



# 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.

## Today

### 22nd December 2019 - 4th of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Nigel Adams
10.00am	Family Service
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 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

### 29 Sunday 1st after Christmas

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Stephen Bailey
10.00am	Family Service – 'On the run' – Jennifer Bailey
6.30pm	<i>No Service at St Michael's</i>

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](http://www.stmichaelsbtree.co.uk)

Name(s).....

Address.....

Telephone .....

Email.....

**10.00 a.m.**  
**Morning Worship**  
**Family Service**

Service Lead: *Rev Nigel Adams*

1-4: Notices, Welcome & Greeting

Hymn: MP 493

*'Lift up your eyes video'*

5-6: Confession

Hymn: MP 764

7-8: Creed

9-11: Prayers

*Miriam Clark*

Hymn: MP 597

Bible Reading: Luke 2: 8-20  
(page 1033)

*Jim Hughes*

Sermon: 'Shepherds and Angels'

*Rev Stephen Bailey*

Hymn: MP 393

(offering brought forward)

13-16: Blessing

**6.30p.m.**  
**Evening Worship**

Service Lead: *Canon John Turton*

Reading: Luke 1: 39-56 (page 1031)

*Janet Bamforth*

Prayers: *Richard Richardson*

Sermon: 'My soul magnifies the Lord'

*Rev Nigel Adams*

**Our Christmas services**

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, Alison Davey, Elaine Stoodley

**Housebound:** Len Dove

**Other Matters:** Jennifer at Fairstead am.

**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:**

Tuesday, 24th December

Saturday, 4th January

Monday, 13th January

**NOTICES**

Midnight Communion 11.00pm

Walk for the New Year (see notice)

3,2,1 course (see notice)

**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.

**Foodbank Shopping List:** please take a copy of the new Foodbank list which you will find on the table in the cross aisle.

**3, 2, 1 Course:** is an opportunity to explore the big issues in life. The course will be for just three weeks held on Mondays 7.45-9.15pm in Church House with tea and coffee to begin. The course starts on Monday, 13th January. If you would like to come or find out more, please contact Nigel or Jo Adams.

**Discipleship Explored:** is an 8 week course, looking at what it means to be a disciple or follower of Jesus. The course is held on Wednesdays 7.45pm for tea & coffee, in the small hall of Church House, and begins again on Wed 8th Jan. 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 Flich Way to Rayne / Felsted on Saturday 4th January. Meet at start of Flich Way, Braintree from 10.15am to set off at 10.30. For further details see January 'Link' or speak to Terry or Miriam Clark.