



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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4th February 2024 - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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@stmichaelsbtreetree.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://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

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, 4th February

- 10.00am Church Family Worship - '*Simon Peter: defending (& rebuking) Jesus*' - Mark 1:16-20 & 8:27-28 - Jennifer Bailey
- 4.00pm Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) - '*Big God, little me!*' - Psalm 90 - Rev Nigel Adams
- 6.30pm Evening Worship - '*Big God, little me!*' - Psalm 90 - Rev Nigel Adams

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
- 6.30pm All-Age Tonight - '*Persecutor become preacher*' - Acts 9: 19b-31 - Rev Stephen Bailey

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: Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Confession

Activity: Fish game

Bible reading: Mark 1: 16-20

Song: Every blade of grass

'The Friend who Forgives' - video

Song: Our Father in Heaven (MP 550)

Prayers: Marsh family

Bible reading: Mark 8: 27-38

Talk: *'Simon Peter: defending (& rebuking)'* - Jennifer Bailey

Song: Wonderful Grace (MP 966)

Closing prayer

6.30pm Evening Worship

Welcome & notices

Opening prayer

Song: You're the Word of God the Father (MP 1141)

Apostles Creed

Confession

Song: O God Our Help (MP 498)

Prayers: Ade Odupitan

Song: The Steadfast Love of the Lord (MP 666)

Bible reading: Psalm 90 (p. 596)
- Jo Adams

Talk: *'Big God, little me!'*
- Rev Nigel Adams

Song: The splendour of the King (MP 1227)

Closing prayer

For your prayers:

Unwell: 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), 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: 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.

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 21st Feb from 7.30pm, about the Prayers of Love & Faith that were introduced late last year. 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 speak to Nigel Adams if you have any questions about this.

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.

The second of our **Hymns We Love** will be on Thurs 8th February 10.00-11.30am in Church House. We will enjoy some much-loved hymns and will focus on "Rock of Ages", with an explanation of its origins and what it tells us of our amazing and loving Creator God. Includes light refreshments and a time to chat. If you are planning to join us, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, or let Nigel or Jo Adams know. Any questions, please speak to Nigel or Jo.

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.