



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

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- **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

1st December 2019 - Advent

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

2 Monday

12.15pm	Spotlight
7.30pm	Bell Ringing <i>(but not at St Michael's)</i>
7.30pm	White Horse Tavern Christmas Party – 64 Bridport Way

3 Tuesday

12.00-2.00pm	Women@St Michael's Christmas Prayer lunch
1.15pm	Tiddlywinks

4 Wednesday

9.45am	Meeting Point Bible Study
7.45pm	Discipleship Explored – Church House
8.00pm	Lifebuilder Bible Study – 2 Hollybrook
8.30pm	Men@St Michael's beer and chat – Wetherspoons, Fairfield Road

5 Thursday

10.00-12.00	Coffee@St Michael's
3.30pm	ASK
7.30pm	Rose Hill Bible Study
7.50pm	Carry On Exploring – 42 College Road

8 Sunday

2nd of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Nigel Adams
10.00am	Morning Worship – 'Servants and stewards' – Cyril Bamforth
12.30pm	Church Christmas Lunch
6.30pm	Holy Communion – 'Hagar and Sarah' – David Huxter
7.30pm	Focus Youth Group

10.00 a.m.
Church Family Worship

See separate

Order of Service

*A warm welcome to
Andy Malcolm from the
Deep Sea Fishermen's Mission*

*Offertory: see first bullet,
back page*

6.30p.m.
Evening Worship

Service Lead: Phil Bartlett-Rawlings

Reading: Galatians 4: 8-20
(page 1171)

Jo Adams

Prayers: *Ade Odupitan*

Sermon: 'Paul's concern for the
Galatians'

Rev Stephen Bailey

Christmas Bookstall: Sunday, 8th
December supplied by
'**10ofthose.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.

Our Christmas services

Sunday 15 December
6.30pm Carol Service *

Saturday 21 December
4.00pm Crib and Christingle Service *

Christmas Eve
11pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day
8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Family Celebration *

* Refreshments served afterwards

For your prayers:

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

Housebound: Len Dove

Mission of the Month: Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS) are patrons of our church along with 700 other evangelical churches. Their mission is to help everyone in this country to hear and discover the good news of Jesus Christ. They provide courses to develop leaders, training for clergy and lay leaders, helping in times of vacancy, and resourcing 1000's of leaders (PCC's included) to be more effective. They give over 4500 8-18 year olds, the fun, faith, and friendship on camps and houseparties.

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday, 8th December
Sunday, 15th December
Friday, 20th December
Saturday, 21st December
Tuesday, 24th December

NOTICES

Church Christmas Lunch and bookstall
Carol Service
Christingle making (see notice)
Crib and Christingle Service
Midnight Communion 11.00pm

LINK Magazine: for December is now available (30p).

Women@St Michael's: Christmas Prayer Lunch: in Church Tuesday, 3rd December 12.00-2.00pm. Please sign up on the sheet if you are intending to come.

Christmas card deliveries: we are planning to deliver 5,000 cards around the parish, with details of our Christmas services. They are in bundles We would be very grateful if those who are able to could deliver some please.

Discipleship Explored: is 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 held on Wednesdays 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.

Car Park Permits. If you require a car park permit it is time to renew for 2020. Please complete the form available in church and return to Phil Bartlett-Rawlings. Permits will only be issued to people on the Electoral roll.

Freewill Giving Envelopes: will be ready to collect from pigeonholes from today.

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

Children's & Youth Worker: please pray as we have the shortlisting and interview process for a new Children's & Youth Worker over the next 2 weeks.

Gift Day: we are wanting to do a significant amount of work on our lighting (in both the Church and Church House) and the sound system and visual side in church. Please see the leaflet titled "Gift Day 2019 – Sharing the Light" for details. We are hoping to raise £24,000, with the same amount being funded from legacy money. We would be grateful if you could think and pray about whether you might be able to give towards this. Please speak to Dave Marriott or Lin Terris, our churchwardens, if you have any questions about this.