



# ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE

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## General Information

Vicar	Rev Nigel Adams	01376 807662
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Today

5th April 2020 - Palm Sunday

## An update from Rev Nigel Adams

Dear Friends,

I am very conscious of the restrictions we are all under, and for those who are sick and those who have been bereaved, due to the coronavirus outbreak. But even in these hard times, there are things to be thankful for:

- For Governments around the world seeking to save lives – not perfectly, but clearly trying
- For the brave men and women of the NHS, and many other key workers, putting themselves at risk for others
- For the support and love being shown to others in numerous ways

Let us continue to be thankful to God, who still loves us, when so many things are changing. As the Psalmist puts it, "*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.*" (Psalm 136:1). Please pray for our world, our nation, our Braintree community and our church family, that we will see signs of God at work in these unique times. And pray as well for all who are unwell, for God's healing, and for comfort for those who have been bereaved.

Next weekend is Easter. On Good Friday at 3pm, with our "Worship on the Web", we will be having both an adult service of Good Friday reflections as well as a children's & families service. On Easter Sunday, we join our two morning services together for Easter Family Praise at 10am. In the evening, we will have All-Age Tonight at 6pm, called "An Eggceptional Easter!" – there will be a fun quiz, drama, songs, short talk, etc. looking at the disciples who met the risen Jesus on the Emmaus Road.

In previous weeks, we have tried to make the online services available as soon as we can on the Sunday. For Easter, both on Good Friday & Easter Day, we are launching them at the times shown above. The idea is to encourage us all to watch them together (at the same time) as a church family, even though we will be in our own homes.

Wishing you every blessing,

Nigel

Contact Margaret Kinniburgh to add items to the Notice Sheet (by noon **Thursday**) email: [notices@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk](mailto:notices@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk). Telephone 01376 330013.

## **Worship on the Web @ St Michael's**

Instead of normal services in church, we are having online services to help you worship at home. They can be accessed via the link on the Home page of the St Michael's Braintree website.

Over Easter, they are as follows:

### **5 Sunday PALM SUNDAY**

'The Just God' Rev 20: 11 - 21: 4

Worship on the Web - Adult Service  
<http://stmichaelsbtree.co.uk/website/index.php/worship/adult-service>

Worship on the Web - Children's and Families Service  
<http://stmichaelsbtree.co.uk/website/index.php/worship/junior-church>

### **10 Friday GOOD FRIDAY**

'The Suffering God'

Worship on the Web - Adult Service and Children's & Families services at 3.00pm

### **12 Sunday EASTER DAY**

'The Risen King'

John 20: 1-10 - the Resurrection

Worship on the Web - Easter Family Praise at 10.00am

An Eggceptional Easter?!

Worship on the Web - Easter All Age-Tonight at 6.00pm

**Joyce Green's funeral** will be on Tues 7th April. Sadly, due to the coronavirus outbreak, only a few people will be able to attend. Please particularly pray for Jack, Paul & Kate at 12.30pm. They have said that there will be no flowers or donations at this stage and are planning for a Thanksgiving Service, once the coronavirus restrictions are lifted.

**Bible Reading Group:** this week's readings are Psalms 26 and 27, Numbers 10:1 - 19:22, Proverbs 6:1 - 6:5.

So far, we have read 25 Psalms, from Genesis to Leviticus, and 5 chapters of Proverbs. If you want to join us, please let me know and I will make sure to keep you updated with the readings for each week.

Dave Terris (Tel: 322870 or email: [daveterris@uwclub.net](mailto:daveterris@uwclub.net))

### **Christian Radio & TV**

Why not listen to Premier Christian Radio (Freeview channel 725 or on the internet) or watch Clayton TV (available on the internet) for some great teaching and worship?

### **For your prayers:**

**Unwell:** [Brian Hennessey](#), Iris Smith, Elizabeth Johnson, Alan Bass, Ron Smith, Alison Davey, Elaine Stoodley

**Bereaved:** Jack Green and family, following the death of Joyce and Derek Chapman and family, following the death of Jenny.

**Housebound:** Len Dove

**Mission of the Month: Make Jesus Known (MJK)** This month please pray for MJK's on line work which has been deliberately expanded to make the most of the current situation. Please pray that Tim will be well enough to continue the daily Spirit Boost talks (he has Covid19) and that they would be effective. Please pray that the team would work effectively now they are fragmented and none would feel left out. Please pray for those who see the online material that God's spirit would bring them to Christ and they would make contact with Tim or another Christian who can disciple them.

Tim & Charissa Cooke and team have a helpful website and an iPhone app (iTruth) – they are putting on daily thoughts and other useful material. It can be accessed via <https://makejesusknown.com/itruthapp#/>

### **Keeping in touch**

**We will be sending out email updates from time to time. If you didn't receive one from Nigel this week, and would like to be added to the circulation list, please send us your email address – to [admin@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk](mailto:admin@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk).**

**Church Office:** Helen Hopkins, the Vicar's Personal Assistant, is still working, but not in the church office. She can be contacted 9am-1pm Mon-Thurs on 07545 437477 or email: [vicarspa@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk](mailto:vicarspa@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk).

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: <https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelschurchbraintree/>.