



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE

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19th April 2020 - 1st Sunday after Easter

General Information

Vicar	Rev Nigel Adams	01376 807662
	<i>(Nigel's day off this week will be Friday)</i>	
Churchwardens	Lin Terris	01376 322870
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Vicar's Personal Assistant (Office hours: Mon - Thurs 9.00am - 1.00pm)	Helen Hopkins	07545 437477
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Contact Margaret Kinniburgh to add items to the Notice Sheet (by noon **Thursday**) email: notices@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk. Telephone 01376 330013.

An update from Rev Nigel Adams

Dear Friends,

I am writing this on the day that we have been told that the current coronavirus lock-down will last for at least another 3 weeks. Please pray for all in positions of authority, not just in the UK but round the world – for wise decisions as we all seek to prevent the further spread of coronavirus. Do pray particularly for all involved in the health service, working in care homes and other key workers, who are putting themselves in harms way, for the good of others. Let us give thanks for some positive news, including the amazing response to the 99 year old Captain Tom Moore's sponsored walk.

Sadly, Len Dove died on Thursday – please pray particularly for his daughter Gillian and son Graham and their families at this difficult time, as well as Derek Chapman & family (with Jenny's funeral this week) and others mentioned in the Notice Sheet.

We continue with our online services, both "Worship on the Web" and "St Michael's by Phone" (details inside). As we think this Sunday about our Gracious God, can I encourage you to find time to rejoice in a God who shows his love for us, not because we deserve it, but because of his grace – his undeserved love and favour for us. It is good if we can each seek to be gracious to one another, supporting each other through these times of isolation, perhaps by a phone call or in other ways. Thank you for all you are doing.

With our love and prayers,

Nigel

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.

<http://stmichaelsbtree.co.uk/website/index.php/worship/adult-service>

<http://stmichaelsbtree.co.uk/website/index.php/worship/junior-church>

Sunday 19th April

'The Gracious God'
(Romans 5: 1-11)

Sunday 26th April

'The Wise God'
(1 Corinthians 1:18-31)

Both weeks will have both an adult service and a children's & families service

'St Michael's by Phone'

This is for anyone, but particularly for those who can't watch our services via the church website. If you dial 01376 333565 you will be able to listen to this Sunday's online service. You will be offered a number of options, for the Notices, Prayers, Hymns & Songs and Bible reading & sermon. Phone calls will be charged at the local rate. (There may be a short pause before you hear it).

Bible Reading Group: this week's readings are Psalms 30 - 31, Numbers 30:1 - Deuteronomy 2:37, Proverbs 6:12 - 6:19.

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)

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?

10 of Those is an excellent place to find and order Christian books online – see www.10ofthose.com/uk/. Please consider supporting 10 of Those (who came to St Michael's Church at Christmas) by browsing and ordering Christian books, especially if you find you have more time to read, with the current restrictions.

Care for the Family is a Christian charity which aims to promote strong family life and to help those who face family difficulties. They provide Parent, Marriage and Bereavement Support and now include COVID-19 Support – see the following link to their website: www.careforthefamily.org.uk/family-life/covid-19-support-for-your-family.

For your prayers:

Unwell: Tom St. John-Coleman (recovering from a minor operation), Iris Smith, Elizabeth Johnson, Alan Bass, Ron Smith, Alison Davey, Elaine Stoodley

Bereaved: Len Dove's daughter Gillian and son Graham, following his recent death; Jack Green and family, following the death of Joyce and Derek Chapman and family, following the death of Jenny. Ibi & Sandra Solomon and family, following the death of Ibi's mother in Nigeria; the family of Becky Gray's Great Uncle who died recently.

Housebound: Roy Smart

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.

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.

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/>.

