



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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5th May 2024 - Sixth Sunday in Easter

General Information

Vicar	Rev Nigel Adams Email: revnigeladams@gmail.com (Nigel's day of rest will be on Friday 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, 5th May

- 10.00am Church Family Worship - '*Philip: Learning to trust*' - John 6: 1-13
- Jennifer Bailey
- 4.00pm Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) - '*God's steadfast love*'
- Psalm 103 - Cyril Bamforth
- 6.30pm Evening Worship - '*God's steadfast love*' - Psalm 103 - Cyril Bamforth

Sunday, 12th May

- 10.00am Junior Church (3-14s) & Creche (under 3s)
- 10.00am Morning Worship - Langham Partnership Mission Sunday -
'*Why am I here?*' - Acts 8: 26-40 - Simon Foulds, Langham Partnership
- 6.30pm Holy Communion - '*Festus, Agrippa and Paul*' - Acts 25:23 - 26:32
- Rev Nigel Adams

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 and Thanksgiving for the
Birth of a Child**

Welcome & notices

Birthday Slot

Opening Prayer and introduction to our theme of the year - 'The Disciples'

Song: Jesus shall take the highest honour (MP 378)

Confession & prayer of forgiveness

Thanksgiving for Lily Sue Houlding - Rev James Wells

Songs: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and Joy Joy Joy

Video - Feeding 5000

Prayers:

Activity: Puzzling out

Bible reading: John 6: 1-13 (p. 1074)

Song: The Servant King (MP 162)

Talk: '*Philip; learning to trust*'
- Jennifer Bailey

Song: Father you are King of Heaven

Closing prayer

6.30pm Evening Worship

Welcome & notices

Opening prayer

Song: Praise my soul the King of Heaven (MP 560)

Apostles Creed

Confession

Song: Father your love is a faithful love (MP 1042)

Prayers including the Lord's Prayer: Jonathan Wicks

Song: Greater grace, deeper mercy (MP 1179)

Bible reading: Psalm 103 (p. 602)
- Jan Bamforth

Talk: '*God's steadfast love*'
- Cyril Bamforth

Song: Bless the Lord, O my soul (10,000 reasons)

Closing prayer

Hymns We Love will be on Thurs 9th May 10.00-11.30am in Church House. We will enjoy some much-loved hymns and will focus on 'The Lord is my Shepherd', with an explanation of its origins and what it tells us of God's amazing grace and favour to 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. The final session will be on **Wed 8th May, at 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: John Turton, Alan & Gill Bass, Kirsten Terris, Elaine Stoodley, Brenda Brown, Roger Cooke, Frank Stafford, David Goodwill, Norma Huxter, Terry Clark, Robin Sewell, Sandra Savill, Linda (Lexi Allen's mother), 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), Dennis Buston, Katherine Cridland

Bereaved: David Cridland & family (particularly his mother) following the recent death of David's father. Please pray for Anne Harvey following the death of David.

Housebound: Anne Harvey

Mission of the Month: Langham Partnership: exists to help those in ministry in the growing church across what is termed 'the Majority World'. It does so by three prongs: (1) Langham Literature: developing good books for pastors to understand the Bible better; (2) Langham Preaching: getting local preachers together to be able to preach relevantly and faithfully to growing churches; (3) Langham Scholars: many able men and women are emerging as leaders in the churches of the Majority World. They could and do benefit their churches from further training often in the UK. Simon Foulds, Supporter Development Manager, of Langham Partnership will tell us more about this outstanding work in the Majority World at the 10am service on Sunday, 12th May.

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.

Bereavement service: we will be having a service to remember and give thanks for the lives of loved ones that we have lost on **Sun 19th May, 3pm** followed by refreshments in the Welcome Area in church. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, or let Nigel & Jo Adams know, by Sun 12th May, if you (or guests) plan to join us. Anyone would be most welcome 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.