

“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.

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



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
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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.....

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Today

16th December 2018 - 3rd of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Colin Fairweather
10.00am	Holy Communion
10.0am	Junior Church
6.30pm	Carol Service
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'

17 Monday

7.00pm	St Michael's School service
7.30pm	Bell Ringing
8.00pm	Badminton

18 Tuesday

10.00am	John Ray School service
1.15pm	Tiddlywinks
7.00pm	St Michael's School service

19 Wednesday

10.00am	John Ray School service
7.45pm	Bible Reading Group – Church House

20 Thursday

2.45pm	Holy Communion – The Hawthorns
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21 Friday

2.00pm	Christingle Making – Church House (small hall)
2.30pm	Bradbury House Service – Carol singing – everyone welcome!

22 Saturday

4.00pm	Crib and Christingle Service
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23 Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Nigel Adams
10.00am	Church Family Worship – 'Open wide!' – Rev Stephen Bailey
6.30pm	Evening Worship – 'Light for those who sit in darkness' – Canon John Turton

10.00 a.m.
Holy Communion

Service Lead: Canon John Turton

1-2: Notices, Welcome and Peace

3: Hymn: MP 493

4: Prayer

5-8: Commandments, Prayer for
Sovereign and Collect

9: Bible Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14-20
(page 955)

David Mahood

10: Hymn: MP 37

11: Gospel: Luke 1: 5-25
(page 1030)

Ann Mahood

12-13: Creed

15: Hymn: MP 579

16: Sermon: 'Left speechless'

Rev Nigel Adams

17: Hymn: MP 162

19: Prayers of Intercession

Phil Bartlett-Rawlings

20: Prayers of Penitence

21-25: Confession

26-30 Preparation

31: Communion

32-34: Prayers after Communion

36: *Offertory during Hymn: MP 924

37: Blessing

**see first bullet, back page*

6.30 p.m.
Carol Service

Service Lead:

Rev Nigel Adams

Preacher:

Rev Stephen Bailey

Refreshments served afterwards

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:

Christmas Eve

11.00pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Family Celebration*

* Refreshments served afterwards

For your prayers:

Unwell: Ken Sillett, Graham and Margaret Goodchild, Barbara Wells, Jim Wild, Alison Davey, Elaine Stoodley

Bereaved: the family of Revd Canon Bernard Davies.

Housebound: Norah Hern

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:

NOTICES

21st December

Christingle Making (see notice)

22nd December

Crib and Christingle Service 4.00pm

24th December

Midnight Communion 11.00pm

21st January

Life Explored course (see notice)

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.

Life Explored is an informal and relaxed seven-week course. Whoever you are, whatever you are thinking, Life Explored is a place for you to discover the greatest gift in the universe. It will be held on Mondays, 7.45-9.00pm in Church House, starting on 21st January, starting with light refreshments. If you are planning to come, it would be helpful if you could sign up on the list at the back of church. If you'd like to find out more, please contact Nigel or Jo Adams (01376 807662).

notices continued overleaf.....