



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE

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3rd May 2020 - 3rd Sunday after Easter

General Information

Vicar	Rev Nigel Adams	01376 807662
	<i>(Nigel's day off this week will be Monday)</i>	
Churchwardens	Lin Terris	01376 322870
	David Marriott	01376 349257
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Children's and Youth Worker (part-time)	Rachel Grove Smith	07713 566667
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Vicar's Personal Assistant (Office hours: Mon - Thurs 9.00am - 1.00pm)	Helen Hopkins	07545 437477
Treasurer	Lesley Davey	01376 326969

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

Keeping in touch

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/>

An update from Rev Nigel Adams

Dear Friends,

I am very conscious that the coronavirus pandemic has been a difficult time for many people, particularly for those directly affected by the virus – for those who have been ill, those caring for them and of course, those who have been bereaved. The restrictions have also been tough for many, if not most, people – finding ourselves more isolated from our friends and family. We are grateful for God's promise that, if we trust in him, nothing can separate us from the love of God (Romans 8:38-9).

But amongst the hardships and difficulties, I hope you have found things to be thankful for. For me, it has been a time to discover some new things. One of those has been Zoom video conferencing – we have been having an increasing number of meetings (and Jenny's funeral) via Zoom over the past month. We are planning to use Zoom in some new ways over the coming weeks:-

- **After church coffee on Zoom**, starting on Sunday 3rd May from 11am
- **A Zoom Prayer Meeting** on Tuesday 5th May, 8-9pm
- **A Life Explored course on Zoom** starting on Wednesday 13th May from 7.30pm

Details for how to sign in are inside the Notice Sheet. Please bear with us as we get used to using this technology, but we hope that being able to see each other and meet as groups to chat, pray and learn, will help us to feel more supported and connected.

We are also having a short online service on **VE Day (Friday 8th May, 10am)** remembering that first Victory in Europe Day 75 years ago. Stephen Bailey will be recalling his VE Day, we will give thanks for our nation's deliverance in time of war and be praying for our nation and world, as we face the coronavirus pandemic.

Do please continue to pray for all who are struggling and particularly for those who have been bereaved, including Elizabeth Johnson's family, following her recent death.

With our love and prayers,

Nigel

Worship on the Web @ St Michael's

Each Sunday there will be two online services:-

9.45am Children's & Families Service
- <http://stmichaelsbtreetree.co.uk/website/index.php/worship/junior-church>

10am adult service - <http://stmichaelsbtreetree.co.uk/website/index.php/worship/adult-service>

Sunday 3rd May

'The Ever-present God'
(Psalm 139)

The adult service is also available through '**St Michael's by Phone**'. Just dial 01376 333565 you will be able to listen to the most recent Sunday online service. Both the online and phone versions of the service are available throughout the week. Phone calls will be charged at the local rate.

After church coffee on Zoom,

starting on Sunday 3rd May from 11am – details for how to sign up will be included in Nigel Adams' weekly email on Saturday.

Zoom Prayer Meeting

This will be on Tuesday 5th May, 8-9pm using Zoom video conferencing. We will have a short time together with a Bible thought, then plan to split into smaller groups to pray. Please email Nigel Adams on revnigeladams@gmail.com if you would like to join us and he will send you details of how to join the meeting.

Poetry Competition

Win £25 of **10 of Those** vouchers!

Write a poem either about the character of God or about the current situation.

You have until Saturday, 16th May 2020 to send your poems to rgrovesmith@stmichaelsbtreetree.co.uk or alternatively send them to The Vicarage. This is a competition for everyone and there are three different age groups; 10 and under, 11-15 and 16+

VE Day reflections (Fri 8th May, 10am)

There will be a short online service, celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. Available via our website or through "St Michael's by Phone" (01376 333565).

Life Explored course on Zoom

Life Explored is an informal and relaxed seven-week course. Whoever you are, whatever you are thinking, Life Explored is a place for you to discover the greatest gift in the universe. It will be held on Wednesdays, starting on 13th May, from 7.30pm. If you are planning to join us, or would like to find out more, please contact Nigel or Jo Adams via revnigeladams@gmail.com or on 01376 807662.

For your prayers:

Unwell: Iris Smith, Alan Bass, Alison Davey, Elaine Stoodley

Bereaved: Elizabeth Johnson's family following her death on Saturday, 25th April, Len Dove's daughter Gillian and son Graham, Jack Green and family, following the death of Joyce and Derek Chapman and family, following the death of Jenny.

Housebound: Roy Smart

Mission of the Month: Langham Partnership (LP): On 17th May we are looking forward to seeing Simon Foulds on our 'Worship on the Webb'. Nigel will be talking to Simon at our morning service and then we shall hear more from Simon at 'All Age Tonight'. The growing number of churches across the world have a growing number of pastors. One such, Dr. Hann Tzuu Joey Hann, features in our on-line 'Link' for May. LP has three prongs Langham Preaching; Langham Literature and Langham Scholars. These three branches are proving invaluable in training able men and women leaders across the world. Hear more from Simon on 17th May.

Bible Reading Group: this week's readings are Psalms 33 and 34, Deuteronomy 14:1 - 26:26 and Proverbs 7:1 - 27.

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)

Daily Hope, offers music, prayers and reflections with Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, at the end of a telephone line. The line is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044**.

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. Tel. 0330 223 3423