



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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24th September 2023 - Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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	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/

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

Email

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, 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

Sunday, 1st October

9.00am Next Plus Breakfast (14-18s)

10.00am Church Family Worship - Harvest Service

4.00pm Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) - *'Two ways to live'* -
Psalm 1 - Rev Nigel Adams

6.30pm Evening Worship - *'Two ways to live'* - Psalm 1 - Rev Nigel Adams

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 will be meeting every Monday at 7.30pm in Church House. 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.

10.00am Morning Worship

Welcome & notices

Opening Prayer

Song: Praise is rising (MP 1221)

Birthday slot

Song: Our help - video

Prayer before the children & young people leave

Song: Thou whose almighty word (MP 699)

Confession & prayer of forgiveness

Prayers: Barbara Wells

Song: O let the Son of God enfold you (MP 502)

Bible reading: Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12 (p. 742) - Adam Gray

Talk: *'The prophesied kingdom'* - Rev Nigel Adams

Song: Yet not I, but through Christ in me

Closing prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

Welcome & notices

Opening prayer

Song: In heavenly armour (MP 639)

The Creed

Confession

Prayers: Rev Nigel Adams

Song: Soften my heart, Lord (MP 606)

Bible reading: 1 Samuel 28: 1-25 (p. 301) - Jo Adams

Song: We bow down (MP 1123)

Talk: *'Saul and the Witch of Endor'* - Rev Stephen Bailey

Song: Beneath the cross of Jesus (MP 1158)

Explanation of Communion

Prayer of Humble Access, Eucharistic prayer and administration of Communion

Lord's Prayer

Song: You are the Sovereign I am (MP 1138)

Closing notices & prayer

For your prayers:

Unwell: Becky Gray, Jim Winning, 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: the family & friends of Audrey Walford

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 Olomoosh). 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.

Church Family Worship: we would like you to join us for a picnic after Church Family Worship/Harvest Service on Sunday, 1st October in Church House and Garden. Please bring your own picnic. Drinks and treats will be provided. Everyone welcome.

Our **Harvest gifts** at the **Family Harvest Service** on Sun 1st Oct will go to the Braintree Foodbank. The following items are particularly useful: jam, tinned cold meat, packet custard, cereal, sponge puddings, UHT milk, instant snacks (pot noodles), tinned hot meat (stew, mince), packet soup, pasta sauce and deodorant.

Women@StMichael's: On Saturday 14th October we shall be holding a coffee morning and sale of pre-loved clothes in Church House from 10.00am to 1.00pm, in aid of the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal. The coffee morning is for anyone, male or female, but we are only selling ladies' and children's clothes and accessories. If you have items for us to sell, please put them in the box in the welcome area. Thanks. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret St John-Coleman (01376 326954).

Men @ St Michael's are having a meal at the Toby Carvery, at Notley Cross, on Tues 17th October at 7pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the cross aisle if you would like to join us.

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 25th September. Please speak to Nigel or Jo Adams if you are planning to come or would like to find out more.

Oasis@StMichael's (our informal bereavement support group) are meeting on Thursday, 28th September 2pm until 3.30pm in St Michael's Church House (Small Hall). All are most welcome to join us.

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.