



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

23rd December 2018 - 4th of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Nigel Adams
10.00am	Church Family Worship
6.30pm	Evening Worship

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'

24 Monday CHRISTMAS EVE

11.00pm Midnight Communion – Rev Nigel Adams

25 Tuesday CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Stephen Bailey
10.00am	Family Celebration – Rev Nigel Adams

30 Sunday 1st after Christmas

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Stephen Bailey
10.00am	All Age Service – 'Wisdom beyond his years' – Jennifer Bailey
6.30pm	No Service at St Michael's

10.00 a.m.
Church Family Worship

Service Lead: *Rev Nigel Adams*

1-4: Notices, Welcome and Greeting

Song: Joy has dawned upon the world [words on separate sheet]

5-6: Confession

Song: For God so loved the world [words on separate sheet]

Bible Reading: Luke 1: 57-66 (page 1032)

Estelle Wicks

Hymn: MP 764

DVD - Christmas according to the kids

7-8: Creed

9-11: Prayers

Jennifer Bailey

Song: Mary came with meekness [words on separate sheet]

Sermon: 'Open wide!'

Rev Stephen Bailey

*Offertory during Hymn: MP 47

13-16: Blessing

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6.30 p.m.
Evening Worship

Service Lead: *Rev Nigel Adams*

Reading: Luke 1: 57-80 (page 1032)

Barbara Wells

Prayers: *Helen Kemp*

Sermon: 'Light for those who sit in darkness'

Canon John Turton

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).

For your prayers:

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

Housebound: Dorothy Hale

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.

NOTICES

Dates for your diary:

6th January	Focus re-starts for 2019
10th January	ASK resumes
14th January	Spotlight resumes
19th January	'Why get ordained in the Church of England' - (see notice)
21st January	Life Explored course (see notice)

Carol Service: thank you to everyone for their contributions and help with the refreshments after the Carol Service.

Car Park Permits: It is time to renew carpark permits ready for 2019. If you require a permit, please complete the form available in church and return to Phil Bartlett-Rawlins as soon as possible. Permits will only be issued to people who are on the Electoral Roll.

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.

"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.