



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE

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21st June 2020 - 2nd Sunday after Trinity

General Information

Vicar	Rev Nigel Adams	01376 807662 (Nigel's day off will be Monday)
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
Pastoral Assistant	Jo Adams	01376 807662
Vicar's Personal Assistant (on furlough from 1st May 2020)	Helen Hopkins	
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

Vicar's Personal Assistant

Helen Hopkins has now been placed on furlough. If you wish to contact us, please leave a message on the office phone (01376 321248 – this will be checked) or phone or email one of the team.

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/>

A message from Rev Stephen Bailey

Dear Friends,

Do you talk to yourself? You might reply, 'Perhaps you do! It comes with getting old! But not me!'

IT HAS ITS PLACE:

The Bible values a certain kind of talking to ourselves. Glance at two Psalms 42 and 43. They are the record of a man talking to himself about God and about himself.

LOCKDOWN:

He seems to be in some kind of situation akin to lockdown (Psalm 42: 3,4). He misses being out with his friends. It appears he is missing being with the crowds worshipping in God's Temple. He tells us how he feels. It is like being 'cast down' (Psalm 42:5). It is as if God has forgotten him (Psalm 42:9)

VALUE OF THESE TWO PSALMS: TELL IT AS IT IS:

These two Psalms are centuries old but they ring bells with the 'cast down' folk of the 21st century. Despite the reality of the depths in which he finds himself, he tells himself this is not the end. He looks ahead with hope, trusting that God will get him out of the depths of his unhappiness. Psalm 42: 5,11 and 43:5. It is not only that God will come to his rescue, but it will be his pleasure to praise God. Moreover his 'lockdown' will come to an end and he will praise God in the company of God's people.

ROLL ON!

Roll on the day when we meet again and we find our pleasure in worshipping God together on Sundays and then for ever!

Meanwhile lets talk to ourselves. Tell ourselves about the anticipated godness of God.

With my prayers and best wishes,

Stephen

Worship on the Web @ St Michael's

Today's services will be:-

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

10.00am adult service

6.00pm All-Age Tonight

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

Sunday 21st June

'The Jealous God'
(Deuteronomy 6: 1-15)

All-Age Tonight

'Who do you say Jesus is?'

Mark 8: 27-30

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.

As part of the Children's and Families Service there is an opportunity for people from the Church Family to say an 'hello' message. If you would like to be part of this feature then do send your message to me, Rachel Grove-Smith, via WhatsApp. My phone number is 07713566667. We would love to be encouraged by seeing you.

Coffee on Zoom: We will be having Zoom virtual coffee both after church on Sunday at 11am and on Thursday at 11am. Details of how to sign up will be included in Nigel Adams' weekly email on Saturday.

Bible Reading Group: this week's readings are Psalm 45 - 46, 1 Samuel 10:1 - 1 Samuel 18:30, Proverbs 10:1 - 10:10.

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)

CYO Electronic Update: would you like to be kept informed of the latest news from CYO? If you haven't heard of them, they are Christian Youth Outreach working in Braintree District with over 10,000 school age children and over 30 schools in the Braintree and Halstead District. They are still working even during this time and also still need your prayers.

Please email Louisa Fisk if you would like to be kept in the loop of all things CYO and she will add you to her mailing list and send out the latest email from CYO with the newsletter. Louisa's email address is: louisa.fisk@gmail.com

For your prayers:

Unwell: [Nigel Adams](#) (vertigo), [Norma Huxter](#), [Elaine Stoodley](#), [David Harvey](#), Rev Norman Thorp (former curate of St Paul's Braintree), Roy Demery (retired Church Army Captain), Iris Smith, Alan Bass, Alison Davey

Bereaved: Elizabeth Johnson's family, Len Dove's family, Jack Green and family, following the death of Joyce and Derek Chapman and family, following the death of Jenny.

Housebound: David and Ann Harvey

Mission of the Month: Open Doors: is an international ministry serving persecuted Christians and churches worldwide. Open Doors is widely known for their publication of the World Watch List – an annual ranking of top 50 countries where Christians face the most extreme persecution – an effective way to mobilise and raise awareness of the plight of persecuted Christians. Emergency relief is one of Open Doors focused area of work and the current Covid-19 pandemic has brought this piece of work into greater attention. Prayer requests for this month are particularly focused on churches and young church leaders in North Africa – a region that is severely impacted by the coronavirus crisis. We are also asked to pray for persecuted women in the Middle East – where many face abuse and are afforded no rights. For more information, visit: <https://www.opendoorsuk.org>

Financial update: many thanks to all who continue to support the work of St Michael's church and particularly to those who contributed towards the additional gifts of £4,300, to assist us at this time.

Poetry Competition Winners are:

Under 10s: Betty Whitlock

11 - 15s: Rachel Huxter

16+ Valerie Wise

Thank you to all those who took part.

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**.

Daily text: Rachel Grove Smith is sending a few verses and a short thought each day by text message. If you would like to receive this, please let her know either by email (rgrovesmith@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk) or by text (07713 566667)