

Christmas Gift Collection for College House Mother & Baby Unit: we are supporting the Peabody Trust, who run College House, with their request for Christmas gifts for their clients. They would welcome the following: Children's toys and/or clothes for ages 1-3 years; a few newborn items; female toiletry sets and some male toiletry items. A box will be placed at the back of the church for donations. Please do not wrap the gifts. If you require any further information please speak to Helen Hopkins.



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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Today

4th November 2018 - 4th before Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Nigel Adams
10.00am	Church Family Worship
6.30pm	Evening Worship
7.30pm	Focus Youth Group

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

This Week

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

5 Monday

12.15pm	Spotlight
7.30pm	Bell Ringing
7.30pm	White Horse Tavern – Church House
8.00pm	Badminton

6 Tuesday

1.15pm	Tiddlywinks
7.30pm	Men@St Michael's meal at Pizza Express, Freeport

7 Wednesday

9.45am	Meeting Point Bible Study
7.45pm	Bible Reading Group – Church House
8.00pm	Lifebuilder Bible Study - 2 Hollybrook, off Julien Court Road
8.30pm	Men@St Michaels Beer and Chat at Wetherspoons, Fairfield Rd.

8 Thursday

3.30pm	ASK
7.30pm	Rose Hill Bible Study at 56 Rose Hill

9 Friday

6.00-9.00pm	World War 1 exhibition in Church
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10 Saturday

10.00-1.00pm	World War 1 exhibition in Church
10.00-3.30pm	Crossroads Day at St Paul's Braintree
7.30pm	'We will remember them' concert in Church

11 Sunday

8.00am	3rd before Advent Holy Communion – Rev Nigel Adams
10.00am	Morning Worship – 'A greater love' – Colonel Dr Simon Tustin
3.00pm	Civic Remembrance Service
6.30pm	Holy Communion – 'The Law of the Lord is perfect' – Rev Nigel Adams
7.30pm	Focus Youth Group

General Information

Vicar	Rev Nigel Adams	01376 807662
	<i>(Nigel's day off this week will be Friday)</i>	
Churchwardens	Lesley Davey	01376 326969
	David Marriott	01376 349257
Honorary Curate	Rev Stephen Bailey	01376 619347
Children's and Youth Worker (part-time)	Andy Carter	01787 224577
Pastoral Assistant	Jo Adams	01376 807662

- **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: notices@stmichaelsbtree.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.....

10.00 a.m.
Church Family Worship

See separate
Order of Service

Offertory: see first bullet,
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6.30 p.m.
Evening Worship

Service Lead: *Phil Bartlett-Rawlings*

Reading: Ruth 2 (page 268)

Jo Adams

Prayers: *Stephanie Hughes*

Sermon: 'The kindness of God'

Rev Nigel Adams

Carol Service: we are planning to have our Carols by 'Candlelight' at 6.30 on 16th December and want a number of you to form a choir. We are not 'performing' any choir pieces but giving a strong lead to what will be well loved carols, in order to help those who are visitors to enjoy and appreciate the service, as well as the message of Christmas. Please contact John Turton (327638 or jturton@stmichaelsbtree.org) or Nigel Adams if you are happy to help. Thank you.

God at work: it is always encouraging to hear what God has done in people's lives. If you would like to share, in any of our services, about something that God has done in your life, please speak to Nigel Adams. It could be, for example, how you came to faith or a particular answer to prayer. It will need to be for a maximum of 5 minutes, and Nigel would like to see it written in full, first. Please think and pray about this, and speak to Nigel if you have any questions.

Women@St Michael's Taste and See Craft Evening: will be held on Friday, 23rd November 7.00-9.30pm in Church House. There will be craft activities to try with Christmas delicacies to taste from a variety of outlets. We are planning a short epilogue during the evening which will be called simply 'TASTE and SEE'. Tickets available soon. See November LINK page 10.

Church WW1 event:

Please feel free to write the name of family members who served in World War 1 on a cross and place on the display board today.

For your prayers:

Unwell: Holly White (3yrs old heart operation postponed), Jim Wild, Alison Davey, Lennie McClean (responding well to treatment), Elaine Stoodley

Housebound: Roy Smart

Other Matters: Mission of the Month: A Rocha

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): Ruth, Stone & Florence.
- Joel Wicks (and family) training for ordination at Oak Hill College.

Dates for your diary:

10th November
9th November
10th November
10th November
23rd November

NOTICES

Crossroads Day (see notice)
WWI Exhibition 6.00-9.00pm
WWI Exhibition 10.00-1.00pm
We Will Remember Them Concert (see notice)
Women@St Michael's Taste and See Craft Evening

LINK Magazine: the November edition is available (30p).

New Foodbank Shopping List: on the table in the crossing.

Pizza Express for Men@St Michael's: Tuesday, 6th November, 7.30pm at Freeport Leisure Village, CM77 8YH.

Crossroads Day (formerly called Vocation Days): an invitation to explore God's call on your life. It is for anyone who is sensing a call, to either lay or ordained ministry, but not necessarily at all clear as to where that may be leading. Saturday, 10th November, St Paul's Braintree CM7 3DY, 10.00 - 15.30, free with lunch, coffee from 9.30am. Please register by email to Ian Hilton by Monday, 5th November (ihilton@chelmsford.anglican.org).

Thank you very much to everyone who attended and helped at the Shoebox Coffee Morning. With additional donations the great sum of £220 was raised.

Shoeboxes: Thank you very much for the boxes, fillers and donations already received. Today is the last day for bringing these to church. If you are running late please contact Jenny (326030); Sue (349257); Jill (326352).

Church Family Christmas Dinner: this year's church family Christmas dinner will be on Sunday, 9th December. Booking forms are now available and should be returned with payment to Helen Bartlett-Rawlings by Sunday, 25th November at the latest.

Governor for John Ray Juniors: there is a vacancy for a local governor of the school. The prime role of the Governing Body is to monitor academic standards and to hold the headteacher to account for them. There is one key meeting a term and any training required will be provided. If you might be interested, please speak to Nigel Adams or Rev Stuart Ellis (07533 110986), who is Chief Executive Officer of the multi-academy trust that oversees John Ray Juniors.

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