

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.



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE

www.stmichaelsbtree.co.uk



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.

Today

30th December 2018 - 1st after Christmas

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Stephen Bailey
10.00am	All Age Service
	No service at 6.30pm

Please join us for refreshments after the 10.00am service

This Week

Full details of venues and contacts in LINK magazine 'Practical Information'

5 Saturday

9.00am	Church and Church House Working Party
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6 Sunday 1st of Epiphany

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Nigel Adams
10.00am	Church Family Worship – 'The words from my mouth' – Andy Carter
6.30pm	Evening Worship – 'Come to me all who are weary and burdened' – Rev Nigel Adams
7.30pm	Focus Youth Group

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.....

10.00 a.m.
All Age Worship

Service Lead: *Cyril Bamforth*

1-4: Notices, Welcome and Greeting

Hymn: MP 39

5-6: Confession

Hymn: MP 451

Bible Reading: Luke 2: 41-52
(page 1034)

Jim Hughes

Hymn: The light of the world
[words in next column]

7-8: Creed

Hymn: MP 588

9-11: Prayers

Canon John Turton

Hymn: MP 420

Sermon: 'Wisdom beyond his years'

Jennifer Bailey

*Offertory during Hymn: MP 457

13-16: Blessing

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

The Light of the World

The light of the world
Made history begin,
Spoke time into being
Caused planets to spin;
Flung galaxies wide
Through infinite space
To sing of His splendor
And fathomless grace.

Come, come, daughters and sons,
Look to the Light of the World.
Sing, sing, praises to Him
Simply believe, you will receive
Mercy and love without measure.

The Light of the World
Now shone as a man,
And walked through the valleys
He'd carved with His hands.
A servant to those
He'd breathed into life,
He felt our injustice
And shared in our strife.

The Light of the World
Preached justice for all,
Defying the proud
And defending the poor;
Then humbled Himself
To death on a cross,
To crush the oppressor
And rescue the lost.

The Light of the World
Still shines on the earth,
With gifts of forgiveness,
The hope of new birth.
So open your heart,
Don't hide in the night;
Step out of the darkness
And into His light.

by Stuart Townend from the album Creation
Sings

For your prayers:

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

Housebound: Len Dove

Bereaved: the family of Florence Broad. Funeral will be held Friday, 11th January at 12.30pm.

Other Matters: Mission of the Month: Deep Sea Fishermen (Dec); A Rocha (Jan)

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:

10th January	ASK resumes
14th January	Spotlight resumes
19th January	'Why get ordained in the Church of England'
19th January	Walk in the Countryside (see notice)
21st January	Life Explored course (see notice)

LINK Magazine: the January 2019 edition is available (30p).

White Horse Tavern: our Spring programme card is available today. Please take one.

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).

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-Rawlings as soon as possible. Permits will only be issued to people who are on the Electoral Roll.

Walk in the Countryside : You are welcome to join us for a walk to Rayne/Felsted on Saturday 19th January. Meet at start of Flich Way, Braintree from 10.15 to set off at 10.30. For further details see January 'Link' or speak to Terry or Miriam Clark.

"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 Juckes and Rev Dr Mark Pickles. Please speak to Nigel if you need further details.

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