

Many thanks to all who kindly gave Christmas gifts for the College House Mother & Baby Unit.

“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.

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@stmichaelsbtreetree.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.stmichaelsbtreetree.co.uk

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Today

9th December 2018 - 2nd of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Nigel Adams
10.00am	Morning Worship
12.30pm	Church Family Christmas Lunch (if booked)
6.30pm	Holy Communion
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'

10 Monday

7.30pm	Carol Service choir rehearsal - Large hall, Church House
7.30pm	Bell Ringing
8.00pm	Badminton

11 Tuesday

JANUARY LINK SUBMISSION DUE

1.15pm	Tiddlywinks
8.00pm	First Priority – Church House

12 Wednesday

9.45am	Meeting Point Bible Study
10.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Nigel Adams
7.45pm	Bible Reading Group – Church House
8.00pm	Lifebuilder Bible Study at 2 Hollybrook, off Julien Court Road

16 Sunday

3rd of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Colin Fairweather
10.00am	Holy Communion – 'Left speechless' – Rev Nigel Adams
6.30pm	Carol Service – Rev Stephen Bailey
7.30pm	Focus Youth Group

10.00 a.m.
Morning Worship

Service Lead: Rev Stephen Bailey

1-4: Notices, Welcome and Greeting

Hymn: MP 699

5-6: Confession

Hymn: MP 1012

Bible Reading: Isaiah 53: 1-12
(page 742)

Louisa Fisk

Song: Glorious light [words on separate sheet]

Bible Reading: Mark 10: 32-45
(page 1020)

Richard Ould

Song: Lord, You were rich beyond all splendour [words on separate sheet]

7-8: Creed

9-11: Prayers

Phil Bartlett-Rawlings

Hymn: MP 476

Sermon: 'Sent to serve'

Jennifer Bailey

*Offertory during Hymn: MP 795

13-16: Blessing

***see first bullet, back page**

6.30 p.m.
Holy Communion

Service Lead: Roger Cooke

Celebrant: Rev Nigel Adams

Reading: Meditation on Psalm 42
(page 563)

Janet Bamforth

Prayers: David Huxter

Sermon: 'My soul thirsts for God'

Rev Nigel Adams

There will not be a formal Gift Day this year - however, please feel free to still give to the work of St Michael's, as you have done in the past. We would like to end our financial year (31st December) in the black if possible. A healthy bank balance means that we can move forward. It is helpful if donations are able to be gift aided – please speak to Lesley or Cyril for details.

Christmas Services:

Sunday, 16th December

6.30pm Carol Service*

Saturday, 22nd December

4.00pm Crib and Christingle Service*

Christmas Eve

11.00pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Family Celebration*

* Refreshments served afterwards

For your prayers:

Unwell: Graham & Margaret Goodchild, Ann Mahood (kidney operation), Barbara Wells, Jim Wild, Alison Davey, Elaine Stoodley

Bereaved: the family of Revd Canon Bernard Davies.

Housebound: Roy Smart

Other Matters: Mission of the Month: Deep Sea Fishermen

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:

16th December

21st December

22nd December

24th December

NOTICES

Carol Service (see notice)

Christingle Making (see notice)

Crib and Christingle Service 4.00pm

Midnight Communion 11.00pm

Christmas Bookstall: will be in church today. Your last chance to buy before Christmas!

Carol Service Choir: the final rehearsal will be on Monday at 7.30pm in the main hall of Church House. Please speak with John Turton (327638) if you have any questions.

St Michael's School: we are delighted to announce that Mr Andy Cumpstey (the acting head) has been appointed as the new head teacher.

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.

Christmas cards: we would like to encourage everyone to place just one Christmas card to us all, on the board in the Welcome Area and to donate the money saved in the box provided. This will be given for work amongst homeless people in Braintree.

Christmas service cards: do please take cards, with details of our services, to invite friends, family and neighbours to join us over the Christmas period.

St Michael's Church Mugs: with the 2019 Verse of the Year are available to purchase from Dave Marriott. Suggested donation of £5 each. Any profit will go into the church publicity fund.

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.

notices continued overleaf.....