



# ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



## 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
Treasurer	Lesley Davey	01376 326969

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**13th September 2020 - 14th Sunday after Trinity**

## Update from Rev Nigel Adams

Dear Friends,

King David said, "I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1) We are starting to open up St Michael's church building for limited use. On Wednesday, a number of people joined us for private prayer and next Sunday (20th Sept) we open for morning worship at 10am.

The first Sunday of each month will be a Family Service, with priority given to families with children or young people. The other weeks will be adult services. We are not able to provide a crèche, due to current guidance. With coronavirus still with us there will be limitations – the services will be shorter and we are not allowed to sing.

There is no need to book a place for private prayer, but you will need to book your seat for services in church by midnight on Thursday. This can be done either online (via the St Michael's website, under the Worship tab, "Church Service Booking Form") or by leaving a message on the church office answerphone (01376 321248). We will contact you by 5pm on Friday, if you have a seat – please only attend if you have a pre-booked seat.

For both private prayer and services, you will need to comply with the following:

1. That you have not had COVID-19 symptoms in the last 14 days (fever, continuous cough, loss of sense of smell or taste)
2. That you are fit to attend the church, in line with government guidance on shielding and isolating – shielding in the sense of being told by your doctor that you should not go to church and isolating, either because you have been in contact with someone with suspected coronavirus or because you are quarantining having been abroad
3. That you agree to maintain a 2 metre social distance from others and to wear a face covering in church, unless exempt

There is no upper age limit for attending, as long as you can comply with the requirements above. We will be continuing with our weekly online services, with an online Family Service on the first Sunday of the month, both children's & families services and adult services on other Sundays and All-Age Tonight on the third Sunday. St Michael's by Phone will also continue. Please feel free to worship with us either in church or online.

Please pray for St Michael's, as we return to the church building.

Wishing you every blessing,

Nigel

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 can be contacted on 07545 437477 or by leaving a message on the church office phone (01376 321248).

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**

From September there will be two online services each Sunday:-

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 13th September**

'Inseparable'

(Romans 8: 31-39)

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.

**Coffee on Zoom:** We will be having Zoom virtual coffee after church each Sunday and on the first Thursday of each month, both at 11am. Details of how to sign up will be included in the weekly email on Saturday.

**Bible Reading Group:** this week's readings for Tuesday, 15th September are Psalm 61, 1 Chronicles 21:1 - 1 Chronicles 29:30, Proverbs 13:17 - 13: 25.

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))

**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 let Louisa know if you would like to be kept in the loop of all things CYO and she will add you to her mailing list. We have a new and encouraging newsletter from CYO detailing how they are continuing God's work with schools in these tough times. [louisa.fisk@gmail.com](mailto:louisa.fisk@gmail.com)

### **World War remembrance boards:**

these have sadly deteriorated, to the extent that some of the details are not now readable. We are planning to get them professionally restored (hopefully in time for Remembrance Sunday). The work will cost £1,500 – if anyone would like to contribute towards the cost of restoration, please contact Lesley Davey, our Treasurer.

### **For your prayers:**

**Unwell:** Mya Nel, Jeff Wise, Stuart Holdsworth, 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: TEARFUND** is a Christian charity called to follow Jesus wherever the need is greatest. It works tirelessly to help communities around the world escape the very worst effects of poverty and disaster. They work in over 50 countries alongside local churches and other locally-based organizations to bring whole-person transformation. A massive 92% of people killed or affected by disasters are in poor countries. Tearfund helps communities find long-term solutions to hunger, drought and the lack of opportunity and esteem that keeps them trapped in poverty. By showing people the skills they have at their fingertips, Tearfund helps to unlock their God-given potential... with lifelong results. When communities are empowered to overcome poverty, that's precisely what they'll do. Tearfund's church-based partners help people access the material things they need to survive. But they don't stop there. They offer spiritual hope through God loving the whole person. The impact and implications of COVID-19 within the setting of poor communities has been massive. As the pandemic slows down in the UK, across the world it is accelerating. Millions of lives are at stake as coronavirus hits refugee camps and war-torn countries like Yemen, Syria, and South Sudan. Our prayers are urgently needed and Tearfund's extensive website [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org) shows helpful prayer pointers together with background information, not only in respect of coronavirus but on all of Tearfund's work worldwide as they seek to follow Jesus where the need is greatest.

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

### **Private prayer**

St Michael's Church will be open on:

- Wed 16th Sept, 6-7pm
- Wed 23rd Sept, 2-3pm

No need to book – you can stay for as long or short as you wish