

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. 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

2nd December 2018 - 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'

3 Monday

12.15pm	Spotlight
7.30pm	White Horse Tavern at 64 Bridport Way (<i>not Church House</i>)
7.30pm	Bell Ringing
8.00pm	Badminton

4 Tuesday

1.15pm	Tiddlywinks
7.30pm	PCC meeting – Church House

5 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
8.30pm	Men@St Michael's Beer and Chat - Wetherspoons, Fairfield Rd.

6 Thursday

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

8 Saturday

10.00am	Door-to-door Christmas card deliveries
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9 Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Nigel Adams
10.00am	Morning Worship – 'Sent to serve' – Jennifer Bailey
12.30pm	Church Family Christmas Lunch (if booked)
6.30pm	Holy Communion – 'My soul thirsts for God' – Rev Nigel Adams
7.30pm	Focus Youth Group

10.00 a.m.
Church Family Worship

See separate Order of Service

A warm welcome to Andy Malcolm from the Deep Sea Fishermen's Mission

Offertory: see first bullet, back page

Christmas card deliveries: we will be delivering cards, door-to-door, advertising our Christmas services. If you are able to help, please join us on Saturday 8th December, 10am at Church House.

6.30 p.m.
Evening Worship

Service Lead: *David Huxter*

Reading: John 3: 1-17 (page 1070)
Jonathan Wicks

Prayers: *Richard Richardson*

Sermon: 'New birth'
Rev Nigel Adams

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.

Rehearsals will take place on Monday, 3rd and 10th December at 7.30pm in the large hall Church House.

Please contact John Turton (327638) jturton@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk or Nigel if you would like to take part.

For your prayers:

Unwell: Ann Mahood (kidney operation on Wednesday), Barbara Wells, Holly White (3yrs old heart operation postponed until April to aid a better recovery), Jim Wild, Alison Davey, Lennie McClean (undergoing chemo treatment), Elaine Stoodley

Bereaved: the family of Revd Canon Bernard Davies. Bernard's funeral service will be held next Friday, 7th December 1.00pm at Christ Church, Lowestoft.

Housebound: David and Ann Harvey

Other Matters: Mission of the Month: Deep Sea Fishermen

Our Mission Partners:

- ACTS: Joanna Iboudo 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:

9th December	Church Family Christmas Lunch
16th December	Carol Service (see notice)
21st December	Christingle Making (see notice)
22nd December	Crib and Christingle Service 4.00pm
24th December	Midnight Communion 11.00pm

NOTICES

Revd Canon Bernard Davies, Vicar of St Michael's from 1978-2000, died on Sunday 18th November. We rejoice that he is now with the Lord, but do please pray for Rosie, Sarah, Nick and their families at this sad time.

St Michael's School 'Understanding Christianity': this event will take place on Wednesday, 5th December in school. If you would like the opportunity to see how Christianity is taught at St Michael's, please sign the list in the cross aisle to let us know you would like to attend.

Christmas Bookstall: will be in church today and next Sunday, 9th December.

Women@St Michael's Taste and See Craft Evening: thank you to everyone who made this event a success and an enjoyable evening.

Free Will Envelopes: please collect your Free Will Envelopes from the pigeon holes today.

Christingle making: will be taking place on Friday, 21st December in the small hall starting at 2pm. Do you like oranges and sweets? Please see the oranges man Andy Carter.

Church House cleaning: we urgently require someone for the third Friday of the month as we now only have 1 person for that day (usual team is 2). If you can help please contact Pauline Bloomfield on either 344028 or paulinebloomfield@yahoo.com.

"Why get ordained in the Church of England?": if anyone is thinking about the possibility of ordination, there is a really helpful morning on Sat 19th Jan, 9.30am at Oak Hill College, Southgate. The speakers will be Bishop Rod Thomas, Revd Johnny Jukes and Rev Dr Mark Pickles. Please speak to Nigel if you need further details.

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