



# ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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**24th March 2024 - Palm Sunday**



## General Information

Vicar	Rev Nigel Adams Email: <a href="mailto:revnigeladams@gmail.com">revnigeladams@gmail.com</a> (Nigel's day of rest will be on Saturday 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) .....

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## 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***

## **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, 24th March - Palm Sunday**

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

10.00am Morning Worship - '*Jesus' example of humility*' - Philippians 2: 1-11  
- Rev Nigel Adams

6.30pm Holy Communion - '*Paul's trial before Felix*' - Acts 24: 1-27  
- Cyril Bamforth

### **Sunday, 31st March - Easter Day**

8.00am Holy Communion - '*Marvelling at the tomb*' - Luke 24: 1-12  
- Rev Nigel Adams

10.00am Easter Family Praise - '*Marvelling at the tomb*' - Luke 24: 1-12  
- Rev Nigel Adams

6.30pm Holy Communion - '*Jesus appears to his disciples*' - Luke 24: 36-49  
- 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

The last of our **Lent course** sessions will be on Monday in the main hall of Church House. We will hear and discuss the final thought provoking and challenging talk 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.

**Oasis@StMichael's (our informal bereavement support group)** are meeting on Thursday, 28th March 2pm until 3.30pm in St Michael's Church House (Small Hall). All are most welcome to join us.

**Lunch after Church Family Worship on Sunday, 7th April:** Conor (son of Jess and David, brother of Arthur and Bruce) is being baptised at this service and to celebrate we are planning a lunch in Church House at 12.15 onwards.

Menu: Hot Dogs, Scones with jam and cream, fruit and other treats.  
Small contributions towards treats or scones will be welcomed! Everyone is welcome to come. Please sign the sheet on the crossing by the end of Easter Sunday.

## **For your prayers:**

**Unwell:** Rod Davey, 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: Church Pastoral Aid Society (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. 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.

**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.

**SMASH holiday club** is fast approaching!! This year it is again happening during the Easter holidays Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am – 12.30pm 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 sign up! If you have any questions then please do speak to Rachel or email her at [rgrovesmith@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk](mailto:rgrovesmith@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk).

**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.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.