



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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8th October 2023 - Eighteenth 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, 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

Sunday, 15th October

- 9.00am Next Plus Breakfast (14-18s)
- 10.00am Junior Church (3-14s) & Creche (under 3s)
- 10.00am Holy Communion - 'The present kingdom' - Luke 1: 39-55; 2: 22-32 - Rev Nigel Adams
- 6.30pm All-Age Tonight - 'Laodicea: the foolish church' - Revelation 3: 14-22 - Jennifer 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.

Bookkeeper/Administrator – the PCC have agreed to advertise a paid role for a bookkeeper/administrator for St Michael's Church. The role will be 16 hours per week, ideally spread over 4 days, based in the Church Office. Details of the Job Description are available at the back of church. For further information, including an application form, please speak to Nigel Adams, or to Lesley Davey regarding the bookkeeping role.

10.00am Morning Worship

Welcome & notices

Opening Prayer

Song: Jesus is the King

Birthday slot

Prayer before the children & young people leave

Song: Praise my soul the King of Heaven (MP 560)

Confession & prayer of forgiveness

Prayers: Rev Stephen Bailey

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

Presentation: Crosslinks, including an update from Jirka & Keira Kralovi

Song: Your love, shining like the sun (MP 1384)

Bible reading: Mark 8: 31-38 (p. 1018)
- Margaret Kinniburgh

Talk: *'Take up your cross'*
- Rev Rupert Shelley

Song: By faith we see the hand of God (MP 1262)

Closing prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

Welcome, notices

Song: He made the heavens (Come let us worship)

The Creed

Confession

Prayers: Jan Bamforth

Song: Greater grace, deeper mercy (MP 1179)

Bible reading: 1 Samuel 29: 1-11 (p. 302) - Jean Bartlett-Rawlings

Talk: *'The Philistines reject David'*
- Rev Nigel Adams

Song: God of Grace (MP 833)

Explanation of Communion

Prayer of Humble Access, Eucharistic prayer and administration of Communion

Lord's Prayer

Song: O my soul, arise and bless your maker (MP 1095)

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**.

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

Walk in the countryside: Join us on Saturday, 28th October for a walk around the countryside near the Green Dragon. David Birch will be our guide. We aim for about 3-4 miles so about an hour of walking. Everyone is welcome to join in - just turn up! Please meet/gather at St Michael's Church Car Park at 10.00am to set-off at 10.10am. There may be an opportunity for refreshments at the Green Dragon Pub. Speak to David Birch or Ade Odupitan for more information. Lifts can be arranged if required.

On Saturday 28th October we will be holding another **'SMASH extra for families'** event that will have a **Light Party** theme! It will take place between 3pm and 5pm in the Church. There will be various stations (crafts and games) around the church that families can visit. And then at 4.30pm we will join together for a 'Praise Party' when we will sing SMASH songs and hear a Bible story. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information e-mail rgrovesmith@stmichaelsbtrees.co.uk

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.

First Priority Prayer Meeting will be on Tuesday 10th October, 8-9pm in the small hall of Church House. There is much to pray about for our nation, our world and for churches. All are welcome to join us.

Women@StMichael's: This coming Saturday, 14th October, we are holding a coffee morning and sale of pre-loved clothes in Church House from 10.00am to 1.00pm. All proceeds will go to 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 any questions, please contact Margaret St John-Coleman (01376 326954).