



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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19th November 2023 - Second Sunday before Advent

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, 19th November

10.00am Junior Church (3-14s) & Creche (under 3s)

10.00am Holy Communion - *'The perfected kingdom'* - Revelation 21:22 - 22:5
- Rev Nigel Adams

6.30pm All-Age Tonight - *'The City of Gold'* - Revelation 21:1-4, 22:27
- Roger Cooke

Sunday, 26th November

10.00am Junior Church (3-14s) & Creche (under 3s)

10.00am Morning Worship - *'Christ the King'* - Ephesians 1: 15-23
- Cyril Bamforth

6.30pm Holy Communion - *'A tale of two kingdoms'* - 2 Samuel 2: 1-32
- 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.

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/

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 Holy Communion

Welcome & notices

Opening Prayer

Song: His mercy is more - video

Birthday slot

Prayer before the children & young people leave

Song: Crown Him with many crowns (MP 109)

Confession

Prayers: Rachel Irvine

Song: Only a holy God (Come and behold Him)

Bible reading: Revelation 21:22 - 22:5 (p. 1251) - Helen Kemp

Sermon: *'The Perfected Kingdom'* - Rev Nigel Adams

Song: Such love (MP 619)

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

Song: There's a place where the streets shine (MP 1011)

Closing prayer

6.00pm for refreshments

6.30pm All-Age Tonight

Welcome, notices

Opening prayer

Song: Bless the Lord O my soul (MP 1259)

Confession

"The world, as I would like it" - Rev Nigel Adams

Song: Creation awaits

Prayers for our world - Jonathan Wicks

Song: Holy, Holy (MP 1058)

Light candles - Rev Nigel Adams

Bible reading: Revelation 21: 1-4, 22-27 (p. 1250-51) - Christine Hart

Word Search - Rev Nigel Adams

Talk: *'The City of Gold'* - Roger Cooke

Song: In Christ alone (MP 1072)

Closing prayer

For your prayers:

Unwell: Dianne Ellam, Jill Jackson, David Goodwill, Rev Canon Alistair McHaffie (former curate), Jim Winning, Pamhi Shonhiwa, 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: Barnabas Aid (formerly Barnabas Fund): is an international aid agency that aims to support Christian communities, churches and individuals around the world who face persecution and discrimination because of their faith. They started a new outreach to fight hunger: You share. We ship. For more information, please visit:

The International Christian Food Bank

Women @ St Michael's Prayer Lunch Thursday, 30th November in Church House from 12pm-2pm. Sign up list on the table at the crossing. Date for your diary - **'A Sparkling Christmas Evening'** on Friday, 8th December in St Michael's School Hall from 7pm - 9.30pm. More details to follow.

Club Nights for those of Secondary School will take place each **Thursday** for the rest of the term, between 7pm and 9pm, in the lead up to Christmas. Here are the dates for your diary... 23rd, 30th November and 7th, 14th, 21st December. Each Club Night session will take place in Church House.

During each session we have a range of games and activities (including craft activities) on offer and some will include a Christmassy theme - board games, table tennis, origami and sampling festive foods to name a few! As part of each Club Night we will spend the last half hour (8.30pm-9pm) in the Small Hall exploring the events of the very first Christmas through discussion, debate and interactive activities.

Thank you to everyone who visited the **Making your Garden Wildlife Friendly** in the library. The posters have now moved on to a shop window in George Yard, and will be there until Thursday 23rd November. Please pray that shoppers will stop to look and read it. Jonathan & Estelle Wicks and the Eco-Church group.

Oasis@StMichael's (our informal bereavement support group) are meeting on Thursday, 23rd November at 2pm until 3.30pm in St Michael's Church House (Small Hall). All are most welcome to join us.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal: 52 shoeboxes have been taken to Chelmsford Community Church where they will be prayed for on Sunday and then transported to the distribution centre on Monday. Many thanks to all those who donated boxes, and those who spent time putting together 20 shoeboxes, from fillers and donations. You can still purchase a shoebox online until the 20th November! <https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/goal-pages/d1475aeb>

Can we recommend two **Christian conferences** that we find very helpful. **Bible by the Beach** is in Eastbourne (3-6 May 24) and the **Keswick Convention** is in the Lake District (3 separate weeks, between 13 July and 2 Aug 24). Both have a combination of uplifting worship, outstanding Bible teaching and the opportunity to have a break. You need to arrange your own accommodation. Cards about both are at the back of church. Please speak to us if you want to know more. Nigel & Jo Adams