



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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18th February 2024 - First Sunday in Lent

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, 18th February

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

10.00am Holy Communion - *'The advance of the gospel'* - Philippians 1:12-18a
- Rev Stephen Bailey

6.30pm Evening Worship - *'The misunderstood missionary'* - Acts 21:27 - 22:29
- Rev Nigel Adams

Sunday, 25th February

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

10.00am Morning Worship - *'To live is Christ'* - Philippians 1:19b-30
- Rev Nigel Adams

6.30pm Holy Communion - *'Paul before the Jewish Council'* - Acts 22:30-23:10
- Cyril Bamforth

We will be having a **Congregational Meeting** in church on Wed 21st Feb from 7.30pm, about the Prayers of Love & Faith that were introduced late last year and which are a matter of concern for us. It will be an opportunity to be brought up to date, and to ask questions, about where the Church of England, and we at St Michael's, are in respect of these issues. Anyone on the Electoral Roll will be most welcome to attend. Please contact Nigel Adams if you have any questions about this or wish to give your apologies for absence.

There will be **no Club Night** for the **next two Thursdays** (22nd and 29th February). We will restart on Thursday 7th March. Club Nights take place on a Thursday evening, between 7pm and 9pm, and are for those of Secondary School age (this term we are also welcoming Year 6's). Each Club Night session takes place in Church House. During each session we have a range of games and activities (including craft activities) on offer and we spend the last half hour (8.30pm-9pm) in the Small Hall exploring parts of the Bible through discussion, debate and interactive activities. If you would like more information then please speak to Rachel – rgrovesmith@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk

General Information

Vicar	Rev Nigel Adams Email: revnigeladams@gmail.com (Nigel's day of rest will be on Saturday this week)
Churchwardens	Lin Terris Ade Odupitan
Honorary Curate	Rev Stephen Bailey
Children's and Youth Worker (part-time)	Rachel Grove Smith
Bookkeeper/Administrator	Angel Joseph-Aung
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

The church office is normally staffed Mon-Wed, 9am-2pm – the church office phone number is 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: This little light of mine - video

Birthday slot

Prayer before the children & young people leave

Song: We have a Gospel to proclaim (MP 728)

Creed and Confession

Prayers: Christine Hart

Song: God so loved, that He gave His son (MP 1275)

Bible reading: Philippians 1: 12-18a (p. 1179) - Margaret Kinniburgh

Talk: *'The advance of the gospel'* - Rev Stephen Bailey

Song: He is the Lord and He reigns on high (MP 843)

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

Song: Facing a task unfinished (MP 126)

Closing prayer

6.30pm Evening Worship

Welcome & notices

Opening prayer

Song: The Lord is my salvation

Apostles Creed

Confession and prayer of forgiveness

Song: Stand up, stand up, for Jesus (MP 617)

Prayers including the Lord's Prayer: Jonathan Wicks

Song: We have sung our songs of victory (MP 1014)

Bible reading: Acts 21:27-22:29 (p. 1121) - Ade Odupitan

Talk: *'The misunderstood missionary'* - Rev Nigel Adams

Song: You are my anchor (MP 1134)

Closing prayer

Oasis@StMichael's (our informal bereavement support group) are meeting on Thursday, 22nd February 2pm until 3.30pm in St Michael's Church House (Small Hall). All are most welcome to join us.

Our Monthly Prayer Cycle: which includes the names of a number of the church family, to pray for on a daily basis, is being revised. If you were in the last edition (published last year), please let Angel Joseph Aung, our bookkeeper/administrator, know if you would like to come out of it. If you were not in the last edition, please let Angel know if you would like to be included in this one. Could any changes be sent to Angel by Sun 10th March, either via emailing ajaung@stmichaelsbtreetree.co.uk or by phoning the church office (01376 321248) please.

For your prayers:

Unwell: David Goodwill, Norma Huxter, Richard Ould, Terry Clark, Robin Sewell, Sandra Savill, Linda (Lexi Allen's mother), Elaine Stoodley, Gill Bass, Michael Latta, Rev Canon Alistair McHaffie (former curate), Pamhi Shonhiwa, Kirsty Huxter, Angela Hibbert-Foy, Alan (Edward Toussaint's brother), Linda (Gloria Boar's daughter), Alan Bass, Dennis Buston, Katherine Cridland

Bereaved: Please pray for Sid Wooding (at The Hawthorns) & family following the death of his wife Olive, and Barbara Roberts & family following the death of Jim.

Housebound: David and Anne Harvey

Mission of the Month: Open Doors continues their worthy mission of bringing into the light the plight of persecuted Christians around the world. As a mission partner with Open Doors, let us at St Michaels, continue to pray and support the work of Open Doors. Please pick up a copy of the World Watch List 2024 to find out more about countries (and stories) where believing in Jesus Christ cost the most - perhaps use this magazine as a source of prayer points. For more information, please visit opendoorsuk.org or speak to Ade Odupitan.

Walk in the Countryside: Join us for a walk on the Flitch Way then along Fairy Hall Lane to the Discovery Centre at Great Notley on Saturday, 24th Feb. We will start from and return to Church House meeting at 10am for 10:10am departure. The walk will be about 4.5 miles, with snacks/drinks at the Discovery Centre café, taking probably 2 hours total. Look forward to seeing you and feel free to invite friends.

Our **Lent course** will run on the four Mondays in March (4th, 11th, 18th & 25th) in the main hall of Church House. We will hear and discuss some thought provoking and challenging talks by Dr Ros Clarke, first given at the Keswick Convention last summer. *"Being human is complicated! Our bodies, intellects and emotions are all God-given gifts, but we so often find them in varying states of disorder. How then, can we become the full bearers of God's image that we were made to be?"* Refreshments from 7.45pm, for an 8pm start. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, or let Nigel or Jo Adams know, if you plan to attend.

SMASH holiday club is fast approaching!! This year it is again happening during the Easter holidays (Tuesday 2nd April – Thursday 4th April) and it is suitable for children of primary school age. As usual there will be lots of fun including Bible stories, games, craft and much more. Please get the dates in your diary and details of how to sign up will be out soon! If you have any questions then please do speak to Rachel or e-mail her - rgrovesmith@stmichaelsbtreetree.co.uk.