



# ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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## 14th April 2024 - Third Sunday in Easter

### 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 Friday this week)
	Rev James Wells Email: <a href="mailto:jwells@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk">jwells@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk</a>
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/](http://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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### 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, 14th April - Eco Church Sunday

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

10.00am Morning Worship - "God's good creation" - Psalm 19: 1-14 - Simon Brown

6.30pm Holy Communion - 'Paul the defender' - Acts 25: 1-22 - Rev Nigel Adams

#### Sunday, 21st April

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

10.00am Holy Communion - 'Shining as lights' - Philippians 2: 12-18

- Rev Nigel Adams

6.00pm Refreshments

6.30pm All-Age Tonight - 'Paul rebukes Peter - faith & works' - Galatians 2:11-16 -

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**  
**Eco Church Sunday with A Rocha**

Welcome & notices

Opening Prayer

Song: Every blade of grass - video

Birthday slot

Prayer before the children & young people leave

Song: O Lord my God (MP 506)

Confession & Prayer of Forgiveness

Update on the work of A Rocha - caring for God's creation - Simon Brown

Song: Who has held the oceans in his hands?

St Michael's Eco Church Award presentation

Prayers: Jonathan & Estelle Wicks

Song: Creation sings, the Father's song (MP 1268)

Bible reading: Psalm 19: 1-14 (p. 547) - Ann Mahood

Talk: '*God's good creation*'  
- Simon Brown

Song: Jesus, God's righteousness revealed (MP 996)

Closing prayer

**6.30pm Holy Communion**

Welcome & notices

Opening Prayer

Song: God is our strength and refuge

The Creed

Confession

Prayers: Barbara Wells

Song: There is a hope that burns within my heart

Bible reading: Acts 25: 1-22 (p.1123) - Ade Odupitan

Talk: '*Paul the defender*'  
- Rev Nigel Adams

Song: Broken for me

Explanation of Communion

Prayer of Humble Access, Eucharistic prayer and administration of Communion

Lord's Prayer

Song: Though the nations rage (Ancient of days)

Closing prayer

**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.

**For your prayers:**

**Unwell:** Brenda Brown, Rev Stephen Bailey, Roger Cooke, 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: A Rocha:** was founded in Portugal in 1983 by Peter and Miranda Harris. St Michael's have been supporters for many years and now more than ever it is important that we continue this support as a church and individually. As Christians it's vital we support their work in caring for God's amazing creation. We are excited to have gained our Bronze Eco Church Award which will be presented at the 10am service on 14th April by Simon Brown from A Rocha. In the meantime take a look at two excellent websites:

Arocha.org.uk for information on UK work and items for prayer and encouragement. Arocha.org to read about the work around the globe where A Rocha are involved.

Our next **Men's Breakfast** will be on Sat 20<sup>th</sup> April, 8.30am at The Mulberry Tree, Braintree Bypass, CM77 8GG. We look forward to **Andy Malcolm** (of the Fishermen's Mission) who will be sharing something of God's work in his life under the title, "A journey from the city to the coast". Unlimited cooked breakfast (£10.99) or unlimited continental breakfast (£8.99). Do please consider inviting guests. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, if you plan to join us.

The next **monthly Men's Bible Study** will be on Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm at the Mulberry Tree. All men welcome. Please speak to Nigel Adams if you have any questions.

**Women@St Michael's Conference Day:** will be held on Saturday, 11th May 10.00am - 3.00pm in Church House. The Theme will be *Joy for Life* and our speaker will be Michelle Sweeting from Holy Cross Felsted. The cost is £8 which includes lunch, refreshments and all materials. There are sign up forms on the crossing in Church.

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.