



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE

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28th June 2020 - 3rd Sunday after Trinity

A message from Rev Stephen Bailey

Dear Friends,

I am missing Communion. No, I don't mean missing leading the service. There is a greater privilege than leading the Holy Communion! It is receiving the bread and wine. And I am looking forward to joining with everyone at our restored Communion services.

JUST AS REAL

Taking that piece of bread in our hands means, of course, that we feel it. Eating bread is basic to life. It is our basic food stuff and it gives life. We really feel it on our tongues. The risen Lord Jesus Christ is just as real as that.

His life giving presence is as real as the bread I feel and taste. Yes, the bread helps me to remember Him. Good. That gives me real assurance that He loves me. And He also tells me that bread, which gives life, **points** me to Him who genuinely and really gives life.

THE SIGN-POST TO JESUS

The same can be said of the wine. It is vivid and real on my tongue. It **points** me to Jesus Christ whose death, and therefore His love, is just as real. I look back to His death with love and thankfulness and look to Him now who in reality loves me.

TOGETHER ENJOYING

And I do this with other Christians. We together are loved by Him. He takes physical things - the bread and the wine - to help us look back to His death, and up to find Him now and know that His life and love are real and genuine.

With my prayers,

Stephen

General Information

Vicar	Rev Nigel Adams	01376 807662
	<i>(Nigel's day off will be Monday)</i>	
Churchwardens	Lin Terris	01376 322870
	David Marriott	01376 349257
Honorary Curate	Rev Stephen Bailey	01376 619347
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/>

Worship on the Web @ St Michael's

Each Sunday there will be two online services:-

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

10.00am adult service
- <http://stmichaelsbtree.co.uk/website/index.php/worship/adult-service>

Sunday 28th June
'The Sovereign God'
(Daniel 4: 4-37)

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 47 - 48, 1 Samuel 19:1 - 1 Samuel 31:13, Proverbs 10:11 - 10:22.

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

Housebound: Roy Smart

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)