



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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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
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

26th November 2023 - Last Sunday before Advent Christ the King

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, 26th November

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

10.00am Morning Worship - '*Christ the King*' - Ephesians 1: 15-23

- Cyril Bamforth

6.30pm Holy Communion - '*A tale of two kingdoms*' - 2 Samuel 2: 1-32

- Rev Nigel Adams

Sunday, 3rd December

10.00am Church Family Worship - '*Alpha & Omega*' - Revelation 21:1-7

- Jennifer Bailey

12.00noon Lunch in Church House

4.00pm Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) - '*Crowned by the King!*'

- Psalm 8 - Rev Nigel Adams

6.30pm Evening Worship - '*Crowned by the King!*' - Psalm 8

- 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 Morning Worship

Welcome & notices

Opening Prayer

Song: Jesus is the King - video

Birthday slot

Prayer before the children & young people leave

Song: Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord (MP 1222)

Confession and prayer of forgiveness

Song: King of Kings, majesty (MP 1000)

Prayers: Laura Smith

Song: Majesty, worship his majesty (MP 454)

Bible reading: Ephesians 1: 15-23 (p.1174) - Jim Hughes

Talk: '*Christ the King*' - Cyril Bamforth

Song: The splendour of the king (MP 1227)

Closing prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

Welcome & notices

Opening Prayer

Song: Come, now is the time to worship (MP 1040)

The Creed

Confession

Prayers: Graham Savill

Song: Be Still and Know (MP 48)

Bible reading: 2 Samuel 2: 1-32 (p. 306) - Jan Bamforth

Talk: '*A tale of two kingdoms*' - Rev Nigel Adams

Song: Purify My Heart (MP 921)

Explanation of Communion

Prayer of Humble Access, Eucharistic prayer and administration of Communion

Lord's Prayer

Song: Blessing and Honour, Glory and Power (MP 976)

Closing prayer

For your prayers:

Unwell: Gill Bass, Michael Latta, Dianne Ellam, Jill Jackson, David Goodwill, Rev Canon Alistair McHaffie (former curate), Jim Winning, 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, Elaine Stoodley

Housebound: David and Anne Harvey

Mission of the Month: Barnabas Aid (formerly Barnabas Fund): is an international aid agency that aims to support Christian communities, churches and individuals around the world who face persecution and discrimination because of their faith. They started a new outreach to fight hunger: You share. We ship. For more information, please visit:

The International Christian Food Bank
food.gives is really simple. You share it. We ship it

Many congratulations to David, Jess, Arthur & Bruce on the birth of Conor, a son and brother!

Club Nights for those of Secondary School will take place each **Thursday** for the rest of the term, between 7pm and 9pm, in the lead up to Christmas. Here are the dates for your diary... 30th November, 7th, 14th, 21st December. Each Club Night session will take place in Church House.

During each session we have a range of games and activities (including craft activities) on offer and some will include a Christmassy theme. As part of each Club Night we will spend the last half hour (8.30pm-9pm) in the Small Hall exploring the events of the very first Christmas through discussion, debate and interactive activities.

Christmas in Art is an evening with art historian Nigel Halliday, exploring the birth of Jesus through art over the centuries. It will run at Holy Cross Church in Felsted on Fri 1st Dec, 7.30-9.30pm, with a presentation, Q&As with drinks & nibbles. There is no charge for the evening. If you would like to attend, please book via felstedchurch.org.uk/events-2023. Cards about the evening are at the back of church.

Asylum-seekers are being housed at the former airbase at **Wethersfield**. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10.30am-1.00pm, a number of them are going to Elim Church in Manor Street, where volunteers from a charity called Care4Calais are organising games, English lessons, haircuts and other activities. Volunteers from the church are serving refreshments. If you would like to know more, or would like to volunteer to assist with the refreshments, please speak to Nigel Adams or contact Tony Britten (tony_britten@btopenworld.com).

Women @ St Michael's Prayer Lunch Thursday, 30th November in Church House from 12pm-2pm. Sign up list on the table at the crossing.

Date for your diary - '**A Sparkling Christmas Evening**' on **Friday, 8th December** in St Michael's School Hall from 7pm - 9.30pm which will include seasonal refreshments, Christmas Music, make a Christmas table decoration, Origami, learn a new Carol and drama with Rachel....come and bring a friend. Cost £5.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal: Thank you to all who helped with our final totals of 54 physical and 18 online shoeboxes. They are now on their way to the final processing centres before being sent out. Now we wait to see where they went. Wherever they go they will give the gift of God's word and great cheer.