Creche (under 3s)
- 10.00am Holy Communion - *'The partial kingdom - God's king'* - 1 Kings 4: 20-34  
- Rev Nigel Adams
- 6.00pm Refreshments in church
- 6.30pm All-Age Tonight - *'Philadelphia - the Faithful Church'* - Rev 3: 7-13  
- Rachel Grove-Smith

#### **Sunday, 24th September**

- 9.00am Next Plus Breakfast (14-18s)
- 10.00am Junior Church (3-14s) & Creche (under 3s)
- 10.00am Morning Worship - *'The prophesied kingdom'* - Isaiah 52: 13-53:12  
- Rev Nigel Adams
- 6.30pm Holy Communion - *'Saul and the Witch of Endor'* - 1 Samuel 28: 1-25  
- Rev Stephen Bailey

There is a **Creche** available (for those under the age of 3) 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.

**White Horse Tavern** Bible Study group begins again Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 7.30pm in Church House for the first of our ten session term. We shall be looking at the surprisingly relevant book of Ecclesiastes which will take us a couple of weeks. We shall discuss ideas about parts of the Bible we could study together for the following weeks. You are most welcome to join us.

### **General Information**

Vicar	Rev Nigel Adams Email: revnigeladams@gmail.com (Nigel's day of rest will be on Friday this week)
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	Vacancy

Contact Margaret Kinniburgh to add items to the Notice Sheet (by noon **Thursday**) 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.

Name(s) .....

Address .....

Telephone .....

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### 10.00am Holy Communion

Welcome, notices & Banns

Opening Prayer

Song: Our God is a great big God

Birthday slot

Prayer before the children & young people leave

Song: Hallelujah sing to Jesus (MP 207)

Confession:

Prayers: Jonathan & Estelle Wicks

Song: When I feel my faith will fail, He will hold me fast

Bible reading: 1 Kings 4: 20-34 (p.339) - Louisa Fisk

Sermon: 'The partial kingdom - God's king' - Rev Nigel Adams

Song: Behold the Lamb (MP 1157)

Explanation of Communion, Prayer of Humble Access, Eucharistic prayer and administration of Communion

Song: All I once held dear (MP 799)

Closing prayer

### 6.00pm for refreshments

### 6.30pm All-Age Tonight

Welcome, notices

Opening prayer

Song: Great is Thy faithfulness (MP 200)

Confession

Activity: 'Name that door!' - Rachel Huxter

Song: You are the King of glory (MP 790)

Decorating pillars!

Drama: 'At the crossroads: choosing the right door'

Bible reading: Revelation 3: 7-13 (New Living translation)

Talk: '*Philadelphia: the faithful Church*' - Rachel Grove-Smith

Activity: making door hangers

Song: Hear the call of the kingdom (MP 1282)

Prayers: Marsh family

Song: Be thou my vision (MP 51)

Closing prayer

### For your prayers:

**Unwell:** Pamhi Shonhiwa, 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.

**Life Explored** is an informal and relaxed seven-week course. Whoever you are, whatever you are thinking, Life Explored is a place for you to discover the greatest gift in the universe. It will be held on Mondays, 7.30-9.00pm at the Vicarage, starting on 25<sup>th</sup> September. Please speak to Nigel or Jo Adams if you are planning to come or would like to find out more.

At St Michael's Church we have a **Prayer Chain by email**. It is to let people know matters for more urgent prayer within the church family. If you don't already receive the emails, and would like to do so, then please contact Jo Adams ([jadams@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk](mailto:jadams@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk)) with your email address.

David and Ann Mahood no longer have a land line, but can be contacted via their mobile numbers.

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

**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.

**St Michael's Church Quiz:** Sat 7th Oct, 5.45pm for a 6.00pm start – ends at 9.00pm, with Jeff Clayton, our excellent quiz master. £9 for medium fish & chips; £6 for small fish & chips or sausage & chips. Tickets available (until Sun 1st Oct) from Sue Marriott, Jo Adams, Lin Terris or Jonathan Wicks.