



# ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE

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**30th August 2020 - 12th Sunday after Trinity**

## Update from Rev Nigel Adams

Dear Friends,

I hope you have been having a good, though probably different, summer. This Sunday is the last of our summer series of Family Services. Next Sunday, we will be returning to our pattern of two online services – the Children & Families Service (9.45am) and the adult service (10.00am), both available at those times or on catch up during the week, as well as via St Michael's by Phone. We will be continuing with our online services for the time being, as we start to resume some limited services in the church building from Sunday 20th September. We will tell you more about this over the coming weeks.

This week, St Michael's School, in line with schools nationally, will be returning to the classroom. This is a big step for our schools, balancing the risk of our children and young people not being in school with the risk of spreading the virus.

The Bible has much to say about the importance of educating and teaching children, a shared responsibility between parents, schools and others involved in education.

- **A good start in life is invaluable:** *"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."* (Proverbs 22:6)
- **We should be repeatedly telling our children about God and God's rules:** *"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."* (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)
- **Jesus himself had time for children and valued them:** *"Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."* (Matthew 19:13-14)

Do pray for all of our school staff, children and parents at this time of change. Please pray for safety and wisdom, as well as for our children and young people, readjusting to being in a different school environment, with some of them having been off school for many months.

Wishing you every blessing,

Nigel

## General Information

Vicar	Rev Nigel Adams	01376 807662
	<i>(Nigel's day off will be Saturday)</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](mailto: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 throughout August there will be a Family Service:-

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

**Sunday 30th August**

'Keep watch'  
(Matthew 25: 1-13)

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](mailto:rgrovesmith@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk)) or by text (07713 566667)

**Bible Reading Group:** this week's readings for Tuesday, 1st September are Psalm 59, 1 Chronicles 4:1 - 1 Chronicles 9:44, Proverbs 13:1-13: 8.

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](mailto:daveterris@uwclub.net))

**Care for the Family** is a Christian charity, which aims to promote strong family life and to help those who face family difficulties. They provide support for parents, marriages and those who have been bereaved. Their website has numerous links to articles, podcasts and even some online courses and they also provide some COVID-19 support and can be accessed via [www.careforthefamily.org.uk](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk).

**For your prayers:**

**Unwell:** Jeff Wise, Stuart Holdsworth, 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:** The family and friends of Roy Smart, 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](http://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**.