

**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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## 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](mailto: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](http://www.stmichaelsbtree.co.uk)

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 Address.....  
 Telephone .....

## Today

**18th November 2018 - 2nd before Advent**

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Nigel Adams
10.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Junior Church
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'*

### 19 Monday

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

### 20 Tuesday

1.15pm	Tiddlywinks
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### 21 Wednesday

9.45am	Meeting Point Bible Study
7.45pm	Bible Reading Group – Church House
8.00pm	Lifebuilder Bible Study at 2 Hollybrook, off Julien Court Road

### 22 Thursday

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

### 23 Friday

7.00-9.30pm	Women@St Michael's Taste and See Craft Evening
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### 25 Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Colin Fairweather
10.00am	Morning Worship – 'Who will inherit eternal life' – Rev Stephen Bailey
6.30pm	Evening Worship – 'The redeemer' – Cyril Bamforth
7.30pm	Focus Youth Group

**10.00 a.m.**  
**Holy Communion**

Service Lead: *Jennifer Bailey*

1-2: Notices, Welcome and Peace

3: Hymn: MP 34

4: Prayer

5-8: Commandments, Prayer for  
Sovereign and Collect

9: Bible Reading: Deuteronomy 24:  
1-4 (page 199)

*Jack Green*

10: Hymn: MP 825

11: Gospel: Matthew 19: 1-12  
(page 993)

*Jim Hughes*

12-13: Creed

15: Hymn: MP 1158

16: Sermon: 'What God has joined  
together'

*Rev Nigel Adams*

17: Hymn: MP 914

19: Prayers of Intercession

*Lesley Davey*

20: Prayers of Penitence

21-25: Confession

26-30 Preparation

31: Communion

32-34: Prayers after Communion

36: \*Offertory during Hymn: MP 377

37: Blessing

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

**6.30 p.m.**  
**Evening Worship**

Service Lead: *Rev Nigel Adams*

Reading: Ruth 3 (page 269)

*Cyril Bamforth*

Prayers: *Janet Bamforth*

Sermon: 'Wise Advice'

*Roger Cooke*

**There will not be formal Gift Day this year:** although we are running at a loss to the end of October (see figures below) it is not on the scale of previous years. For this we are grateful to God and we thank all who have given to God's work at St Michael's.

Total income to date:	£120,042
Total costs to date:	-£122,224
Net result is a loss to date of:	-£2,182

**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@stmichaelsbtreetree.co.uk](mailto:jturton@stmichaelsbtreetree.co.uk)) or Nigel Adams if you are happy to help. Thank you.

**For your prayers:**

**Unwell:** Barbara Wells, Rev Bernard Davies, Holly White (3yrs old heart operation postponed until April to aid a better recovery), Jim Wild (now home), Alison Davey, Lennie McClean (undergoing chemo treatment), Elaine Stoodley

**Housebound:** Dorothy Hale

**Other Matters:** Stephen at Blackchapel am. 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:**

23rd November  
27th November  
5th December  
16th December

**NOTICES**

Women@St Michael's Taste and See Craft Evening  
The Christian Institute meeting (see notice)  
St Michael's School 'Understanding Christianity' event  
Carol Service (see notice)

**Remembrance weekend:** a huge thanks to all who were involved in the Remembrance weekend events, including the exhibition, concert and services. It was a very moving weekend and was great to see so many guests in the church. The focus was rightly on the centenary of the end of the First World War, but do please continue to pray for all who suffered, and continue to suffer, from wars and conflicts across the world.

**Women@St Michael's Taste and See Craft Evening:** Friday 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, £6 for adults, £3 for those at school/college. Please return booking form **today** if possible.

**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 **next Sunday** at the latest.

**Christmas Bookstall:** will be in church next Sunday, 2nd and 9th December.

**The Christian Institute** will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, 27th November, 7.30-8.45pm at St Mary's Church, Henham, CM22 6AN. The Christian Institute is a non-denominational Christian charity committed to upholding the truths of the Bible. All are welcome to hear about the latest news on family, gospel freedom and gender ideology and their work in these areas – no ticket is required. For more information see [www.christian.org.uk](http://www.christian.org.uk).

**Annual Foodbank Tesco Collection:** we have our annual supermarket collections at Tesco Marks Farm and Witham on Thursday 29th, Friday, 30th November and Saturday 1st December. This usually brings in a lot of food to help us through the winter. We are looking for volunteers willing to help with the collection. If you can spare a couple of hours on any of these dates please telephone Maggie Drewett on 01376 330694 to arrange a time.

*notices continued overleaf.....*