

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!

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.



ST MICHAELS BRAINTREE

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General Information

Vicar	Vacancy	
Churchwardens	Cyril Bamforth	01376 328406
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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)

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

11 December 2016 - 3rd of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion – Revd Keith Holloway
10.00am	Morning Worship
10.00am	Youth Church
12.00 for 12.30	Christmas Lunch (if booked)
6.30pm	Holy Communion
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'

12 Monday

7.30pm	Bell Ringing
8.00pm	Badminton

13 Tuesday

JANUARY LINK SUBMISSION DUE

1.15pm	Tiddlywinks
8.00pm	Ladies Group

14 Wednesday

7.25pm	Elders – Church House
8.00pm	Bible Study Group: Lifebuilder

15 Thursday

3.30pm	ASK
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17 Saturday

6.00pm	3 Wise Men and a Baby
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18 Sunday

4th of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion – Revd Sarah Hayward
10.00am	Holy Communion – 'The good decision' – Revd Stephen Bailey
6.30pm	Carol Service – Roger Cooke
7.30pm	Focus Youth Group

10.00 a.m.
Morning Worship

1-4: Welcome and Greeting

Hymn: MP 699

5-6: Confession

Hymn: MP 204

Bible Reading: Ezekiel 34: 1-10
(page 873)

Estelle Wicks

Hymn: Joy has dawned upon the
world [words in next column]

Bible Reading: John 10: 14-16
(page 1081)

Chris Jones

Hymn: MP 381

7-8: Creed

9-11: Prayers

Rosa Read

Notices:

12: *Offertory

Hymn: MP 37

Sermon: 'The protector'

Canon John Turton

Hymn: MP 445

13-16: Blessing

***see first bullet, back page**

6.30 p.m.

Holy Communion

Celebrant: *Archdeacon Robin King
and Cyril Bamforth*

Reading: Malachi 3: 16 - 4: 5
(page 970) *Jonathan Wicks*

Prayers: *Richard Richardson*

Sermon: 'Restore your relationship'
Archdeacon Robin King

Joy has dawned upon the world

Promised from creation
God's salvation now unfurled
Hope for every nation
Not with fanfares from above
Not with scenes of glory
But a humble gift of love
Jesus born of Mary

Sounds of wonder fill the sky

With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life
Shelters in a stable
Hands that set each star in place
Shaped the earth in darkness
Cling now to a mother's breast
Vulnerable and helpless

Shepherds bow before the Lamb

Gazing at the glory
Gifts of men from distant lands
Prophecy the story
Gold a King is born today
Incense God is with us
Myrrh His death will make a way
And by His blood He'll win us

Son of Adam Son of heaven

Given as a ransom
Reconciling God and man
Christ our mighty Champion
What a Saviour what a Friend
What a glorious mystery
Once a babe in Bethlehem
Now the Lord of history

Stuart Townend eLvricks

For your prayers:

Unwell: Gloria Boar, Chinyere Gloria Umeh (recovering from op), Mary (Joyce and Norman's grand-daughter), Doris Kennell,

Housebound: Tony Joslin, Molly Abbott

Other Matters: Jennifer at Fairstead am, 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. The band are in Poland this week to work in schools and Tim joins them on Thursday to preach at gospel concerts.
- Chain Foundation (Uganda): Bishop Livingstone and Ruth, Stone & Florence.

NOTICES

Dates for your diary:

24 December Family Crib and Christingle Service at 4.00pm

Day of Prayer and Fasting: Please remember that we face a £8,587.50 deficit in our accounts this year and prayerfully consider your response.

Notice about resolution: Wednesday, 4 January 2017. May we draw your attention to an important notice on the board in the South Porch. If you cannot come to the meeting please give any member of the PCC your considered and biblical view on this matter. It will be heard and taken into account when the PCC votes.

Carol Service Candles: a big 'thank you' to Dave and Lin Terris for putting the batteries into the candles for us. If you were planning to help us assemble them today, could you please be on stand-by to remove the batteries in the New Year?

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

Verse of the Year: please collect your verse card from the table.

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.

Thank you: from Andy Malcolm from the Fishermen's Mission as we raised approximately £550 at last week's service.

Church Cleaning Rota: if you are able to volunteer to help clean the church on Friday mornings please speak to Jill Jackson.

notices continued overleaf.....