



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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7th January 2024 - First Sunday of Epiphany

Church Services

All our services are in the church building and a video recording of the 10am services are later uploaded to our YouTube Channel "St. Michael's - Worship on the Web."

Sunday, 7th January

- 10.00am Church Family Worship – '*Andrew: bringing others to Jesus*'
– John 1: 35-42 – Rachel Grove Smith
- 4.00pm Holy Communion – Verse of the Year: '*The Word of our God will stand forever*' – Isaiah 40: 1-11 – Rev Nigel Adams
- 6.30pm Evening Worship – Verse of the Year: '*The Word of our God will stand forever*' – Isaiah 40:1-11 – Rev Nigel Adams

Sunday, 14th January

- 10.00am Junior Church (3-14s) & Creche (under 3s)
- 10.00am Morning Worship - '*The Flight to Egypt*' - Matthew 2: 13-23
– Rev Nigel Adams
- 6.30pm Holy Communion - '*Paul goes to Jerusalem*' - Acts 21: 1-16
– Jennifer Bailey

There is a Creche available (for those under the age of 3) in the Main Hall in Church House where there are lots of toys! Creche will start at the same time as Junior Church (usually after the second song), so please bring your creche aged children into church for 10am. Please speak to Rachel Grove Smith if you have any questions.

General Information

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| Vicar | Rev Nigel Adams Email: revnigeladams@gmail.com (Nigel's day of rest will be on Friday this week) |
| Churchwardens | Lin Terris Ade Odupitan |
| Honorary Curate | Rev Stephen Bailey |
| Children's and Youth Worker (part-time) | Rachel Grove Smith |
| Pastoral Assistant | Jo Adams |
| Treasurer | Vacancy |
| Contact Margaret Kinniburgh to add items to the Notice Sheet (by noon Thursday) email: notices@stmichaelsbtreetree.co.uk . | |

Keeping in touch

To phone, please leave a message on the church office phone (01376 321248).

St. Michael's Church website is on the following link - <http://stmichaelsbtreetree.co.uk/website/> (If this does not work, you might need to clear your browsing history/web cache from your browser. In most browsers this can be done using Ctrl+Shift+Del.) On this page you can see our Magazine, Notice sheets, Annual reports and other details and will be able to access our Sunday online services.

Our Facebook page is: www.facebook.com/stmichaelschurchbraintree/

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.

Name(s)

Address

Telephone

Email

10.00am Church Family Worship

Welcome & notices

Birthday Slot

Opening Prayer

Song: It's a New New Day

Confession

Introduction to theme for the year

Song: Our Help

Sign the Lord's Prayer
- Jennifer Bailey

Prayers: Adam Gray

Song: His Mercy is More

Bible Reading: John 1: 35-42 (p.1069)
- Rod Davey

Talk: '*Andrew: bringing others to Jesus*' - Rachel Grove Smith

Song: In Christ Alone (MP 1072)

Closing prayer

6.30pm Evening Worship

Welcome, notices

Opening prayer

Song: Lord, I come before your throne
of grace (Faithful God) (MP 1087)

Apostles Creed

Confession

Song: The Lord's my shepherd
(MP 1008)

Prayers: Jan Bamforth

Song: Speak, Lord, in the stillness
(MP 608)

Bible reading: Isaiah 40:1-11 (p. 724) -
Jonathan Wicks

Talk: Verse of the Year: '*The word of
our God will stand forever*'
- Rev Nigel Adams

Song: From the breaking of the dawn
(MP 1272)

Closing prayer

For your prayers:

Unwell: Sandra Savill, Linda (Lexi Allen's mother), Stephen Siddle, Jeff Wise, Elaine Stoodley, Gill Bass, Michael Latta, Jill Jackson, David Goodwill, Rev Canon Alistair McHaffie (former curate), Pamhi Shonhiwa, Kirsty Huxter, Angela Hibbert-Foy, Terry Clark, Alan (Edward Toussaint's brother), Norma Huxter, Linda (Gloria Boar's daughter), Alan Bass, Jim Roberts, Dennis Buston, Katherine Cridland

Bereaved: Michael Burke, having lost his wife Jenny, her sister and now her brother, in the last four months. Please pray for Barbara Roberts & family following the death of Jim on Tues 19th Dec.

Housebound: David and Anne Harvey

Mission of the Month: Chain Foundation was set up to deal with the high number of children who were left orphaned in Uganda and to assist with the health and education of others in the area. Today, the Chain Foundation have a Home for Children, farms which help make produce to keep the foundation self-sufficient and schools for all ages and abilities including the blind. The children utilize devotions that are held every evening to know more about Jesus' love and also strengthen their covenant with God.

Hymns We Love will be taking place each month, following on from "Carols We Love". The first one will be on Thurs 11th Jan, 10.00-11.30am in Church House. We will enjoy some much-loved hymns and will focus on "How great Thou art", with an explanation of its origins and what it tells us of our amazing and loving Creator God. Includes light refreshments and a time to chat. If you are planning to join us, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, or let Nigel or Jo Adams know. Any questions, please speak to Nigel or Jo.

We are delighted to announce that Angel Joseph-Aung will be starting as our **Bookkeeper/Administrator** on Mon 15th Jan. The church office will normally be staffed on **Monday to Wednesday, 9am-2pm**. Do please pray for Angel as she settles into this new role.

Welcome Tea: Sunday 28th January, 4.00-5.30pm in Church House, with an outline of things that happen at St Michael's and an opportunity to ask questions. It is suitable for children and babies to attend. If you have started attending St Michael's Church and would like to join us, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, or let Jo Adams know by Sun 21st Jan, for catering purposes.

Parking Permits: From January you will need a new parking permit if you are using church house car park for other than church business. Parking permits will be valid until the end of 2024 and charged at £20 per permit. Permits will only be issued to members on the electoral roll. Application forms can be found in church (in the Welcome Area) and need to be returned with payment to Phil Bartlett-Rawlings.

Hope Explored is a 3 week course, from the Christianity Explored team. It asks the question, "***What's the best future you could ever imagine?***" and looks at where we seek our Hope, Peace and Purpose in life. We will be running it on three Mondays, starting on 8th Jan from 7.30pm. Please speak to Nigel or Jo Adams if you have any questions or would like to join us.

First Priority Prayer Meeting will be on Tuesday 9th January, 8-9pm in the small hall of Church House. There is much to pray about for our nation, our world and for churches. All are welcome to join us.