



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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29th October 2023 - Last 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, 29th October

- 10.00am Junior Church (3-14s) & Creche (under 3s)
- 10.00am Morning Worship - Bible Sunday - Isaiah 55: 1-11 - Rev Stephen Bailey
- 6.30pm Evening Worship - *'The death of King Saul'* - 1 Samuel 31: 1-13
- Cyril Bamforth

Sunday, 5th November

- 10.00am Church Family Worship - Fishermen's Mission - Andy Malcolm
- 4.00pm Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) - *'Our God reigns!'*
- Psalm 2 - Rev Nigel Adams
- 6.30pm Evening Worship - *'Our God reigns!'* - Psalm 2 - 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.

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.

Foodbank: we now have a box in the Welcome area (by the noticeboard) in which gifts of food can be left for Braintree Foodbank. If you would like to donate to the Foodbank, please take a copy of the flyer, by the box, with details of food items that are most helpful.

10.00am Morning Worship

Welcome & notices

Opening Prayer

Song: The Hero - video

Birthday slot

Prayer before the children & young people leave

Song: Praise to the Lord the Almighty the king of creation (MP 564)

Confession & prayer of forgiveness

Song: Worthy, O worthy are You, Lord (MP 782)

Prayers: Sue Sewell

Song: Speak O Lord

Bible reading: Isaiah 55: 1-11 (p. 744)
- Graham Goodchild

Talk: Bible Sunday: *'Seek the Lord while he may be found'*
- Rev Stephen Bailey

Song: Now in reverence and awe (MP 902)

Offertory prayer, closing notices and prayer

6.30pm Evening Worship

Welcome, notices

Opening prayer

Song: Love songs from Heaven (MP 1002)

Apostles Creed

Confession

Song: How Long (MP 1014)

Prayers: Jonathan Wicks

Song: Faithful God (MP 824)

Bible reading: 1 Samuel 31: 1-13 (p. 304) - Miriam Clark

Talk: *'The death of King Saul'*
- Cyril Bamforth

Song: Only a Holy God

Closing prayer

For your prayers:

Unwell: David Goodwill, Rev Canon Alastair McHaffie (former curate), Jim Winning, Pamhi Shonhiwa, the mother of Jill Jackson's friend, Caroline, who has had a heart attack, Kirsty Huxter, 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

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**.

Church Wildlife Exhibition at the Library: Please visit St Michael's Eco-Church display at Braintree Library Dome Gallery from Thursday, 2nd November - Tuesday, 7th November called 'Making Your Garden Wildlife Friendly' based on work in our Church House garden. You can pick up a free packet of wildflower seed or some factsheets. The Library is open from 9.00am - 5.30pm Monday to Friday and 5.00pm on Saturday. See the November magazine for more details.

Thank you to all who donated cakes and clothes for the Women@StMichael's Coffee Morning and sale on Saturday, 14th October. Thank you to all who prepared for the day; who sorted and priced; who ran the coffee morning and served at it; who sold the clothes and who prepared the Operation Christmas Child display. Thank you also to all who came and drank the coffee, bought the cakes and the clothes and gave donations. We raised over £360 for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child appeal.

Men @ St Michael's are having a morning conference on **Sat 18th Nov, 9.00am-12.30pm** in Church House. It is titled **"Firm Foundations: building on the rock"** and will include some short talks, discussion and worship as we reflect on what we build our lives on. We will start with some light refreshments – please sign up at the back of church, or let Nigel Adams know, if you would like to join us for it.

Coffee@St Michael's will take place on Thursday, 2nd November in St Michael's church, from 10am – 12noon. Everyone is very welcome.

Fisherman's Mission: Andy Malcolm will be visiting us again on Sunday, 5th November. There will be a Fish and Chip lunch after Church Family Worship. If you would like to join us to hear more from Andy about the Fisherman's Mission please sign the list on the crossing.