



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE

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9th August 2020 - 9th Sunday after Trinity

Update from Rev Stephen Bailey

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/>

Dear Friends,

'WICKED , WICKED, BRILL, BRILL'.....'BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD' Smash Club was fun this year. Despite the fact that the children's annual holiday club could not meet in Church House or its garden, Zoom meant that 'Smashers' could meet together. They did! They had a good time.

SONGS

Yes, those who came together by Zoom found they could sing together. Obviously some words to the holiday club songs were written with youngsters in mind. Adult leaders joined in with exuberant actions for the sake of the Smash Club members. Then, I genuinely suspect, found themselves enjoying praising Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN ONLY?

People in the Bible got excited about God. For instance, Psalm 96 to the end of Psalm 100 talk, instance, about singing, roaring, exulting, shouting and blasting away on trumpets and the like. A lot of this year's Smash Club songs focused on the Lord Jesus Christ. The songs want to excite the singer about the fact that he is this world's Lord and that he died and rose again. As children become Christian adults they have even more reason to get excited about Jesus Christ.

BE STILL

The same block of Psalms that express excitement in knowing God, contain the phrase. 'Be still and know that I am God'. Does that mean we have two alternative styles of worshipping God?

The Christian message calls us to be both excited and reflective. The death of the Lord Jesus on the cross demands a reflective element in our praise. For instance take the hymns 'O sacred head sore wounded' or ' My song is love unknown'. Yet when we come to Easter, our hearts surely must leap as our Saviour lives and we enjoy His victory. The two go together to make up healthy praise.

Stephen Bailey

Worship on the Web @ St Michael's

Each Sunday throughout August there will be a Family Service:-

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

Sunday 9th August

'Be humble'
(Luke 14: 7-11)

The Family 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.

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 the weekly email on Saturday.

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)

First Priority Prayer Meeting on

Zoom: Tuesday, 11th August 8.00-9.00pm. The link for the Prayer Meeting on Zoom will be included in the weekly email.

Bible Reading Group: this week's readings for Tuesday, 11th August are Psalm 56, 1 Kings 22:1 - 2 Kings 9:37, Proverbs 12:8 - 12:14.

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)

For your prayers:

Unwell: Roy Smart, Barbara Townrow, Richard Richardson, Norma Huxter, Elaine Stoodley, Rev Norman Thorp (former curate of St Paul's Braintree), Alan Bass, Alison Davey

Housebound: David and Ann Harvey

Bereaved: Roy Demery (retired Church Army Captain) died recently. Please pray for Pat and their family at this sad time, but rejoice that he is with the Lord. If anyone would like to be in touch with Pat & family, please contact Norma Huxter, who has contact details.

Mission of the Month: ACTS in Burkina Faso works among the most vulnerable people in one of the poorest countries in the world. On the scale of poorest countries Burkina Faso is 173 out of 175. Joanna Ilboudo set up ACTS, having 'love and hope for mother and child'. Widows and orphans are the forgotten ones. They have no voice and no means of support. They are considered outcasts due to the fear of AIDS. Widows have no opportunity for education and no hope of gaining skills necessary to support a family. Without financial means, widows and orphans are caught in a cycle of poverty, sickness and ignorance. ACTS works to provide maternal care and child health; educating rural poor children in formal and vocational education, training for widows in micro-enterprise and literacy. ACTS feeds 850 orphans each day. Organises evangelical campaigns, trains new disciples, pastors and has brought 1000 people to salvation. Trains Christian writers and promotes and publishes Christian literature and works in community development bringing spiritual, economic, social and physical relief. For more information please visit their website www.actsburkina.org. Only God's love can make lasting change in the lives of men, women, boys and girls caught in the oppression of poverty and ignorance.

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**.