



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE

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General Information

Vicar	Rev Nigel Adams	01376 807662
	<i>(Nigel's day off will be Saturday)</i>	
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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/>

26th July 2020 - 7th Sunday after Trinity

Update from Rev Nigel Adams

Dear Friends,

Many thanks to all who have returned questionnaires regarding the possibility of re-opening the church building for some services and/or private prayer – it is really helpful to have your views. The deadline of replies is this Sunday (26th July). The Parochial Church Council will meet later this week to discuss this further and we will keep you updated.

We will continue to have our online services for the time being. Over the summer, we are joining our two services together, as a Family Service. On Sun 2nd Aug, we have our SMASH Club service, then on the four following Sundays we are having a series on some of the parables that Jesus told. We hope you will be able to join us, either online with Worship on the Web, or through St Michael's by Phone. They will all start at 10am and are then available through the week on catch-up – see inside the Notice Sheet for details of how to access them.

If you are not actively involved in SMASH Club, our church holiday club, do please be praying for it. Rachel and the team have been working hard, putting together a really imaginative and fun online SMASH Club. Please pray that children and families will enjoy the fun times together and the Bible teaching, and please pray particularly that the technology works well. Details and the registration form are on our church website.

I don't know if you are getting a break this year, a holiday at home, or just staying put. I am very conscious that in many ways this prolonged lockdown and restrictions have been hard for many of us in different ways. When things are hard, or you feel alone, remember the words of Jesus (our Verse of the Year last year), *"Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."* (Matthew 11:28) Jesus promises us rest – not just relaxation – but what he later calls "rest for your souls". The inner peace that we are loved more than we can imagine, by the God who sent his only Son to live and die for us.

Wishing you every blessing,

Nigel

Worship on the Web @ St Michael's
Each Sunday there will be two on line services:-

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

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

Sunday 26th July
'Godly groaning'
(Romans 8: 18-27)

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.

SMASH Holiday Club online runs from Mon 27th to Fri 31st July, finishing with the SMASH Club service on Sun 2nd August. A great week with songs, games, puppets, quizzes, fun craft, Bible study time and some drama. It's for primary school age children. Details and the registration form are available from the link on the Home Page of our website www.stmichaelsbtreetree.co.uk.

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 52-54, 1 Kings 6:1 - 1 Kings 12:33, Proverbs 11:22 - 11:31.

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)

Lent Lunches: thank you to everyone who has supported or helped with the Lent lunches which, despite only being held on three occasions this year, raised £350 for the Tabor Centre.

As this is the final year to hold the lunches, thank you also to those who have supported us over the last 50 years!
Joyce Plastow

Keswick Convention: This normally takes place over 3 weeks, in the Lake District, with outstanding speakers and worship. Due to the coronavirus, the normal convention will not be happening. However this year there will be the Virtually Keswick Convention, so more people can access it online. If you have internet access, you can tune in from Mon 27th to Fri 31st July via this link - <https://vkc.keswickministries.org/>. You can either watch it live, or later on catch up.

For your prayers:

Unwell: Richard Richardson, Norma Huxter, Elaine Stoodley, Rev Norman Thorp (former curate of St Paul's Braintree), Roy Demery (retired Church Army Captain), Alan Bass, Alison Davey

Housebound: Roy Smart

Bereaved: Sam & Lexi Allen following the death of Sam's Grandad

Mission of the Month: Chain Foundation: was set up to deal with the high number of children who were left orphaned in Uganda and to assist with the health and education of others in the area. Today, the Chain Foundation have a Home for Children, farms which help make produce to keep the foundation self-sufficient and schools for all ages and abilities including the blind. The children utilize devotions that are held every evening to know more about Jesus' love and also strengthen their covenant with God. At Chain the Covid situation has been manageable, they have been able to move on with God's grace and the children are well. They have been able to use the lockdown time to grow more food. The children and some staff who were at Chain full time have done a good job. They resumed work slowly and public transport has been allowed but with a lot of restrictions which has again made it inaccessible.

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?

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@stmichaelsbtreetree.co.uk) or by text (07713 566667)