



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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**10th March 2024 - Fourth Sunday in Lent
Mothering Sunday**



Easter services at St Michael's

Thurs 28th March – Maundy Thursday

8.00pm – Holy Communion

Friday 29th March – Good Friday

9.30am – United Service at Elim Church, Manor Street,
followed by a Walk of Witness to George Yard

3.00pm – An Hour by the Cross

Sunday 31st March – Easter Day

8.00am – Holy Communion

10.00am – Easter Family Praise

6.30pm – Holy Communion

Everyone is most welcome to join us

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@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, 10th March - Mothering Sunday

10.00am Mothering Sunday Family Service - '*Birth of Moses*' - Exodus 2

- Jennifer Bailey

6.30pm Holy Communion - '*A plot to kill Paul*' - Acts 23: 11-35

- Rev Stephen Bailey

Sunday, 17th March

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

10.00am Morning Worship CPAS Sunday - '*Zacchaeus*' - Luke 19: 1-10

- Rev Mike Duff

6.00pm Refreshments before

6.30pm All-Age Tonight - '*A Philippian jailer changed*' - Acts 16: 25-40

- Jennifer 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.

Our **Lent course** will run on Mondays in March 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. Refreshments from 7.45pm, for an 8pm start. All welcome – don't worry if you have missed any previous weeks.

First Priority Prayer Meeting will be on Tuesday 12th March, 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.

Men's meal out – Wed 13th Mar, 7pm at The Compasses, Little 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.

Hymns We Love will be on Thurs 14th March 10.00-11.30am in Church House. We will enjoy some much-loved hymns and will focus on "Thine be the glory" (our Easter special) 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.

Women@StMichael's Prayer lunch: will be on Thursday, 21st March from 12.30 - 2.30pm in the small hall Church House. Lunch will be provided. Sign up sheets available soon.

For your prayers:

Unwell: Frank Stafford, Debbie Botham's grandson, (Jude, born 2 months early), 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 Anne Harvey following the death of David on Monday.

Housebound: Anne Harvey

Mission of the Month: Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS): we look forward to welcoming Rev Mike Duff to be our speaker at the 10.00am service on Sunday, 17th March for CPAS mission Sunday. CPAS are patrons for our church. This means they assist us here in the appointment of clergy. They also support the evangelism and mission of churches producing training, and resources. At this time of year, they are busy organising and encouraging young people from the age of 8 to 18 to join one of the 60 holidays that are arranged (Ventures and Falcon) during the summer months. We will hear more about these in the service on the 17th. Please pray for the recruitment and training of leaders for these house parties and encourage our young to join one such holiday, where they will learn more about Jesus and have lots of fun and activities arranged.

Church House Work Party: your help is needed! The next work party is 16th March, when we have a variety of maintenance jobs in Church and Church House. We start from 9am and work until the list is completed. The more helpers the quicker we finish, although, we are in no hurry to end the fellowship!

MEETSS (Monthly Evening Eighteen to Thirties Social & Study) are having a social at Kaspas's in the High Street on Fri 22nd March from 7pm. All 18-30s are welcome. Please speak to Lisha, Rachel H, Zac or Stan if you have any questions.

Easter Eggs: if you would like to donate small (mini or creme egg size) Easter Eggs to give as a gift from St Michael's Church congregation to the staff at St Michael's School and Bradbury House, there will be a basket for gifts on the crossing.

Volunteers are needed at St Michael's School to hear readers, or if you prefer Maths, to help with checking Math's Passports. Please see Jennifer Bailey or Richard Hollis if you are able to help.

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 - rarovesmith@stmichaelsbtreet.co.uk.