

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 Saturday)</i>	
Churchwardens	Lin Terris	01376 322870
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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

15th March 2020 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Nigel Adams
10.00am	Morning Worship
10.00am	Junior Church
6.00 for 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 and after the 6.30pm service

This Week

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

16 Monday

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

17 Tuesday

1.15pm	Tiddlywinks
2.00pm	Bible Reading group – Church House (small hall)
7.30pm	Men's meal out at Il Salice, The Street, Crossing

18 Wednesday

9.45am	Meeting Point Bible Study
12.00-1.15pm	Lent Lunch – Braintree Baptist Church (St Michaels' turn)

19 Thursday

2.45pm	Holy Communion – Rev Stephen Bailey – The Hawthorns
3.00pm	ASK
8.00pm	Carry on exploring Bible Study
7.30pm	PCC Meeting

20 Friday

2.00pm	Bradbury House Service
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22 Sunday

4th Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion – Rev Colin Fairweather
10.00am	Church Family Worship – 'A Mother's Request' – David Huxter
6.30pm	Evening Worship – 'Making a difference' – Rev Nigel Adams
7.30pm	Focus Youth Group

10.00 a.m.
Morning Worship
Mission Sunday

Service Lead: Rev Nigel Adams

1-4: Notices, Welcome, Greeting and
Banns of Marriage

Hymn: MP 1221

5-6: Confession

Presentation: Church Pastoral Aid
Society

Hymn: MP 806

Bible Reading: Acts 8: 26-40
(page 1104)

Jim Hughes

Hymn: MP 1262

7-8: Creed

9-11: Prayers

Roger Cooke

Hymn: MP 1014

Sermon: 'Talking to Strangers'

Rev Canon John Dunnett CPAS

Hymn: MP 728
(offering brought forward)

13-16: Blessing

6.00pm for 6.30pm
All-Age Tonight

Service Lead: Rev Nigel Adams

Talk: 'Jesus and a sinful woman'

Rachel Grove Smith

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 on Monday evenings 7.45pm for tea & coffee and an 8pm start. 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. Speak to Nigel Adams if you have any questions

Coronavirus: We have had further advice this week, from our Archbishops. In an effort to protect one another, we will make the following changes immediately. At Communion, we will only offer the bread, with the minister presiding alone taking the wine. We will suspend handshaking or other direct physical contact when greeting people at the door, sharing the peace or as part of a blessing. We will be closely monitoring other recommendations over the coming days and weeks and will take further measures if they become necessary.

For your prayers:

Unwell: Iris Smith, Elizabeth Johnson, Jenny Chapman, Alan Bass, Ron Smith, 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 4,500 8 to 18 year olds, the fun, faith, and friendship on camps and houseparties.

Dates for your Diary:

NOTICES

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

David & Ann Mahood: celebrated 50 years of marriage last Wednesday. Congratulations!

Bible Reading Group: this week's readings are Psalms 19 to 21, Leviticus 9 to 19 and Proverbs 4:20 to 4:27. We didn't quite finish last week's readings, so Leviticus 9 and 10 have been added to this week's readings.

Men's meal out: at Il Salace, The Street, Cressing, CM77 8DQ on Tuesday 7.30pm.

Lent Lunches: every Wednesday, up to and including 25th March, at Braintree Baptist Church. £3 for adults and £1 for children. All proceeds will go to the Tabor Centre which supports people with disabilities. It is the turn of St Michael's this week. If you are able to help please speak to Joyce Plastow.

Walk in the Countryside: You are welcome to join us for a 5.5mile circular walk on Saturday, 28th March from outside 'The Chequers' pub at Great Tey (CO6 1JS) from 1.45 to set off at 2pm. Any questions? Wish to share transport? Speak to Terry or Miriam Clark.

United Service: Sun 29th Mar, 6.30pm at Elim Church, Manor Street, focusing on the work of the Braintree Youth Project Charity. Parking is limited, so do consider parking at Sainsbury's car park or near the railway station.

Sermons online: if you are unable to get to church, for any reason, you may wish to listen to the sermon online. These can be accessed via our church website.

"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. Please take a copy of the flyer, with an outline of the weekend, and a call for us to "Pray, Invite and Help".

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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