



# ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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## 3rd March 2024 - Third 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, 3rd March**

- 10.00am Church Family Worship - '*Matthew: drawing in the outcast*'  
- Matthew 9: 9-13 - Rachel Grove Smith
- 4.00pm Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) - '*Fearfully and wonderfully made*' - Psalm 139 - Cyril Bamforth
- 6.30pm Evening Worship - '*Fearfully and wonderfully made*' - Psalm 139  
- Cyril Bamforth

### **Sunday, 10th March - Mothering Sunday**

- 10.00am Mothering Sunday Family Service - '*Birth of Moses*' - Exodus 2  
- Jennifer Bailey
- 6.30pm Holy Communion - '*A plot to kill Paul*' - Acts 23: 11-35  
- Rev Stephen 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

### **General Information**

Vicar	Rev Nigel Adams Email: <a href="mailto:revnigeladams@gmail.com">revnigeladams@gmail.com</a> (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
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](mailto: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/](http://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 .....

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Our **Lent course** will run on the four Mondays in March (4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>) 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.

### **10.00am Church Family Worship**

Welcome & notices

Birthday Slot

Opening Prayer

Song: My lips shall praise You (MP 896)

Confession

Song: Dr Jesus - video

Bible reading: Matthew 9: 9-13 (p. 981) - Emily Fieran-Reed

Prayers: Ade Odupitan

Video - Jesus calls Matthew

Activity: Collecting taxes

Songs: Great, Great, Brill, Brill and Joy Joy Joy

Talk: *'Matthew: drawing in the outcast'* - Rachel Grove Smith

Song: I stand amazed (MP 296)

Closing prayer

### **6.30pm Evening Worship**

Welcome & notices

Opening prayer

Song: He made the heavens

Apostles Creed

Confession

Song: He will hold me fast

Prayers including the Lord's Prayer: Graham Savill

Song: God of Grace (MP 833)

Bible reading: Psalm 139 (p.627) - Rachel Grove Smith

Talk: *'Fearfully & wonderfully made'* - Cyril Bamforth

Song: Shine Jesus Shine (MP 445)

Closing prayer

### **For your prayers:**

**Unwell:** David Harvey, Debbie Botham's grandson, (Jude, born 2 weeks early), 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.

**Housebound:** Anne Harvey

**Mission of the Month: Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS):** we look forward to welcoming Rev Mike Duff to be our speaker at the 10.00am service on Sunday, 17th March for CPAS mission Sunday. CPAS are patrons for our church. This means they assist us here in the appointment of clergy. They also support the evangelism and mission of churches producing training, and resources. At this time of year, they are busy organising and encouraging young people from the age of 8 to 18 to join one of the 60 holidays that are arranged (Ventures and Falcon) during the summer months. We will hear more about these in the service on the 17th. Please pray for the recruitment and training of leaders for these house parties and encourage our young to join one such holiday, where they will learn more about Jesus and have lots of fun and activities arranged.

**Women@StMichael's Prayer lunch:** will be on Thursday, 21st March from 12.30 - 2.30pm in the small hall Church House. Lunch will be provided. Sign up sheets available soon.

**Coffee@St Michael's** will take place on **Thursday**, 7th March in St Michael's church, from 10am – 12noon. Everyone is very welcome.

**Club Night** 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). If you would like more information then please speak to Rachel – [rgrovesmith@stmichaelsbtreetree.co.uk](mailto:rgrovesmith@stmichaelsbtreetree.co.uk)

**Men's meal out** – Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Mar, 7pm at The Compasses, Littley Green, CM3 1BU. All men are very welcome – please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you are planning to join us.

**SMASH holiday club** is fast approaching!! This year it is again happening during the Easter holidays (Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rgrovesmith@stmichaelsbtreetree.co.uk).

**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. Please let Angel know if you would like to be included in this one or your name removed. Could any changes be sent to Angel by **Sun 10th March**, via emailing [ajaung@stmichaelsbtreetree.co.uk](mailto:ajaung@stmichaelsbtreetree.co.uk) or by phoning the church office (01376 321248) please.