

Operation Christmas Child - Shoeboxes: Thank you very much all who have contributed this year in any way. The Halstead warehouse will be open until Friday 29th November from 09:00 until 21:00. They will be very glad of help if you are able to get there. Please ask for further details. Jenny Chapman.

Volunteers who love oranges please come for Christingle making on Friday, 20th December from 1.30pm in the small hall.



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	Lin Terris	01376 322870
	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
Vicar's Personal Assistant	Helen Hopkins	01376 321248
Treasurer	Lesley Davey	01376 326969

- **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

8.00am
10.00am
10.00am
6.30pm
7.30pm

24th November 2019 - Sunday next before

Holy Communion – Rev Nigel Adams
Holy Communion
Junior Church
Evening Worship
Focus Youth Group

Advent

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'

25 Monday

12.15pm Spotlight
7.30pm Bell Ringing at Great Tey
7.30pm White Horse Tavern – Church House

26 Tuesday

1.15pm Tiddlywinks
7.30pm Men's meal out at Eastern Aroma, 24 Railway Street

27 Wednesday

9.45am Meeting Point Bible Study
7.45pm Discipleship Explored – Church House
8.00pm Lifebuilder Bible Study – 2 Hollybrook

28 Thursday

3.30pm ASK
7.30pm Rose Hill Bible Study
7.30pm General Election Hustings in Church
7.50pm Carry On Exploring – 42 College Road

29 Friday

7.00pm Women@St Michael's evening with Esther Thorpe in St Michael's School Hall
7.30pm Flower Club

30 Saturday

10.00am Christmas card deliveries
6.30pm Bell Ringers' Quiz Night – Church House

1 Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion – Rev Nigel Adams
10.00am Church Family Worship – Andy Malcolm, Fishermen's Mission
6.30pm Evening Worship – 'Paul's concern for the Galatians' – Rev Stephen Bailey
7.30pm Focus Youth Group

10.00 a.m.
Holy Communion

Service Lead: *Rev Nigel Adams*

1-2: Notices, Welcome & Peace

3: Hymn: MP 528

4-8: Prayers

9: Bible Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6
(page 787)

Jack Green

10: Hymn: MP 1185

11: Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:
10-23 (page 1148)

Jim Hughes

12-13 Creed

16: Sermon: 'God's building'

Venerable Robin King

17: Hymn: MP 872

19: Prayers of intercession

Richard Ould

20-25: Confession

26-30: Preparation

31: Communion

32-34: Prayers after Communion

36: Hymn: MP 13
(offering brought forward)

37: Blessing

Communion: we have gluten free wafers available for Communion in the Jesus Chapel.

6.30p.m.
Evening Worship

Service Lead: *Janet Bamforth*

Reading: Galatians 4: 1-7
(page 1171)

Barbara Wells

Prayers: *Cyril Bamforth*

Sermon: 'Sons and heirs'

Rev Nigel Adams

Bell Ringers' Quiz Night: Friday, 30th November 6:30pm in Church House. 2-course hot supper, tea and coffee £10 per ticket. Contact Bradley Hill brad.hill94@gmail.com

Christmas Bookstall: Sunday, 8th December supplied by '10offthose.com'. We encourage you to remain in church, have coffee and browse the bookstall before Christmas lunch. **Only one day** and not to be missed! Have to buy on the day but can use credit or debit cards.

Children's & Youth Worker: many thanks to those who kindly pledged money towards the additional cost of a full-time Children's & Youth Worker. The advert can be seen on our church website or the Chelmsford Diocese website under Vacancies. Applications need to be in by Thursday 28th November. Please pray and do speak to Nigel if you have any questions about this.

For your prayers:

Unwell: Lexi and Jessica Allen, Richard Hollis, Helen Hopkins, David Harvey, Julia Allen, Alan Bass, Bobby McCaigue, Alison Davey, Elaine Stoodley

Housebound: Roy Smart

Bereaved: Family & friends of Des Connolly.

Other Matters: Jennifer at Fairstead am.

Mission of the Month: Open Doors supports Christians in persecuted countries; this support comes in many forms, from providing Bibles and literature, media, leadership training, socio-economic development, educating and mobilising the body of Christ living in the free world to identify with threatened and persecuted Christians and through to prayer. Open Doors also publishes (annually) World Watch List - ranking the top 50 countries where the Christian faith costs the most. You can start supporting the work of Open Doors by asking God to strengthen these Christians in their faith.

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday, 3rd December

Sunday, 8th December

Friday, 20th December

NOTICES

Women@St Michael's Christmas Prayer Lunch

Church Christmas Lunch and bookstall

Christingle making (see notice)

Discipleship Explored: an 8 week course, looking at what it means to be a disciple or follower of Jesus. The course looks at Paul's letter to the Philippians and is starting on Wed 27th Nov, 7.45 for tea & coffee, in the small hall of Church House. All welcome. Please speak to Lin & Dave Terris if you have any questions or sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you would like to come.

Men's meal out: on Tues 26th Nov, 7.30pm at Eastern Aroma, 24 Railway Street, CM7 3JD. An All You Can Eat Buffet – £18.90. Menu & details are at the back of church – please sign up if you would like to join us.

Women@St Michael's: An evening with Esther Thorpe. Friday, 29th November 7.00-9.00pm in St Michael's School Hall. Cost £5: 11-18: £3. Soft drinks, wine and light refreshments. It would be a great help if anyone is willing to make small finger sized cake/biscuits (non messy!) for the refreshments. Please let Jennifer know if you are able to help. **Christmas Prayer Lunch:** in Church Tuesday, 3rd December 12.00-2.00pm.

Church Christmas Lunch: Sunday 8th December 12.30. Booking forms to book your place at the Church Christmas lunch are now available in church. Adults £10, Children 5-16 £5. Please return forms and payment to Helen Bartlett-Rawlings by Sunday 24th November at the latest.

Hustings: we will be hosting a General Election Hustings, with the candidates for our Braintree MP, on Thurs 28th Nov, 7.30pm in church.

Christmas card deliveries: we are hoping to deliver 5,000 cards, inviting local residents to join us for our Christmas services. On Sat 30th Nov, 10am at Church House, we need a small team to package cards into roads as well as people to deliver the cards. Please join us if you are free then.

Freewill Giving Envelopes: will be ready to collect from pigeonholes from Sunday, 1st December.

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