



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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1st October 2023 - Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity - Harvest

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, 1st October

- 9.00am Next Plus Breakfast (14-18s)
- 10.00am Church Family Worship - *'Deliver us from evil'* - Exodus 14
- Roger Cooke
- 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

Sunday, 8th October

- 9.00am Next Plus Breakfast (14-18s)
- 10.00am Junior Church (3-14s) & Creche (under 3s)
- 10.00am Morning Worship - Crosslinks Mission Sunday - *'Take up your cross'* -
Mark 8:31-38 - Rev Rupert Shelley
- 6.30pm Holy Communion - *'The Philistines reject David'* - 1 Samuel 29: 1-11
- 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.

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

10.00am Church Family Worship

Welcome & notices
Birthday Slot
Opening Prayer
Theme of the Year - video
Song: We Plough the Fields and Scatter (MP 732)
Song: My God is So Big
Confession and prayer
Song: Great is Thy Faithfulness (MP 200)
Balloon Activity
Song: The Lord's Prayer (MP 552)
Prayers: Katie Whitlock
Dramatised reading: Exodus 14 - Ed Nash
Talk: *'Deliver us from evil'* - Roger Cooke
Song: Praise God from whom all blessings flow (MP 557)
Closing prayer

6.30pm Evening Worship

Welcome, notices
Opening prayer
Song: Come People of the Risen King (MP 1267)
Apostles Creed
Confession
Bible Project introduction to the Psalms
Song: I want to serve the purpose of God (MP 859)
Prayers: Ade Odupitan
Song: Now in reverence and awe (MP 902)
Bible reading: Psalm 1 (p. 537) - Rachel Grove Smith
Talk: *'Two ways to live'* - Rev Nigel Adams
Song: When I was lost (MP 1127)
Closing 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: Samaritan's Purse (Operation Christmas Child): If you would like to donate filled shoebox(es) this year for Operation Christmas Child, you are welcome to take a shoe box from the OCC stand in the welcome area; we have 50 pre-printed shoeboxes (no need to wrap), take a **How to Pack a Shoebox Leaflet** which contains your shoebox labels and a prepaid envelope for donations if paying by cash or cheque. If you cannot complete a box but would like to donate fillers, please put these into the donation box by the OCC stand. For online shoebox donations, we have set up an online goal page for St Michael's church members. The link is: <https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/goal-pages/d1475aeb>
For more information visit samaritans-purse.org.uk/OCC.

Please bring your shoeboxes and fillers to church by **Sunday, 12th November**.

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.

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.

Men @ St Michael's are having a morning conference titled **"Firm Foundations: building on the rock"** on Sat 18th Nov, 9am-12.30pm. Please note the date – more details to follow.

Church Family Worship: we would like you to join us for a picnic after Church Family Worship/Harvest Service today 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.

Coffee@St Michael's will take place on Thursday, 5th October in St Michael's church, from 10am – 12noon. Everyone is very welcome.

We are hoping to reintroduce the **Foodbank box** at St Michael's, to allow gifts to be made for the Braintree Foodbank at any time. If you would be willing to deliver the items to the Foodbank, please speak to Nigel Adams.