



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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21st January 2024 - Third Sunday after 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, 21st January

10.00am Junior Church (3-14s) & Creche (under 3s)

10.00am Holy Communion - 'Verse of the Year: The Word of our God will stand forever' - Isaiah 40: 1-11 - Rev Stephen Bailey

6.00pm Refreshments before All-Age Tonight - 'Saul's conversion' - Acts 9: 1-19
- Rev Nigel Adams

Sunday, 28th January

10.00am Junior Church (3-14s) & Creche (under 3s)

10.00am Morning Worship - Stewardship Sunday - 'Sowing and reaping' -
2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 - Rev Nigel Adams

4.00pm Welcome Tea

6.30pm Holy Communion - 'Paul visits James' - Acts 21: 17-26
- Roger Cooke

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

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
Bookkeeper/Administrator	Angel Joseph-Aung
Pastoral Assistant	Jo Adams
Treasurer	Vacancy

Contact Margaret Kinniburgh to add items to the Notice Sheet (by noon **Thursday**) email: notices@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk.

Keeping in touch

The church office is normally staffed Mon-Wed, 9am-2pm – the church office phone number is 01376 321248.

St. Michael's Church website is on the following link - <http://stmichaelsbtree.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 Holy Communion

Welcome & notices

Opening Prayer

Song: Jesus, Strong and Kind

Birthday slot

Prayer before the children & young people leave

Song: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness (MP 529)

Confession

Prayers: Barbara Wells

Song: Speak O Lord

Bible reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11 (p.724) - Sue Sewell

Sermon: Verse of the Year: *'the Word of our God will stand forever'* - Rev Stephen Bailey

Song: Led like a lamb to the slaughter (MP 402)

Explanation of Communion, Prayer of Humble Access, Eucharistic prayer and administration of Communion

Song: Only a Holy God (Come and behold him)

Closing prayer

6.00pm for refreshments

6.30pm All-Age Tonight

Welcome, notices

Opening prayer

Song: God so loved...(Saviour of the world)

Confession

Activity: Finding your way

Song: Amazing Grace (MP 1151)

Prayers: Marsh family

'Like Marmite?' - sharing responses - Rev Nigel Adams

Song: Open the eyes of my heart, Lord (MP 1100)

Bible reading: Acts 9: 1-19 (p. 1105)

Talk: *'Saul's conversion'* - Rev Nigel Adams

Song: When I was lost you came and rescued me (MP 1127)

Closing prayer

For your prayers:

Unwell: Robin Sewell, Sandra Savill, Linda (Lexi Allen's mother), 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, Dennis Buston, Katherine Cridland

Bereaved: Please pray for Barbara Roberts & family following the death of Jim.

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.

We are intending to start a **monthly men's Bible study** on Thursday 18th February at 7.30pm in the Mulberry Tree (where we had our last men's breakfast). We've chosen it so that anyone who needs a meal can get it before/as we study. The study will be an introductory talk about the passage, then a chat about issues it raises and a brief time of prayer. Probably about an hour in total. Please let Roger Cooke or Nigel Adams know if you're planning to join us, or if you have any questions.

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.

Oasis@StMichael's (our informal bereavement support group) are meeting on Thursday, 25th January 2pm until 3.30pm in St Michael's Church House (Small Hall). All are most welcome to join us.

Rose Hill Bible Study will meet in future in Church House each Thursday at 7.30pm hopefully in the Office. Anyone who would like to join a weekly Bible Study Group would be very welcome to come and join us or give us a try! We are studying Hebrews at the moment. Any questions, please speak to Jennifer Bailey.