

Annual Parochial Church Meeting: this will take place on Tues 19th May, 7.45pm, in Church House.

General Information

Vicar	Rev Nigel Adams	01376 807662
	<i>(Nigel's day off this week will be Tuesday)</i>	
Churchwardens	Lin Terris	01376 322870
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Treasurer	Lesley Davey	01376 326969

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Our Church Office, in Church House, is open on Mon, Tues & Thurs from 9.00am - 1.00pm. Tel; 01376 321248.

- **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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BRAINTREE**

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Today

16th February 2020 - 2nd before Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Colin Fairweather
10.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Junior Church
6.30pm	All-Age Tonight
7.30pm	Focus Youth Group

Please join us for refreshments after the 10.00am service and at 6.00pm before the 6.30pm service

This Week

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

17 Monday

Church House Main Hall closed for works

7.30pm	Bell Ringing (<i>not at St Michael's</i>)
7.30pm	White Horse Tavern – Church House (small hall)

18 Tuesday

Church House Main Hall closed for works

2.00pm	Bible Reading group – Church House (small hall)
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19 Wednesday

Church House Main Hall closed for works

20 Thursday

Church House Main Hall closed for works

2.45pm	Holy Communion – The Hawthorns – Rev Stephen Bailey
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21 Friday

Church House Main Hall closed for works

2.00pm	Bradbury House Service
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Church Weekend Away - Friday - Sunday

23 Sunday

2nd before Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Canon Beth Bendrey
10.00am	Morning Worship – 'Telling others' – Roger Cooke
6.30pm	Evening Worship – 'Preparing the way' – David Huxter
7.30pm	Focus Youth Group

10.00 a.m.
Holy Communion

Service Lead: Rev Nigel Adams

1-2: Notices, Welcome & Peace

3: Hymn: MP 207

4-8: Prayers

9: Bible Reading: John 4: 4-30
(page 1071)

Richard Ould

10: Hymn: MP 37

12-13 Creed

16: Sermon: 'Good news for everyone'

Rev Stephen Bailey

17: Hymn: See His love nailed to a cross [words on separate sheet]

19: Prayers of intercession

Phil Bartlett-Rawlings

20-25: Confession

26-30: Preparation

31: Communion

32-34: Prayers after Communion

36: Hymn: MP 387
(offering brought forward)

37: Blessing

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

6.00pm for 6.30pm
All-Age Tonight

Service Lead: Jennifer Bailey

Reading: Matthew 4: 1-11
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Talk: 'Jesus and the devil - Courage in the face of pure evil'

Rev Nigel Adams

All-Age Tonight - our evening service will include the youth band, some activities and short talk - there will be tea and cake from 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start. It will be youth-friendly (secondary school age and above), but the service is for all ages, so everyone is very welcome.

Talking Jesus: as part of our preparation for the Food for Thought Weekend we are running a 6-week course, for everyone at St Michael's Church. Each of the six sessions includes time studying the Bible, discussions in small groups and inspirational videos with real-life examples of people who are talking Jesus. It will run on six consecutive Monday evenings from 24th February, 7.45pm for tea & coffee and an 8pm start. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, if you plan to join us, so we know how many course guides to order. Speak to Nigel Adams if you have any questions about this.

Our Book for Lent: this year is 'To Seek and to Save' by Sinclair Ferguson. He has short reading for everyday and encourages us to chew over what we have read. If we buy in bulk we can sell it for £4.90.

For your prayers:

Unwell: Elizabeth Johnson, Jenny Chapman, Alan Bass, Ron Smith, Alison Davey, Elaine Stoodley

Bereaved: Ron Smith and family following the death of Margaret

Housebound: Roy Smart

Mission of the Month: Crosslinks Our mission partners Jirka and Keira Kralovi continue to work with young people as well as Jirka teaching future Czech church leaders at the Czech Bible Institute. Please pray for Jirka for his vital role in evangelising students as well as teaching them about Jesus Christ and for his role in training future Czech church leaders. Also, pray for Keira as she welcomes students at the same time looking after her family and home. Please also pray that the students that Jirka and Keira meet will come to know Jesus Christ.

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 24th - Sunday 26th April
Tuesday, 19th May

NOTICES

Food for Thought Weekend (see notice)
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Bible Reading Group: The new Bible Reading Group has now been meeting for 5 weeks, we didn't meet last week, but we will be back this week, we are expecting to read Psalms 10 and 11, Exodus 7 to 17 and Proverbs 3:1 to 3:18.

Ash Wednesday Communion: Wednesday, 26th February at 10.00am.

We are having a **Beetle Drive** on Sat 29th Feb, 6.30-9.00pm in Church House. It will be a lively and enjoyable evening and is suitable for anyone 6 years upwards. Tickets: £1 adult, 50p children available from Christine Hart, Jo Adams, Sue Marriott, Lin Terris or Jonathan Wicks.

World Day of Prayer: our local service, prepared by the women of Zimbabwe, will be held on Friday, 6th March at 10.30am at Great Notley Church. Refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

Men's meal out: at Il Salice, The Street, Cressing, CM77 8DQ on Tues 17th March, 7.30pm. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

"Food for Thought Weekend": we are having a weekend of events, with a team of students from Oak Hill College, from Fri 24th to Sun 26th April. We will give more information about the events in due course. Please note the dates in your diary and start thinking about who you might invite to join us.

Foodbank Lent Appeal: We are launching our annual Lent Appeal ahead of Ash Wednesday on 26th February. During Lent there are two ways to support someone in food crisis. Either by putting aside 40p for 40 days donating £16 at the end of 40 days. Cheques made payable to Braintree Area Foodbank Ltd and given to Helen Hopkins or via the website www.braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/. Or follow the ADLENT calendar donating one item per day for 40 days taking the items to one of the collection points. Calendars are available from the table in the aisle crossing. Thank you for your support.

Confirmation: instead of joining with other churches in May, we will now be having Rt Revd Rod Thomas, Bishop of Maidstone, to take our Confirmation at St Michael's on Sun 20th Sept, in our 10am service. Please speak to Nigel Adams or Rachel Grove Smith if you are interested in being Confirmed or wish to know more.

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