

Being Good News in Schools Conference: Saturday, 3rd February 2018 at St Mary's Loughton 9.30am to 4pm. The focus is on "Creatively Sharing the Love of Jesus". The Conference is designed to help all those who minister in schools.

Monthly Prayer Diary – This is currently being revised for 2018. Please speak to Lesley Davey if you wish to be included. There is space for all!



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE

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General Information

Vicar	Rev Nigel Adams	01376 807662
	<i>(The Vicar's day off is Friday)</i>	
Churchwardens	Cyril Bamforth	01376 328406
	Lesley Davey	01376 326969
Honorary Curate	Rev Stephen Bailey	01376 619347

- **No collections are taken during services. Offerings may be placed in the box or on the plate near the door, before or after, and please use the nearby Gift Aid envelopes if possible. Thank you.**
- A supervised crèche is available for preschoolers at the 10.00 am service. One of the helpers will contact you if there is a problem.
- There are toilets under the tower (including disabled) and in the crèche.
- Large-print hymn books and notice/service sheets are available.
- Braille hymn books are available.
- There is an induction loop for the hard of hearing. Please switch your hearing aid to the T position.
- Sermons at 10.00am and 6.30pm can be accessed via the church website.
- Where applicable, words of songs are reproduced under CCLI License No. 2350
- Contact Margaret Kinniburgh to add items to the Notice Sheet (by noon **Thursday**) email: mkinniburgh@live.co.uk Telephone 01376 330013.

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. Or use the contact tab on the website: www.stmichaelsbtree.co.uk

Name(s).....

Address.....

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Today

31 December 2017 - 1st after Christmas

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Stephen Bailey
10.00am	Morning Worship
10.00am	Youth Church

Please join us for refreshments after the 10.00am service

This Week

Full details of venues and contacts in LINK magazine 'Practical Information'

6 Saturday

10.00am Walk for the New Year

7 Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Nigel Adams
10.00am	Church Family Worship – 'The Maker's Mark' – Andy Carter
6.30pm	Evening Worship – 'Seek the Lord' – Cyril Bamforth
7.30pm	Focus Youth Group

The Identity Course looks at who we are and who God is and runs for seven Thursdays, beginning on 18th January. Each session reveals more about the identity and mission of Jesus, as well as examining some big questions, such as:

- Are science and Christianity enemies or friends?
- What about other religions?
- Why do we suffer?

We will meet in Church House, starting at 7.45pm with drinks and puddings and ending at 9.30pm. Everyone is welcome, whether you consider yourself a Christian or just want to find out more. If you would like to come or have any questions, please contact Nigel or Jo Adams.

10.00 a.m.
Morning Worship

Service Lead: *Jennifer Bailey*

1-4: Welcome and Greeting

Hymn: MP 588

5-6: Confession

Hymn: MP 420

Bible Reading: Isaiah 9: 2-7
(page 692)

Derek Chapman

Hymn: MP 714

Bible Reading: Luke 2: 8-20
(page 1033)

Jenny Chapman

Hymn: MP 393

7-8: Creed

9-11: Prayers

Graham Savill

Notices

12: *Offertory

Hymn: MP 1099

Sermon: 'Glory to God'

Canon John Turton

Hymn: MP 799

13-16: Blessing

****see first bullet, back page***

6.30 p.m.

Please note there will not be a

6.30pm service at St Michael's

For your prayers:

Unwell: Jim Winning, Alison Davey, Elaine Stoodley, Roy Smart, Gloria Boar, Meta Taylor

Housebound: Norah Hern

Bereaved: the families of Lydia Benbrook, Donald Wood and John Watts. Richard Richardson and family, following the death of his father and mother.

Other Matters: Mission of the Month: Chain Foundation (Jan)

Our Mission Partners:

- ACTS: Joanna Ilboudo and her team in Burkina Faso.
- Tim and Charissa Cooke (Counties) and their Make Jesus Known outreach based in Manchester.
- Chain Foundation (Uganda): Bishop Livingstone and Ruth, Stone & Florence.
- Joel Wicks (and family) training for ordination at Oak Hill College.

Dates for your diary:

NOTICES

18th January	The Identity Course starts
27th January	Women @ St Michael's Tenth Anniversary Conference Day
3rd February	Being Good News in Schools Conference
16th May	Confirmation Service at Great Notley

Lydia Benbrook: there will be a Thanksgiving Service for Lydia's life on Saturday 13th January at 11.30am in St Michael's, followed by refreshments in Church House, to which all are welcome. Please continue to pray for Trevor & Caroline and family.

Thank you for praying for Tabitha, please continue to do so. She is now home from hospital but will be very susceptible to infections for some time.

LINK Magazine: January issue available (30p). Also, The Month, the free diocesan magazine.

Focus: will be meeting next Sunday.

Verse of the Year 2018 cards and fridge magnets are available in the Welcome Area. For those on the Electoral Roll there is a labelled envelope.

Car Park Permits: it is time to renew carpark permits ready for 2018. If you have not already done so and require a permit, please complete the form available in church and return to Phil Bartlett-Rawlings as soon as possible.

A Walk for the New Year: You are welcome to join us for a walk to Rayne/Felsted on Saturday, 6th January. Meet at start of the Flitch Way, Braintree from 10am to set off at 10.15. For further details see December's Link or speak to Terry or Miriam Clark.

Wednesday 10.00am Communion: will be held on the second Wednesday of each month from January 2018.

Confirmation: there will be a Confirmation Service at Great Notley on the evening of Wednesday, 16th May 2018. Confirmation is about confirming the promises made on our behalf, if we were baptized as an infant. If you would like to be confirmed, or wish to find out more, please speak to Nigel Adams or Andy Carter.

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