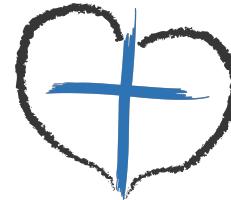




# ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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Vicar

## General Information

Rev Nigel Adams  
Email: [revnigeladams@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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/](https://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 .....

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**11th February 2024 - Last 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, 11th February**

10.00am Junior Church (3-14s) & Creche (under 3s)  
10.00am Morning Worship - '*How to increase your joy*' - Philippians 1:1-11  
- Rev Nigel Adams  
6.00pm Refreshments  
6.30pm All-Age Tonight - '*Persecutor becomes preacher*' - Acts 9: 19b-31  
- Rev Stephen Bailey

### **Sunday, 18th February**

10.00am Junior Church (3-14s) & Creche (under 3s)  
10.00am Holy Communion - '*The advance of the gospel*' - Philippians 1:12-18a  
- Roger Cooke  
6.30pm Evening Worship - '*The misunderstood missionary*' - Acts 21:27 - 22:29  
- 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  
Birthday slot  
Prayer before the children & young people leave  
Song: Rejoice the Lord is King (MP 575)  
Confession & prayer of forgiveness  
Bible Project: introduction to Philippians - video  
Song: Blessed be Your name (MP 1036)  
Prayers: Rev Stephen Bailey  
Song: King of the ages, almighty God (MP 1082)  
Bible reading: Philippians 1: 1-11 (p.1179) - Adam Gray  
Talk: '*How to increase your joy*' - Rev Nigel Adams  
Song: The King of love is my delight (MP 1009)  
Closing prayer

## 6.00pm for refreshments

### 6.30pm All-Age Tonight

Welcome & notices  
Opening prayer  
Song: We want to see Jesus lifted high (MP 957)  
Confession  
Unlikely candidates?!  
Song: I believe in Jesus (MP 264)  
Prayers: Rachel Grove Smith  
Drama: 'The unwelcome guest'  
Song: Jesus shall take the highest honour (MP 378)  
Bible reading: Acts 9:19b-31 (p. 1105) - Rishon Linges  
Talk: '*Persecutor becomes preacher*' - Rev Stephen Bailey  
Song: Men of faith (MP 1094)  
Closing prayer

## For your prayers:

**Unwell:** Norma Huxter, Richard Ould, Terry Clark, Robin Sewell, Sandra Savill, Linda (Lexi Allen's mother), Elaine Stoodley, Gill Bass, Michael Latta, David Goodwill, 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, and Barbara Roberts & family following the death of Jim.

**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](http://opendoorsuk.org) or speak to Ade Odupitan.

We are intending to start a **monthly men's Bible study** on Thursday, 15th 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.

We will be having a **Congregational Meeting** in church on Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Feb from 7.30pm, about the Prayers of Love & Faith that were introduced late last year and which are a matter of concern for us. It will be an opportunity to be brought up to date, and to ask questions, about where the Church of England, and we at St Michael's, are in respect of these issues. Anyone on the Electoral Roll will be most welcome to attend. Please contact Nigel Adams if you have any questions about this or wish to give apologies for absence.

**First Priority Prayer Meeting** will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 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.

**Danbury Mission Women's Conference** is on Sat 9th March, 9.15am-3.00pm. Lizzie Smallwood will be speaking about "Greater: Persevering in Jesus". Bring a packed lunch – tickets are £10 each. Details can be found on the Danbury Mission website.

Our **Lent course** will run on the four Mondays in March (4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>) 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.