



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
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Children's and Youth Worker (part-time)	Andy Carter	01787 224577
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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

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Address.....

Telephone

Email.....

Today

15h December 2019 - 3rd of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Colin Fairweather
10.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Youth Church
6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
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'

16 Monday

7.00pm	St Michael's School Carol Service
7.30pm	Bell Ringing (<i>but not at St Michael's</i>)

17 Tuesday

7.00pm	St Michael's School Carol Service
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18 Wednesday

7.45pm	Discipleship Explored – Church House
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19 Thursday

2.45pm	Holy Communion at The Hawthorns – Rev Stephen Bailey
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20 Friday

1.30pm	Christingle making – Church House (small hall)
2.00pm	Bradbury House Service

21 Saturday

4.00pm	Christingle and Crib Service
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22 Sunday

4th of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Nigel Adams
10.00am	Family Service – 'Shepherds and Angels' – Rev Stephen Bailey
6.30pm	Evening Worship – 'My soul magnifies the Lord' – Rev Nigel Adams

24 Tuesday

11.00pm	Midnight Communion
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25 Wednesday CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Nigel Adams
10.00am	Family Celebration – 'Visit of the wise men' – Rev Nigel Adams

10.00 a.m.
Holy Communion

Service Lead: Canon John Turton

1-2: Notices, Welcome & Peace

3: Hymn: MP 697

4-8: Prayers

9: Bible Reading: John 1: 1-14
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Stephen Siddle

10: Hymn: MP 1141

12-13 Creed

16: Sermon: 'The Word became flesh'

Rev Nigel Adams

17: Hymn: MP 700

19: Prayers of intercession

Terry Clark

20-25: Confession

26-30: Preparation

31: Communion

32-34: Prayers after Communion

36: Hymn: MP 387
(offering brought forward)

37: Blessing

6.30p.m.
Carol Service

Service Lead: Rev Nigel Adams

Preacher:

Jennifer Bailey

Refreshments served afterwards

Our Christmas services

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

Christmas cards: there is a board at the back of church if you wish to send one Christmas card to everyone at St Michael's. Donations are being collected in aid of Hope House, a local charity seeking to break the cycle of homelessness.

For your prayers:

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

Housebound: Roy Smart

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:

Friday, 20th December
Saturday, 21st December
Tuesday, 24th December
Saturday, 4th January

NOTICES

Christingle making (see notice)
Crib and Christingle Service
Midnight Communion 11.00pm
Walk for the New Year (see notice)

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

Thank you to all who have worked so hard delivering 5,000 cards, with details of our Christmas services, around the parish. It is much appreciated.

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. Please speak to Lin & Dave Terris if you have any questions. All welcome.

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, and are very grateful for the £14,000 given so far, including Gift Aid. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to give towards this, Gift Day envelopes are at the back of church. Please speak to Dave Marriott or Lin Terris, our churchwardens, if you have any questions about this.

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.

A Walk for the New Year: You are welcome to join us for a walk along the Flicht Way to Rayne / Felsted on Saturday 4th January. Meet at start of Flicht Way, Braintree from 10.15am to set off at 10.30. For further details see January 'Link' or speak to Terry or Miriam Clark.

January Coffee@ St Michael's: will **NOT** be on the first Thursday of the month but will be on **Thursday, 9th January.** All are welcome.