

Church House cleaning: if you are free and willing to help us clean on the 5th Friday of the month please contact Pauline Bloomfield (344028) or email: paulinebloomfield@yahoo.com. This would be 4 times a year (only 3 Fridays left this year). Or, if you have some spare time and do not want to be tied to a rota, we would welcome help any Friday. Just turn up at 9.30am and you will be warmly welcomed.



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE

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General Information

Vicar	Rev Nigel Adams <i>(Nigel's day off this week will be Friday)</i>	01376 807662
Churchwardens	Cyril Bamforth Lesley Davey	01376 328406 01376 326969
Honorary Curate	Rev Stephen Bailey	01376 619347
Children's and Youth Worker (part-time)	Andy Carter	01787 224577

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- **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. Please note that parents/ carers are responsible for their children before and after the church service.
- 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 Licence 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.....

Telephone

Email.....

Today

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Nigel Adams
10.00am	Morning Worship
10.00am	Junior Church
4.00pm	Welcome Tea
6.30pm	Evening Worship
7.30pm	Focus Youth Group

Please join us for refreshments after the 10.00am and 6.30pm services

22nd April 2018 - 4th of Easter

This Week

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

23 Monday

12.15pm	Spotlight
7.30pm	Bell Ringing
7.30pm	White Horse Tavern 'The Samaritans: where did they come from?' – Church House
8.00pm	Badminton

24 Tuesday

1.15pm	Tiddlywinks
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25 Wednesday

9.45am	Meeting Point Bible Study
7.30pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Church House

26 Thursday

3.30pm	ASK
7.30pm	Rose Hill Bible Study (resumes this evening, then fortnightly)

27 Friday

7.30pm	Flower Club
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29 Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Nigel Adams
10.00am	Morning Worship – 'God's mystery' – Canon John Turton
6.30pm	United Service at St Mary's Bocking – No service at St Michael's
7.30pm	Focus Youth Group

This year, like last year, the **Annual report** is available online on the Church website for downloading, printing at home or viewing on mobile devices. The direct link is: <http://stmichaelsbtree.co.uk/website/index.php/information/church-annual-report> If anyone would prefer a printed copy it will be available in Church and a few copies available at the Annual Meetings.

10.00 a.m.
Morning Worship with Baptism

Service Lead: Rev Nigel Adams

*A special welcome today for the family,
godparents and friends
of George Irons*

Notices, Welcome and Greeting and
Banns of Marriage

Hymn: MP 200

Confession

Hymn: MP 38

Baptism (green card)

Hymn: Creation sings the Father's
song [words in next column]

Prayers: Louisa Fisk

Bible Readings:
Isaiah 52: 13-15 (page 742)

Stephen Siddle

Colossians 1: 21-29 (page 1184)
Kirsty Huxter

Hymn: MP 619

Sermon: 'Mature in Christ'
Rev Stephen Bailey

*Offertory during Hymn: MP 1072

Blessing

***see first bullet, back page**

6.30 p.m.
Evening Worship

Service Lead: Jennifer Bailey

Reading: Acts 12: 1-25 (page 1109)
Janet Bamforth

Prayers: Helen Kemp

Sermon: 'Persecution and rescue'
Rev Nigel Adams

Creation sings the Father's song;

He calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day.
Till evening comes in crimson rays.
His fingerprints in flakes of snow,
His breath upon this spinning globe,
He charts the eagle's flight,
Commands the newborn baby's cry.

Hallelujah!

*Let all creation stand and sing:
"Hallelujah!"*

*Fill the earth with songs of worship,
Tell the wonders of creation's King.*

Creation gazed upon His face;
The ageless One in time's embrace,
Unveiled the Father's plan
Of reconciling God and man.
A second Adam walked the earth,
Whose blameless life would break the
curse,
Whose death would set us free
To live with Him eternally.

Creation longs for His return,
When Christ shall reign upon the earth;
The bitter wars that rage
Are birth pains of a coming age.
When He renews the land and sky,
All heaven will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme;
The glory of our God and King.

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For your prayers:

Unwell: Gloria Boar, Lolly Hamblett, Des Connolly, Elizabeth Johnson, Elaine Stoodley, Jack and Joyce Green, Alison Davey, Roy Smart,

Housebound: Dorothy Hale

Other Matters: Jennifer at Fairsted am. Mission of the Month: Make Jesus Known

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. Tim and Charissa are leading Pulse kids club on Friday and Early church next Sunday.
- Chain Foundation (Uganda): Ruth, Stone & Florence.
- Joel Wicks (and family) training for ordination at Oak Hill College.

Dates for your diary:

NOTICES

5th May Walk in the Countryside (see notice)
12th May CYO Quiz night
16th May Confirmation Service at Great Notley (see notice)
20th May Bereavement Service (see notice)
9th June Church House Working Party
23rd-27th July SMASH Club

Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on **Wednesday** at 7.30pm for refreshments, for an 8.00pm start in Church House. Nomination forms are at the back of church for: Church Wardens (2 vacancies - Lesley Davey is willing to serve again), Deputy Wardens (4 vacancies) and PCC members (6 vacancies).

Network Course: our next meeting will be held on Monday, 30th April and then Monday, 14th May, 11th & 25th June 8.00pm in Church House.

Walk in the Countryside: You are welcome to join us for a 5-mile circular walk on Saturday 5th May from Fordstreet Bridge, alongside 'The Shoulder of Mutton' pub (Postcode CO6 3LL). Meet from 1.45 to set off at 2pm. Any questions? Want a lift? Speak to Terry or Miriam Clark.

Bereavement Service: Sunday, 20th May, 3pm followed by a tea in Church House. A service to remember and give thanks for the lives of loved ones that we have lost. Please let Janet Bamforth know by Sunday, 13th May if you are planning to join us (email: janetbamforth@gmail.com or 01376 328406), for catering purposes. All are welcome.

White Horse Tavern Future Dates and Titles:

Monday 21st May: 'Pharisees: Friend or foe?'
Monday 4th June: 'A Visit to Qumran: Why it's good to make the trip'
Monday 18th June: 'Israel's Hope & Consolation' (1)
Monday 2nd July: 'Israel's Hope & Consolation' (2)
Saturday 14th July: A day out to visit the White Horse Tavern, Cambridge and other sites!

Confirmation: the Confirmation Service at Great Notley is on Wednesday, 16th May at 7.30pm

notices continued overleaf.....