



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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21st April 2024 - Fourth Sunday in Easter

General Information

Vicar	Rev Nigel Adams Email: revnigeladams@gmail.com (Nigel's day of rest will be on Saturday this week)
Curate	Rev James Wells (James's day of rest will be on Saturday this week) Email: jwells@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk
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, 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
- Rev James Wells

Sunday, 28th April

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

10.00am Morning Worship - '*A priceless pair*' - Philippians 2: 19-30
- Rev James Wells

6.30pm Churches Together United Service - focus on Hope House '*seeking to break the cycle of homelessness*' - Ephesians 2: 1-10 - Tony Britten

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 Holy Communion

Welcome & notices

Opening Prayer

Song: This little light of mine - video

Birthday slot

Prayer before the children & young people leave

Song: My God how wonderful you are (MP 468)

Creed

Confession

Prayers: Graham Savill

Song: Wonderful Grace (MP 966)

Bible reading: Philippians 2: 12-18 (p.1180) - Peggy Wills

Sermon: *'Shining as lights'*
- Rev Nigel Adams

Song: There is a Redeemer (MP 673)

Explanation of Communion, Prayer of Humble Access, Eucharistic prayer and administration of Communion

Song: For the cause of Christ the King

Closing prayer

6.00pm for refreshments

6.30pm All-Age Tonight

Welcome & notices

Opening prayer

Song: The splendour of the King (MP 1227)

Confession

Word Search

Song: Only by Grace (MP 914)

Court Drama

Song: His mercy is more

Bible reading: Galatians 2: 11-16

Talk: *'Paul rebukes Peter - faith and works'* - Rev James Wells

Prayers: Rachel Grove Smith

Song: In Christ alone (MP 1072)

Closing prayer

Oasis@StMichael's (our informal bereavement support group) are meeting on Thursday, 25th April 2pm until 3.30pm in St Michael's Church House (Small Hall). All are most welcome to join us.

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 have pushed it forward by a week, so it will now start on **Wed 24th April, from 7.30pm** at the Vicarage, and will run for three Wednesdays. Please speak to Nigel or Jo Adams if you have any questions or would like to join us.

For your prayers:

Unwell: Becky Gray, Rev Stephen Bailey, Brenda Brown, 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. Please 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.

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

Walk in the Countryside: please join us for an amiable amble along the Flitch Way on Saturday, 27th April at 1.00pm. Meet at Church House to leave at 1.10pm returning by 4.00pm. Details are in the April LINK magazine or speak to Ade or David Birch.

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 forms to complete on the table on the crossing or you can apply online using the QR code on the form. Please return forms or let Jennifer know by Sunday, 5th May if you wish to attend.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting: will be on Tuesday 21st May from 7.30pm in church. If you are not on our Electoral Roll (which allows you to vote at the Annual Meeting) you can join by completing a form. We will have elections for Churchwardens and up to eight Parochial Church Council members - nomination forms are at the back of the church and should be returned to Jennifer Bailey by Sunday 12th May. Please contact Rev Nigel Adams if you have any questions.