



# ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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## General Information

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Contact Margaret Kinniburgh to add items to the Notice Sheet (by noon **Thursday**) email: notices@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk. Telephone 01376 330013.

### Keeping in touch

To phone, please leave 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/>

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)

**Bible Reading Group:** this week's readings for Tuesday, 29th September are Psalm 63, 2 Chronicles 14:1 - 2 Chronicles 26:23, Proverbs 14:13 - 14:24. 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)

## 27th September 2020 - 16th Sunday after Trinity

### Update from Rev Nigel Adams

Dear Friends,

At this time of change and challenge, we are doing what we can to be church (that is the people of God) together. We met in the church building for Morning Worship last Sunday and it was great, despite the restrictions, to be together and worship God. Next Sunday (4th October) is our Harvest Family Service at 10am. If you are joining us and would like to give a harvest gift for the Foodbank, please see the details inside this Notice Sheet. You will need to apply for a seat by Thursday midnight (online or by phone) if you wish to come to any of our services and we will let you know on the Friday if you have a space. If you would like to come to our Family Service, do please apply – preference will be given to families with children & young people, but anyone can apply to attend.

The church will be open for private prayer from 6-7pm this Wednesday – there is no need to pre-book for this – just pop in at any time during that hour. We will continue with our two online services for the time being – details of all our services are in the Notice Sheet. Do please join us for Zoom coffee on Sundays and the first Thursday of each month (1st October), both at 11am.

May I encourage you to invite guests to attend the Five : Fifteen Virtual Quiz (on Zoom) next Saturday (3rd October) 6.45-9.00pm. Details are in the Notice Sheet – please email me to by Wednesday if you would like to come. Entry is free.

Please pray for our national and world leaders at this challenging time – as Paul put it, *“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”* (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

With our love and prayers,

Nigel

### Church services

We are having services both online (and by phone) and in the church building. Today's services will be:

#### Online:

**9.45am** Children's & Families Service

**10.00am** Adult Service "Unexpected blessings" (Matthew 5:1-12)

All these services can be accessed via the Worship tab on the St Michael's Church website. The latest adult service is also available through "St Michael's by Phone" – just dial 01376 333565 (phone calls charged at the local rate). Both the online and phone versions of the service are available throughout the week.

#### In church

**10.00am** a shortened service of Morning Worship. The first Sunday of each month will be a Family Service (with priority for families with children or young people) and other weeks will be adult services. You will need to book your seat for the services by midnight on Thursday – either via the St Michael's website (Worship tab) or by leaving a message on the church office answerphone (01376 321248). You will be contacted on Friday if you have a seat – **please only attend if you have been told you have a pre-booked seat.**

If you are coming into church, for a service or private prayer, 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
3. That you agree to maintain a 2 metre social distance from others and to wear a face covering in church, unless exempt

**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.

#### Harvest Family Service: Sunday, 4th Oct

This year we are collecting harvest items for the Foodbank. They are currently in need of: cereal bars, chocolate bars such as KitKats and Penguins (small packs), jam, sponge pudding, mash potato, tinned snacks and meals, sugar, deodorant and washing detergent (in gel form). Please bring any items to the service which we will then pass on to the Foodbank.

#### Private prayer

St Michael's Church will be open on

- Wed 30th Sept. 6-7pm
- Wed 7th Oct. 2-3pm

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

**Christianity Explored is an informal 8 week course**, which explores who Jesus is, why he came and what it means to follow him. Everyone welcome – whether you consider yourself a Christian or just want to find out more. We will be running it on Zoom on Wednesdays from 7.30pm. Please contact Nigel or Jo Adams to book on to the course or if you have any questions. We will send you the Zoom link and the course handbook.

#### For your prayers:

**Unwell:** Ron Smith, Cynthia Daniels' son-in-law Paul, Mya Nel, Jeff Wise, Stuart Holdsworth, Elaine Stoodley, Rev Norman Thorp (former curate of St Paul's Braintree), Alan Bass, Alison Davey

**Housebound:** David and Ann Harvey

**Bereaved:** Stuart Holdsworth and family following the death of his mother, Barbara. The family and friends of Roy Smart.

**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.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting:** This will take place on Tues 27th Oct from 7.30pm on Zoom. It will be possible to join this, either by video conferencing or by phone. More details will be given in due course. We will be updating our Electoral Roll by Sun 11th Oct – please contact Nigel Adams, either by phone or email, if you would like to join the Electoral Roll.

**Women@St Michaels: Friday, 13th November** an event not to be missed from the comfort of your home via Zoom! Esther is going to be with us from 7-30-9.00pm and we are going to make FAIRY LIGHTS together. The cost will be £25.00 and everything will be delivered to your door ready for the evening ahead. For those who would like to join us, Jennifer needs your e-mail address, by **Tuesday, 13th October**. Jennifer's email address is: [jennifer.bailey42@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jennifer.bailey42@tiscali.co.uk).

#### Five : Fifteen Virtual Quiz

We will be hosting a new online quiz night on Sat 3rd Oct, 6.45-9.00pm on Zoom. The title refers to 5 rounds and 15 questions, with Quizmaster Jeff Clayton. Form yourself into teams of 2-6 players – conferring by phone or messenger is allowed. To register, or for more details, please email Nigel Adams at [revnigeladams@gmail.com](mailto:revnigeladams@gmail.com).