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cricket!!**

Braintree Mosque has challenged Christ Church Braintree to a cricket match at the grounds of Braintree Cricket Club **on Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.** If you know which end of the bat to hold – or if you know a relative or friend prepared to join us - age no barrier within reason - Rowen Lazarus wants to hear from you. Contact him on 07716 522845 or [rowen.lazarus@hotmail.com](mailto:rowen.lazarus@hotmail.com)

**Braintree Library** has a **community coffee morning** last Friday of every month, providing a meeting place for isolated or lonely people. If you know anyone who may benefit from this they will be made most welcome.

**The Church in Great Notley** is looking for a **Children and Families worker.** Please see the poster in the vestibule for more information or contact Rev Iain Bendrey 01376 567971 or [bezzerbendrey1973@yahoo.com](mailto:bezzerbendrey1973@yahoo.com)

## Sunday March 18th 2018

The Lord declares 'I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbour or say to one another, "Know the LORD," because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest' (*Jeremiah 31:33,34*)

**Pray** for all who are involved in the decision-making process which is necessary for the appointment of a new minister for our church, that God's will may be known and followed.

**Pray** for those appointed to high office in national governments and international diplomacy, that wisdom and a desire for peace may prevail over threats, charges and counter-charges; and pray for the countless people whose lives are destroyed by indiscriminate violence.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(a prayer for Passion Sunday)*

## Welcome to Christ Church

### **March 18<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent** (*Passion Sunday*)

Our services this morning will be led at 9.30am by Rev. Stuart Ellis and at 11am by Colin Fowler (All Age Worship)

### **March 25<sup>th</sup>: Palm Sunday.**

Our services for Palm Sunday morning will be led at **9.30am** by Melanie Ellis and at **11am** by Alan Rolls

At **3pm** there will be a service led by David Dickens and Tina Pinnell. Theme - Holy Week. (*Afternoon services are arranged for those who find morning attendance difficult but ALL are welcome to come and share worship, a cuppa and a chat.*)

**Easter Services** Please pick up our Easter service leaflet for details of all our Easter services. Please pass these on to others to encourage them to come.

### **Church Office Opening**

**Hours:** Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> 8am - 5pm; Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, morning only.

**Cameo, Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2.15pm:** Easter Reflections including an Easter Bonnet Parade. All are welcome. *(No meetings March 29 or April 5)*

**Climbing Kili:** Kerry Hendry and Becky Fowler plan to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro in August to raise money for **Dig Deep**, providing taps, toilets and training in Kenya. Funds will be raised by undertaking Babysitting, Dog-walking or House-sitting in the Braintree/Witham area in return for donations. Contact Kerry on 07553026927 or [hendry.k@outlook.co.uk](mailto:hendry.k@outlook.co.uk). or donate at [www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/kerrys-climbing](http://www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/kerrys-climbing)

**Walk All Over Cancer in March:** Vivian Salter will be walking 10,000 steps daily in March to raise money for Cancer Research UK's Walk All Over Cancer campaign. "Recently I've watched so many people having different treatments for different forms of cancer: I had not realised how complex the treatments are. They benefit from past research - please help me raise money for future diagnosis and treatments". There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule (on a red clipboard) or you can donate via Vivian's Just-Giving page <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/vivian-walks-all-over-cancer-1>

**Lent Lunches** at Braintree Baptist Church 12.00 to 1.15pm on Wednesdays until 28<sup>th</sup> March. Adults £2.75, children £1, all proceeds to Braintree Area Foodbank and St. Elizabeth's Trust. All are welcome.

**Safeguarding Adults Training** session at Chelmsford Christ Church March 22<sup>nd</sup> 7-9.15pm (tea & coffee from 6.30pm). Contact Jean McAslan 01245 224192 or Trevor Andrews 01376 571978.

**3 course meal and Easter quiz** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 6pm for 6.30, £5 in aid of **MWiB (Methodist Women in Britain) Chelmsford Circuit Funds**. Contact Esther Hume before 18<sup>th</sup> March.

**Our next charity coffee morning:** Easter Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup> 10am till 2pm. All proceeds this time will be for Watoto. Cream teas, home made cakes, fun and fellowship, raffle, cake stall and more.

**To be a Pilgrim**, a weekend conference open to all at Cliff College from 6-8 April. There is a poster in the vestibule; or see [www.methodist.org.uk](http://www.methodist.org.uk)

**Christ Church Email Prayer Chain:** To be a link in our email Prayer Chain, or to ask for prayers about specific situations or people (with their permission) contact Jean Ware on [jmware10@aol.com](mailto:jmware10@aol.com).

**Recycling bag appeal.** If you have surplus recycling bags, please donate them to the church. They can be left by the cellar door.

**Unsung Heroes for March** are David Dickens and Vivian Salter who have stepped in quickly to help with the production of the notices to ensure they will be available each week both in paper form and via email. Please remember to say a massive thank you to them. Please also remember to keep Mark Pierson in your prayers at this time.

**Notice of Extra-Ordinary Church Meeting**, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm to discuss the ministerial vacancy. Please make every effort to attend.

**Nominations for Eldership** invited for members prepared to serve as Elders/ Trustees of Christ Church, to be elected at our Annual General Meeting/Church Meeting on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May**. Please pick up a nomination form and information sheet from the table in the vestibule; this provides the guidance you will need when considering possible nominees. For further information or if you would like to discuss Eldership then please speak to one of the current Elders. **Nominations will close on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Church Cleaning:** For 13 years Mick Fenner, with his wife Pat who passed away suddenly last year, has cleaned our building every weekday. Mick now needs to retire at the end of March. If you are interested in taking on this role, or know someone who may be interested, please contact the Office, or someone from the Property Group or Business Group. *Thank you: Dorothy Lodge*

**Foodbank 40 for 40 challenge:** Could you give up 40 pence a day for the 40 days of Lent? This raises enough money to support a local family in crisis this Easter. Please see the poster in the vestibule.

**Cards for sale:** new stock added to the table. If you can't see what you'd like speak to one of us; we may be able to make to order. Nearly £300 was raised last year for the next Mission to Uganda trip. *Sally, Maggie and Wendy*

**Coffee Morning** at Halstead Day Centre 40 Bridge St. Halstead Sat March 24<sup>th</sup>. 10am -12. Proceeds for Centre funds. More information from Dorothy Lodge.

**British Summer Time begins next Sunday Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure** your clocks go **FORWARD 1 hour** - or be 1 hour late for church!

**The Weekly Notices** can be sent to you by email before Sunday. Contact [notices@christchurchbraintree.org.uk](mailto:notices@christchurchbraintree.org.uk)

*Please send e-mail items for the Weekly Notices to [notices@christchurchbraintree.org.uk](mailto:notices@christchurchbraintree.org.uk) by Thursday morning. Later items might not be included.*