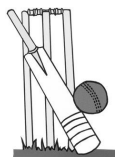


Opportunities



**Cricket
lovely
cricket!!**

Braintree Mosque has challenged Christ Church Braintree to a cricket match at the grounds of Braintree Cricket Club **on Sunday**

June 24th in the afternoon:

If you have any claim at all to cricketing ability – if you know which end of the bat to hold – 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

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.



**Sunday March 11th
2018**

Prayer Points

God's mercy is so abundant, and his love for us is so great, that while we were spiritually dead in disobedience he brought us to life with Christ. It is by God's grace that you have been saved.

Ephesians 2:4-5

Pray that God's compassion and love may guide the international community, that ways may be agreed to resolve the intense suffering in regions of conflict between seemingly implacable opponents.

Pray for the many residents of the British Virgin Islands who are still homeless six months after the devastation of Hurricane Irma, and facing another hurricane season in about three months..

Pray for the households, health services and businesses left without mains water in many parts of the UK after frozen pipes have thawed.

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth: strengthen us each day, that in joy and sorrow we may know your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(a prayer for Mothering Sunday)

This Week

**Welcome to
Christ Church**

**March 11th: Mothering
Sunday: 4th Sunday in Lent**

Our services this morning include Holy Communion, and will be led at 9.30am by Rev. David Dickens and at 11am by Rev. Stuart Ellis.

**March 18th: 5th Sunday in
Lent**

Our services next Sunday will be led at 9.30am by Rev. Stuart Ellis, and at 11am All Age Worship will be led by Colin Fowler.

March 25th: Palm Sunday.

Our next Sunday afternoon service will be at 3pm on Palm Sunday. Theme - Holy Week. These services are arranged for those who find morning attendance difficult but ALL are welcome to share worship, a cuppa and a chat.

Church Office Opening

Hours: Tuesday March 13th 8am - 5pm; Thursday March 15th, morning only.

Events and Things to do

Cameo, Thursday March 15th 2.15pm: Exploring the Silk Road. Another travelogue with Beth & David Gask. All are welcome.

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 or donate at 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 28th March. Adults £2.75, children £1, all proceeds to Braintree Area Foodbank and St. Elizabeth's Trust. All are welcome.

A Prophetic Ministry Evening at Christ Church Saturday 17th March, 7 – 10pm hosted by Tomi and Tahmar.Arayomi. Tomi co-directs Prophetic Voice TV: For more information, contact Yvonne Coombs

Safeguarding Adults Training session at Chelmsford Christ Church March 22nd 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 24th March 6pm for 6.30, £5 in aid of **MWiB (Methodist Women in Britain) Chelmsford Circuit Funds**. Contact Esther Hume before 18th March.

Braintree Area Foodbank: are you willing to train to help run our **EAT WELL SPEND LESS** programme (Trussell Trust 6-week budgeting and cookery course)? You'll need passion for cooking and Level 2 Food Hygiene course (or take it online). Training session 16th March 2018 9.30 -3pm at Witham Methodist Church. Contact maggie@braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk.

Our next charity coffee morning: Easter Saturday March 31st 10am-2pm. All proceeds this time will be for Watoto. Cream teas, home madecakes, fun and fellowship, raffle, cake stall and more.

Notices

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.

Next Church Meeting: Monday March 12th 7.30pm. Agenda and minutes are available in the vestibule. Please make every effort to attend.

The AGM of Braintree Youth Project Charity (BYPC) takes place at The Hut, Braintree on **Tuesday 13 March** at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.

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.

To be a Pilgrim, a weekend conference open to all at Cliff College from 6-8 April. For more information please see the poster in the vestibule or go to www.methodist.org.uk

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*

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.

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

The Weekly Notices can be sent to you by email before Sunday. Contact notices@christchurchbraintree.org.uk

Please send e-mail items for the Weekly Notices to notices@christchurchbraintree.org.uk by Thursday morning. Later items might not be included.