



# ST MICHAELS BRAINTREE

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## General Information

Vicar	Vacancy	
Churchwardens	Cyril Bamforth	01376 328406
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- **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](http://www.stmichaelsbtree.co.uk)

Name(s).....

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## Today

### 25 December 2016 - Christmas Day

8.00am	Holy Communion – Revd Sarah Hayward
10.00am	Morning Worship

*Please join us for refreshments after the 10am service*

## This Week

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

### **1 Sunday**

### **Naming and circumcision**

8.00am	Holy Communion –
10.00am	Church Family Worship

**Please note there will not be**

**5.15pm Evening Prayer or 6.30pm Evening Worship**

**11.15 p.m.**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**Midnight Service**

*Service Lead: Cyril Bamforth*

4. Opening Prayer

Hymn: MP 491

Bible Reading: Genesis 1: 1-2;  
1: 26-31 (page 1) *Janet Bamforth*

Christmas Eve Collect

13. Creed

Hymn: MP 196

Bible Reading: Genesis 6: 5-8; 7: 1-5  
(page 6) *Phil Bartlett-Rawlings*

Christmas Poem

Hymn: MP 345

Bible Reading: Isaiah 9: 1-7  
(page 692) *Richard Richardson*

32. The Lord's Prayer followed by a  
time of prayer *Joel Wicks*

Bible Reading: Luke 2: 1-20  
(page 1032) *Lesley Davey*

A Christmas Meditation

*Cyril Bamforth*

A time of quiet reflexion

A time of praise and thanksgiving

Hymn: MP 80

Closing prayer

37: The peace

***Retiring Collection for Tearfund***

**10.00 a.m.**  
**Christmas Day**

*Service Lead: Janet Bamforth*

*Please see separate*  
*Order of Service*

*Cyril and Lesley would like to  
wish everyone a very Happy  
Christmas and thank you for  
all your support this year!*

**For your prayers:**

**Unwell:** Doris Kennell, Gloria Boar, Chinyere Gloria Umeh (recovering from op), Mary (Joyce and Norman's grand-daughter. Bandages removed and healing well)

**Housebound:** Dorothy Hale, John Watts

**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:**

4 January 2017 Notice about resolution meeting

**Please remember to collect any mail from the pigeonholes.**

**Day of Prayer and Fasting:** Please remember that we face a £7,035.50 deficit in our accounts this year and prayerfully consider your response.

**Carol Service Refreshments:** thank you everyone for the contributions to the seasonal refreshments...they were appreciated.

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

**Notice about resolution:** Wednesday, 4 January in Church House. On the table by the kitchen there are a limited number of copies of an extract of an article by the Bishop of Maidstone. Please take one or read the copy that is on the reverse of the red notice board in church. The resolution itself is on the notice board in the South Porch. Please also talk to PCC members or use the box (also on the table) to make any comments for them.

**Parish Surgery:** is closed next week and re-opens at 6.30pm on Friday, 6 January.

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

**Bible Notes:** CWR and Scripture Union for 2017 are in the pigeon holes.

**The Revd. Canon Alistair McHaffie:** those who remember Alistair as curate at St Michaels 1994-98, will be interested and pleased to know that he is being made a Canon of Blackburn Cathedral on Sunday, 15 January.

**Car Park Permits 2017:** 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 by 31 December. The cost this year is £15 for the whole year, an increase, but still great value!

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