

Car Park Permits 2017: Renewal time is here again. Would all those requiring a permit for 2017 please complete the application form, available in the Welcome Area and return with payment to Chris Jones. The cost this year is £15 for the whole year, an increase, but still great value!

New address for Barbara Kelly: is 46 Tabor Place, Nottage Crescent, Braintree CM7 2TT



ST MICHAELS BRAINTREE

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General Information

Vicar	Vacancy	
Churchwardens	Cyril Bamforth	01376 328406
	Lesley Davey	01376 326969
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Youth Worker	Andy Carter	01787 224577
Children and Families Worker	Joel Wicks	01376 348471

- **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.**
- Parish Surgery 6.30-7.30pm every Friday. Church House Office open for any parochial matters, baptism, marriage requests, prayer needs, spiritual support.
- 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.
- 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.
- Prayer ministry is available in the Jesus Chapel after the 10am and 6.30pm services. If you go, a prayer minister will attend to you.
- 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 Friday) email: mkinniburgh@live.co.uk Telephone 01376 330013.

If you are new to St Michaels, 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

4 December 2016 - 2nd of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion – Revd Stephen Bailey
10.00am	Church Family Worship
6.30pm	Evening Worship
7.30pm	Focus Youth Group

Please join us for refreshments after the 10am and 6.30pm services

This Week

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

5 Monday

12.15pm	Spotlight
7.30pm	Bell Ringing
8.00pm	Badminton

6 Tuesday

1.15pm	Tiddlywinks
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7 Wednesday

9.45am	Meeting Point Bible Study
10.00am	Holy Communion – Revd Stephen Bailey
8.00pm	Bible Study Groups: Chestnut Grove, Lifebuilder
8.30pm	SuMMiT – Weatherspoons, Fairfield Road

8 Thursday

2.15pm	Women's Fellowship
3.30pm	ASK
7.30pm	Rose Hill Bible Study

11 Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion – Revd Keith Holloway
10.00am	Morning Worship – 'The protector' – Canon John Turton
6.30pm	Holy Communion – 'Restore your relationship' – Archdeacon Robin King
	Focus Youth Group
7.30pm	Prayer Meeting – Jesus Chapel
8.00pm	

10.00 a.m.
Church Family Worship

See separate Order of Service

Offertory: see first bullet, back page

Christingle Makers: volunteers are needed to assemble Christingles for our Crib and Christingle service. Our merry band of Christingle makers will meet on Thursday, 22 December from 1pm onwards in Church House. Three extra reasons to help: 1, tea, coffee and leftover sweets, 2, Christmas music and good company, 3, Andy will dress up (one of these may not be true...) Please bring joy to Joel or Andy by letting them know if you can help.

6.30 p.m.
Evening Worship

Service Lead: Janet Bamforth

*Reading: Zechariah 14: 1-20
(page 966)*

Janet Bamforth

Prayers: Ade Odupitan

Sermon: 'The future Messiah'

Jennifer Bailey

BYPC: we now have the keys to our new premises opposite the Fountain and we would love some help in preparing the building for use. If you are (or know of) a surveyor or builder who could advise on structural alterations, this is a priority for us, as we need written plans before applying for funding or planning permission for any changes.

In the immediate future, we have some cleaning sessions planned: –
Weds 7 December 10am-12pm to clean the inside of the building. If you can help with any aspect of the building/cleaning, please contact Kirsty Huxter on:
Kirsty.huxter@braintreeyouth.org.uk or phone 07476 948737.

For your prayers:

Unwell: Gloria Boar, Hilary Schaad (post op), Chinyere Gloria Umeh (recovering from op), Mary (Joyce and Norman's grand-daughter), Doris Kennell, David Henfrey (cancer treatment)

Housebound: Mary Hales, Walter Simkins

Other Matters: Mission of the Month - Deep Sea Fishermen

Our Mission Partners:

- ACTS: Joanna Ilboudo and her team in Burkina Faso.
- Tim and Charissa Cooke (Counties) and their Make Jesus Known outreach based in Manchester.
- Chain Foundation (Uganda): Bishop Livingstone and Ruth, Stone & Florence.

NOTICES

Dates for your diary:

17 December 3 Wise Men and a Baby (see notice)

24 December Family Crib and Christingle Service at 4.00pm

Day of Prayer and Fasting: Please remember that we face a £9,450 deficit in our accounts this year and prayerfully consider your response.

LINK Magazine: December issue available (30p). Also, The Month, the free diocesan magazine.

Christmas Bookstall: today. Come and browse and buy in time for Christmas.

Free Will Envelopes: will be ready to be collected from pigeon holes from today.

Notice about resolution: Wednesday, 4 January 2017. May we draw your attention to an important notice on the board in the South Porch. Please talk to any of the PCC members for further information.

Please, please, please: could anyone who has taken the tea towels from Church House to be washed kindly return them as soon as possible?

3 Wise Men and a Baby: the talented children of St Michaels Church will be performing "3 Wise Men and a Baby" on Saturday, 17 December in Church House starting at 6pm. It is gold coin entry and any profits will go to BYPC. Refreshments will be available after the performance. Please see Lauryn Wicks for any further details.

Carol Service Candles: need to have their batteries installed. Can you please help after the 10.00am service next Sunday before the Christmas lunch? It's a job where 'many hands make light work'.

Carol Service seasonal refreshments: are needed for the Carol Service... Homemade always popular. Offers to Jennifer Bailey please.

A Rocha winter magazine: is available at the back of the church. Please take it and read. Also make a date of Saturday 13 May for the opening of the new reserve which is in Foxearth, near Sudbury.

notices continued overleaf.....