



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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25th February 2024 - Second Sunday in Lent

General Information

Vicar	Rev Nigel Adams Email: revnigeladams@gmail.com <i>(Nigel's day of rest will be on Friday this week)</i>
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

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, 25th February

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

10.00am Morning Worship - *'To live is Christ'* - Philippians 1:18b-30

- Rev Nigel Adams

6.30pm Holy Communion - *'Paul before the Jewish Council'* - Acts 22:30-23:10

- Cyril Bamforth

Sunday, 3rd March

10.00am Church Family Worship - *'Matthew: drawing in the outcast'*

- Matthew 9: 9-13 - Rachel Grove Smith

4.00pm Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) - *'Fearfully and wonderfully made'* - Psalm 139 - Cyril Bamforth

6.30pm Evening Worship - *'Fearfully and wonderfully made'* - Psalm 139

- Cyril Bamforth

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.

10.00am Morning Worship

Welcome & notices
Opening Prayer
Song: Be bold, be strong
Birthday slot
Prayer before the children & young people leave
Song: Christ triumphant, ever reigning (MP 77)
Confession and prayer of forgiveness
Song: All my days I will sing this song of gladness (MP 1024)
Prayers: Sue Sewell
Song: Yet not I but through Christ in me
Bible reading: Philippians 1: 18b-30 (p. 1179) - Graham Goodchild
Talk: 'To live is Christ' - Rev Nigel Adams
Song: When the music fades (MP 1016)
Closing prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

Welcome & notices
Opening prayer
Song: All heaven declares (MP 14)
The Creed
Confession
Prayers: Barbara Wells
Song: Purify my heart (MP 921)
Bible reading: Acts 22: 30 - 23:10 (p. 1123) - Jam Bamforth
Talk: 'Paul before the Jewish Council' - Cyril Bamforth
Song: Amazing grace (MP 31)
Explanation of Communion
Prayer of Humble Access, Eucharistic prayer and administration of Communion
Lord's Prayer
Song: Make me a channel of your peace (MP 456)
Closing prayer

There will be **no Club Night** on **Thursday** (29th February). We will restart on Thursday 7th March. Club Nights take place on a Thursday evening, between 7pm and 9pm, and are for those of Secondary School age (this term we are also welcoming Year 6's). Each Club Night session takes place in Church House. During each session we have a range of games and activities (including craft activities) on offer and we spend the last half hour (8.30pm-9pm) in the Small Hall exploring parts of the Bible through discussion, debate and interactive activities. If you would like more information then please speak to Rachel – rgrovesmith@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk

Men's meal out – Wed 13th Mar, 7pm at The Compasses, Littley Green, CM3 1BU. All men are very welcome – please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you are planning to join us.

For your prayers:

Unwell: Rev Nigel Adams, David Goodwill, Norma Huxter, Richard Ould, Terry Clark, Robin Sewell, Sandra Savill, Linda (Lexi Allen's mother), Elaine Stoodley, Gill Bass, Michael Latta, Rev Canon Alistair McHaffie (former curate), Pamhi Shonhiwa, Kirsty Huxter, Angela Hibbert-Foy, Alan (Edward Toussaint's brother), Linda (Gloria Boar's daughter), Alan Bass, Dennis Buston, Katherine Cridland

Bereaved: Please pray for Sid Wooding (at The Hawthorns) & family following the death of his wife Olive.

Housebound: David and Anne Harvey

Mission of the Month: Open Doors continues their worthy mission of bringing into the light the plight of persecuted Christians around the world. As a mission partner with Open Doors, let us at St Michaels, continue to pray and support the work of Open Doors. Please pick up a copy of the World Watch List 2024 to find out more about countries (and stories) where believing in Jesus Christ cost the most - perhaps use this magazine as a source of prayer points. For more information, please visit opendoorsuk.org or speak to Ade Odupitan.

Our **Lent course** will run on the four Mondays in March (4th, 11th, 18th & 25th) in the main hall of Church House. We will hear and discuss some thought provoking and challenging talks by Dr Ros Clarke, first given at the Keswick Convention last summer. *"Being human is complicated! Our bodies, intellects and emotions are all God-given gifts, but we so often find them in varying states of disorder. How then, can we become the full bearers of God's image that we were made to be?"* Refreshments from 7.45pm, for an 8pm start. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, or let Nigel or Jo Adams know, if you plan to attend.

SMASH holiday club is fast approaching!! This year it is again happening during the Easter holidays (Tuesday 2nd April – Thursday 4th April) and it is suitable for children of primary school age. As usual there will be lots of fun including Bible stories, games, craft and much more. Please get the dates in your diary and details of how to sign up will be out soon! If you have any questions then please do speak to Rachel or e-mail her - rgrovesmith@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk.

Our Monthly Prayer Cycle: which includes the names of a number of the church family, to pray for on a daily basis, is being revised. If you were in the last edition (published last year), please let Angel Joseph Aung, our bookkeeper/administrator, know if you would like to come out of it. If you were not in the last edition, please let Angel know if you would like to be included in this one. Could any changes be sent to Angel by Sun 10th March, either via emailing ajaung@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk or by phoning the church office (01376 321248) please.