

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



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 Thursday)</i>	
Churchwardens	Lin Terris	01376 322870
	David Marriott	01376 349257
Honorary Curate	Rev Stephen Bailey	01376 619347
Children's and Youth Worker (part-time)	Rachel Grove Smith	07713 566667
Pastoral Assistant	Jo Adams	01376 807662
Vicar's Personal Assistant	Helen Hopkins	01376 321248
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

Name(s).....

Address.....

Telephone

Email.....

Today

23rd February 2020 - Sunday before Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Canon Beth Bendrey
10.00am	Morning Worship
10.00am	Junior Church
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'

24 Monday

12.30pm	Spotlight
7.30pm	Bell Ringing (<i>not at St Michael's</i>)
7.45pm	Talking Jesus Lent Course – Church House

25 Tuesday

1.15pm	Tiddlywinks
2.00pm	Bible Reading group – Church House (small hall)

26 Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY

9.45am	Meeting Point Bible Study
10.00am	Holy Communion

27 Thursday

3.00pm	ASK
7.30pm	Rose Hill Bible Study
7.30pm	Flower Club
8.00pm	Carry on exploring Bible Study

28 Friday

7.00pm	Wedding rehearsal
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29 Saturday

3.00pm	Wedding of Dean Wiffen & Tasha James
6.30pm	Beetle Drive – Church House

1 Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Stephen Bailey
10.00am	Church Family Worship – 'Treasure of Trust' – Rachel Grove Smith
6.30pm	Evening Worship – 'Making a start' – Rev Nigel Adams
7.30pm	Focus Youth Group

1st Sunday of Lent

10.00 a.m.
Morning Worship

Service Lead: *Graham Savill*

1-4: Notices, Welcome & Greeting

Hymn: MP 486

5-6: Confession

Hymn: MP 1009

Bible Reading: John 1: 29-51
(page 1069)

Jack Green

Hymn: MP 996

7-8: Creed

9-11: Prayers

Stuart Holdsworth

Hymn: MP 754
(offering brought forward)

Sermon: 'Telling others'

Roger Cooke

Hymn: MP 178

13-16: Blessing

6.30pm
Evening Worship

Service Lead: *Phil Bartlett-Rawlings*

Reading: Matthew 3: 1-17
(page 975)

Jonathan Wicks

Prayers: *Jennifer Bailey*

Sermon: 'Preparing the way'

David Huxter

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 **tomorrow** evening, 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. Starting at the end of Luke 9 he takes us with Our Lord to the cross and to His Ascension. He has a 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: Len Dove

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:

NOTICES

Friday 24th - Sunday 26th April Food for Thought Weekend (see notice)
Tuesday, 19th May Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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

Bible Reading Group: The new Bible Reading Group has now been meeting for 6 weeks. This week we are expecting to read Psalms 12-15, Exodus 18 and Proverbs 3:19.

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.

Spring Charity Concert in aid of Foodbank: Friday, 6th March at 7:30pm Great Notley Church. Please see poster on notice board for details.

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: 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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