



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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7th April 2024 - Second Sunday in Easter

General Information

Vicar	Rev Nigel Adams Email: revnigeladams@gmail.com <i>(Nigel's day of rest will be on Saturday this week)</i>
	Rev James Wells Email: jwells@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk
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, 7th April

10.00am Church Family Worship - Luke 9: 51-56; - Rachel Grove Smith
 4.00pm Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) - *'Hope in God'* - Psalm 42 - Rev James Wells
 6.30pm Evening Worship - *'Hope in God'* - Psalm 42 - Rev James Wells

Sunday, 14th April - Eco Church Sunday

10.00am Junior Church (3-14s) & Creche (under 3s)
 10.00am Morning Worship - *'God's good creation'* - Psalm 19: 1-10 - Simon Brown
 6.30pm Holy Communion - *'Paul the defender'* - Acts 25: 1-22 - Rev Nigel Adams

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 Church Family Worship

Welcome & notices

Birthday Slot

Opening Prayer

Song: Super Saviour

Confession

Song: 10, 9, 8, God is Great

Prayers: Helen Kemp

Bible reading: Luke 9: 51-56
(p. 1045) - Leigh Calder

Song: Jesus Number 1

Activity - Rachel Grove Smith

Talk: Rachel Grove Smith

Song: His Mercy is More

Closing prayer

6.30pm Evening Worship

Welcome & notices

Opening prayer

Song: There is a hope (MP 1358)

Apostles Creed

Confession and prayer of
forgiveness

Song: My hope is built (MP 473)

Prayers: Ade Odupitan

Song: As the deer (MP 37)

Bible reading: Psalm 42 (p. 563) -
Jennifer Bailey

Talk: *'Hope in God!'*
- Rev James Wells

Song: My lips shall praise you
(MP 896)

Closing prayer

For your prayers:

Unwell: Rev Stephen Bailey, Roger Cooke, Frank Stafford, David Goodwill, Norma Huxter, 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 Anne Harvey following the death of David.

Housebound: Anne Harvey

Mission of the Month: A Rocha: was founded in Portugal in 1983 by Peter and Miranda Harris. St Michael's have been supporters for many years and now more than ever it is important that we continue this support as a church and individually. As Christians it's vital we support their work in caring for God's amazing creation. We are excited to have gained our Bronze Eco Church Award which will be presented at the 10am service on 14th April by Simon Brown from A Rocha. In the meantime take a look at two excellent websites:

Arocha.org.uk for information on UK work and items for prayer and encouragement. Arocha.org to read about the work around the globe where A Rocha are involved.

Hymns We Love will be on Thurs 11th April 10.00-11.30am in Church House. We will enjoy some much-loved hymns and will focus on 'Amazing Grace', with an explanation of its origins and what it tells us of God's amazing grace and favour to us. Includes light refreshments and a time to chat. All are welcome.

Our next **Men's Breakfast** will be on Sat 20th April, 8.30am at The Mulberry Tree, Braintree Bypass, CM77 8GG. We look forward to **Andy Malcolm** (of the Fishermen's Mission) who will be sharing something of God's work in his life under the title, "A journey from the city to the coast". Unlimited cooked breakfast (£10.99) or unlimited continental breakfast (£8.99). Do please consider inviting guests. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, if you plan to join us.

Women@St Michael's Conference Day: will be held on Saturday, 11th May 10.00am - 3.00pm in Church House. The Theme will be *Joy for Life* and our speaker will be Michelle Sweeting from Holy Cross Felsted. The cost is £8 which includes lunch, refreshments and all materials. There are sign up forms on the crossing in Church.

Conor Stafford's Baptism is now going to be at a later date, so please note that there will **not** now be a lunch after Church Family Worship on Sun 7th April.

First Priority Prayer Meeting will be on Tuesday 9th April, 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.

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 Wednesdays, starting on 17th April from 7.30pm at the Vicarage. Please speak to Nigel or Jo Adams if you have any questions or would like to join us.

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be on Tues 21st May, 7.30pm. In order to vote at the annual meeting you need to be on the Electoral Roll. Please speak to Nigel Adams if you wish to know how to join.