

The LINK

30p

June 2019



**The Parish Church of
St Michael Braintree
www.stmichaelsbtree.co.uk**

Smash Club TEAMBUILDERS 2019

Hello everyone,

SMASH Club 29th July to 2nd August plus our Smash Club Family Service and BBQ on Sunday 4th August will soon be here. Work has been ongoing since last year and there is always a great deal of behind the scenes preparation to be done before the busy week of SMASH Club begins.

This year we are looking into six Bible passages, where the TeamBuilders programme explores the nature of team. We will encounter stories from the Old and New Testaments, that show what it means to work together. We all have different gifts to bring to group work, and through the Bible stories during SMASH Club we will discover aspects of teamwork through Joseph, Moses, Esther, Jesus and Paul.

Saint **M**ichael's **A**lternative **S**ummer **H**oliday Club enables people of all ages and with various skills and abilities to come together – like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle, to work and to serve together. It is also one opportunity to introduce young people to Jesus and to help develop their understanding of him.

SMASH Club is built upon and relies upon positive teamwork which shines throughout the week.

Thank you to everyone who supports SMASH Club through prayers, financial giving and through selflessly giving of their time.
See you there!

God's Blessings
Andy Carter

Scripture
Union

TEAM BUILDERS

A SCRIPTURE UNION HOLIDAY CLUB PROGRAMME



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

SMASH CLUB

29TH JULY - 2ND AUGUST 2019

MISSION OF THE MONTH STAND BY ME



This is child-centred care.

Truly caring for each child begins with considering the needs of the child, their family, and their community

Loving care

We get to know each child — their hopes, history, needs and dreams. We delight in our children and want the best for them. We invest our time, love and attention raising them to know that they're loved and accepted for who they are.

Strong families

Usually the best place for a child to thrive is in their family – that's why we work hard to help families stay together. In the absence of a stable family, we place children who are at risk into our loving family homes.

Great education

A great quality education is key to escaping poverty. Our education programmes equip our kids with the skills they need to rise above their circumstances and help change their communities.

Access to healthcare

The health of our children is vital to their development and happiness, so we go the extra mile to make sure that they are fit and well, and can enjoy their childhood.

A reason for hope

It's a privilege to teach our kids of Jesus' love for them, and to demonstrate this through the quality of our care. As their desire for spiritual answers grows, we encourage them to discover a love, respect and knowledge of God for themselves.

Caring relationships

It's incredibly important to each child's sense of value and stability that they're raised by parents and teachers who care about them. Child sponsorship supports this further by giving our kids a relationship with a sponsor who loves them and helps them feel part of a wider family.

Our main types of care.

Each child is unique but like all children, the children in our care need unconditional love and acceptance. Because they come from complex backgrounds, we have developed four key care programmes to meet their individual needs.

Children's Homes Schools Care Centres Family Support

Where we work.

Dominican Republic Colombia Romania

Ethiopia India Nepal Burma

If you need more information, please visit our web site:
www.standby.me or call us on 01708442271, we'd love to talk.

SUPPORT FOR TSION

Our Junior Church who meet on Sunday mornings continue to sponsor and support TSION, who lives in Ethiopia. Small change into our collection put each Sunday morning helps to make a change in TSION's life. We enjoy receiving her letter and updates, displayed in Church House, which remind us that we are showing our faith in Jesus through our financial giving, and the letters and cards we send to TSION.

Andy Carter

CROSSLINKS UPDATE FROM THE KRALOVIS

Weekend away with university students

We have just had the April weekend away with university students. Its was held in a town north of Olomouc; the students came by train from the city. We had a mix of new students and ones who had come before. There were three rooms for sleeping – girls, boys and one for our family.

After the studies in the evenings, praises rang out of the meeting room. Keira and the children (who tried to get to bed early to be ready to cook and serve meals the following day) could hear the beautiful sounds. We also had moving time of extended prayer together.



Despite the later evenings, morning exercise was well attended – getting some stretches in before breakfast. On the Saturday afternoon, we enjoyed relaxing together. There were games and football. The students had opportunities to make new friends and build on existing friendships, which we hope encourage them greatly in their Christian walk in years to come.

Weekly main meetings

We are continuing through a series on Acts at our main meetings on Tuesdays. The students are really getting lots out of it and taking detailed notes.

Intensive prayer

Making time for prayer can be hard. There will be three days of prayer based on the church venue we use in Olomouc. Among the main things that we be praying for is the need to reach this city with the gospel.

‘Majales’ – May day stall

On 6-7 May, there will be a ‘Majales’ event organised by Olomouc Palacky university. ‘Majales’ means ‘celebration of spring’ and is a festival especially celebrated by students. WE will have a stall there where many students walk past. It is a great opportunity to share the gospel with many people and to give out bible and leaflets. We have Gideon bibles in Czech to give out to those who are keen to know more. Please pray for good weather on this day!

Czech Bible Institute

Jirka will be teaching Ephesians and Philippians to students at the Czech Bible Institute. There are around 15 students on the course.

Evangelistic mission event

We were planning for an evangelistic seminar at the end of April but Michal, who was due to give the seminar, has a back problem. Both of his parents have also become seriously ill and Michal is trying to help them. Please pray for Michal. We are thinking how to organise another evangelistic event to replace this one.

We hope that this is all very encouraging for you. Thank you so much for your news. Easter greetings!

With much love in Christ,

Jirka, Keira, Jochebed, Barnabas, Simeon and Anezka

JUNE DIARY

- 2 Sunday** **7th after Easter**
8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Church Family Worship and Baptism – Giving our all!
 What will it cost to follow Jesus?
6.30pm Evening Worship – David: Tricky decisions
7.30pm Focus
- 3 Monday**
5.30pm 4th Braintree Beavers
7.30pm Bell Ringing
7.45pm Christianity Explored – Church House
8.00pm Badminton
8.00pm White Horse Tavern – Church House
- 4 Tuesday**
1.15pm Tiddlywinks
7.30pm Men@StMichael's Foot Golf at The Notleys Golf Club
- 5 Wednesday**
7.45pm Bible Reading Group – Church House
8.00pm Lifebuilder Bible Study
8.30pm Men@StMichael's beer and chat – Wetherspoons,
 Fairfield Rd
- 6 Thursday**
10.00am Coffee@StMichael's
7.30pm Rose Hill Bible Study
8.00pm Carry on Exploring Bible Study
- 7 Friday**
5.30pm 4th Braintree Beavers, Cubs & Scouts
- 9 Sunday** **Pentecost**
8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Morning Worship - Jesus promises the Holy Spirit
6.30pm Holy Communion -The coming of the Holy Spirit
7.30pm Focus

10 Monday

- 5.30pm 4th Braintree Beavers
- 7.30pm Bell Ringing
- 7.45pm Christianity Explored – Church House
- 8.00pm Badminton
- 8.00pm White Horse Tavern – Church House

11 Tuesday JULY LINK SUBMISSION DUE

- 1.15pm Tiddlywinks
- 8.00pm First Priority prayer meeting – Church House

12 Wednesday

- 7.45pm Bible Reading Group – Church House
- 8.00pm Lifebuilder Bible Study

13 Thursday

- 7.00pm Rose Hill Bible Study
- 8.00pm Carry on Exploring Bible Study

14 Friday

- 2.00pm Bradbury House Service
- 5.30pm 4th Braintree Beavers, Cubs & Scouts

16 Sunday Trinity Sunday

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.00am Holy Communion - Joseph: From prison to power
- 6.30pm All-Age Tonight: The Judges Cycle – are we running after other gods?

17 Monday

- 5.30pm 4th Braintree Beavers
- 7.30pm Bell Ringing
- 7.45pm Christianity Explored – Church House
- 8.00pm Badminton
- 8.00pm White Horse Tavern – Church House

18 Tuesday

- 1.15pm Tiddlywinks

19 Wednesday

- 9.45am Meeting Point Bible Study
- 5.30pm 4th Braintree Beavers, Cubs & Scouts
- 7.45pm Bible Reading Group – Church House
- 8.00pm Lifebuilder Bible Study

20 Thursday

- 3.30pm ASK
- 7.30pm Rose Hill Bible Study
- 8.00pm Carry on Exploring Bible Study

21 Friday

- 5.30pm 4th Braintree Beavers, Cubs & Scouts

23 Sunday Ist after Trinity

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.00am Morning Worship – Joseph: A severe mercy
- 6.30pm Evening Worship – David: On the run
- 7.30pm Focus

24 Monday

- 5.30pm 4th Braintree Beavers
- 7.30pm Bell Ringing
- 7.45pm Christianity Explored – Church House
- 8.00pm Badminton
- 8.00pm White Horse Tavern – Church House

25 Tuesday

- 1.15pm Tiddlywinks

26 Wednesday

- 5.30pm 4th Braintree Beavers, Cubs & Scouts
- 7.45pm Bible Reading Group – Church House
- 8.00pm Lifebuilder Bible Study

27 Thursday

- 7.30pm Rose Hill Bible Study
- 8.00pm Carry on Exploring Bible Study

28 Friday

- 5.30pm 4th Braintree Beavers, Cubs & Scouts
- 6-8pm St Michael's School Fete
- 7.30pm Flower Club

30 Sunday 2nd after Trinity
8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion – Joseph: No such thing as a free lunch
6.30pm United Service at Christ Church – focus on New Directions
7.30pm Focus

FROM THE REGISTERS

No entries



St Michael's
C of E
Primary School
Summer Fete
Friday 28th June
6-8pm

Free Entry

No dogs

DIARY OF A NOT SO NEW CHURCHWARDEN

16th April

This day I find myself up again on the roof. This time Church House has had its roof damaged, and there am I taking photos for the police. This last year has seen a lot of damage to the buildings by external factors. Work since has started to repair all the damage on both the church and church house's roofs with a lead alternative that will not be stolen.

29th April

The Annual meetings, and for me it's the first time to get re-elected and to give the wardens report. So in my own style I give a quick update on the work that Lesley and I have overseen for the last year and all the help we have received. When you hear the list and the work still to be done it puts it all into perspective. The reaction from those present showed that they realised what is going on and what needs to happen. Now it's a case of how we make change happen over the coming year. I am very grateful for all that Lesley Davey has done as fellow warden and to Lin Terris, for her willingness to replace Lesley.

8th May

The Archdeacon's visitation saw Lin and I out at Saffron Waldon church with hundreds of other new church wardens. This was a long evening as well as networking with the other church wardens and clergy, we had the service of commissioning as church warden and Bishop Stephen had us all discussing and coming up with suggestions of how to grow the church, with the plan to plant 100 new church communities in the next 10 years. How this will progress I do not know, however its great that we look to grow the church as the population in Essex grows.

Dave Marriott



*Everyone
Welcome*

10am-12noon

Coffee@StMichael's

*Come and join
us on the
First Thursday
of the month in
St Michael's Church*

BELFRY BULLETIN

BELLS RESTORATION UPDATE

We now have the Faculty approved and the paperwork returned. This lasts for 1 year and so takes us through to April next year allowing us to assess our funding and apply for grants and donations. If you would like to support us that would be very welcome. We will be very happy to ring a sponsored Quarter Peal for you, it could be dedicated to any event you might like to mark in an usual way or just for the fun of it. Each of my Granddaughters have a print out of the Quarters we rang for their birth's framed and hung above their cots, a lovely touch.

FROM THE LOG BOOK

Following the tragic fire at the Cathedral of Notre Dame on 15.4.19 the Archbishops of Canterbury and York asked the Countrywide Bell ringer's to toll a bell at 7pm on Thursday 18th April for 7mins. Ellis Whitehouse done this at St. Michael's tolling 170 times. The rest of the Guild joined Ellis to ring 480 changes of 4 methods for the Maundy Thursday Communion Service.

On Friday 3rd May 2019 we rang 1260 changes of Plain Bob Triples in 47mins, 1 Debbie Hill, 2 Ellie Gray, 3 Lin Ould, 4 David Learmonth, 5 Ellis Whitehouse, 6 Peter Smith, 7 Bradley Hill [c], 8 Richard Ould. Rung to celebrate the birth on 17.4.19 of Otilie Violet Smith 2nd Granddaughter for Peter Smith[6].

The District Association held there Striking Competition at Castle Heddingham on 11th May. We came home with the Shield.

Before Practice on Monday 13th May we rang 1260 changes of St. Martins Bob Doubles in 46mins, 1 Phil Kelly, 2 Ellie Gray, 3 Lin Ould, 4 Debbie Hill, 5 Bradley Hill[c], 6 Peter Smith. Rung for happy and safe delivery of Zara Joy Ferguson. 1st Grandchild of Phil[1] and Pippa Kelly who watched and listened sitting in the ringing room. 1st Quarter away from cover Phil Kelly[1] and 1st Quarter in method Lin Ould [3]

Peter Smith

PATTERN OF SUNDAY SERVICES

The Book of Common Prayer is used for the services marked 
Common Worship is used for all other services

Sunday in the month	8.00 am	10.00 am with crèche	6.30pm
FIRST	 Holy Communion	Church Family Worship (all-age)	Evening Worship
SECOND	 Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Holy Communion
THIRD	 Holy Communion	Holy Communion	All-Age Tonight
FOURTH	 Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Evening Worship
FIFTH	 Holy Communion	Holy Communion	United Service

FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE:

First Sunday: 10am **Church Family Worship**

Third Sunday: 6.30pm **All-Age Tonight**

Other Sundays: 10am in Church House:

Followers (3-5s), **Adventurers** (5-10s) & **Next** (10-13s)

Every Sunday: 7.30pm in Church House **Focus** (13-18s)

Tuesdays: 1.15pm in Church House – **Tiddlywinks** for pre-school children & parents/carers

**The above is subject to change at festivals
Please check Diary section for exact details**

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