



# ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



## General Information

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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

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

**Car parking permits:** due to the on-going restrictions, the 2020 car parking permits for the church car park will still be valid for the time being. We will let you know when a new one is required.

[www.stmichaelsbtree.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelsbtree.co.uk)

## 28th February 2021- Second Sunday in Lent

### An update from Rev Nigel Adams

Dear Friends,

Following the Prime Minister's statement, and the proposed roadmap, we are waiting for further guidance and advice from the Church of England and our diocese. At present, we remain **online and by phone**, for our 10am Morning Worship each Sunday. We are doing more on Zoom, including all of our **Children's & Families Services** at 9.45am (starting this Sunday), **Zoom Coffee** (11am each Sunday and the first Thursday of each month), **Zoom Holy Communion and All-Age Tonight** (both monthly). We will keep you updated, when things start to change.

At **Discipleship Explored** we have been looking at Paul's letter to the Philippians. This Wednesday, we were reading the great passage in Philippians 2 about Jesus' humility:

- 5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:*  
*6 who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;*  
*7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant*

It is a unique Bible passage, because it speaks of Jesus' thoughts, as he willingly gave up the glories of heaven ... how he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. It will always be the ultimate act of humility and obedience, because of the heights that the Son of God came from. He did this out of love for each of us, because his death alone could save us from sin and death.

This Lent, as we prepare for Easter, let us remember daily what Jesus did on the cross for us. In times when life is hard, let us remember our amazing God, who, in Jesus, shows both love and humility. *"Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you."* (1 Peter 5:7). Let us remember Jesus' example and his love for us, day by day.

Wishing you every blessing,

Nigel

### Church services:

Please note that we are not having any “in person” services at present, but will have online (YouTube) services, as well as “St Michael’s by Phone” and on Zoom.

#### Sunday 28th February

**9.45am: Children & Families Service on Zoom**

**10.00am: Morning Worship** - on YouTube and by phone

**11.00am: Virtual Coffee on Zoom**

#### Sunday 7th March

**9.45am: Children & Families Service on Zoom**

**10.00am: Morning Worship** - on YouTube and by phone

**11.00am: Virtual Coffee on Zoom**

**6.30pm Holy Communion on Zoom**

The online (YouTube) services can be accessed via the Worship tab on the St Michael’s Church website. The services are also available through “St Michael’s by Phone” – just dial 01376 333565 (phone calls are charged at the local rate). The online services are available at any time after they are launched and phone versions of the services are available until the next phone service is uploaded.

**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. Please join Nigel & Jo Adams for **Coffee@Home** on **Thurs 4th March** from 11am for our monthly coffee & chat. The Zoom link will be included in the weekly email on Saturday or contact Nigel or Jo.

**Thank you** to those who have responded to the request to help meet the Kralovis’ financial needs. (See 21st February notice sheet). I have sent your gifts to ‘Crosslinks’. If you are still thinking of helping, and there is still some way to go, then I am very happy to receive gifts and send them on to ‘Crosslinks’. It is still not too late! *Stephen Bailey*

**Women@St Michael’s Saturday School:** is on Saturday, 20th March 10.00-12.00 noon on Zoom. Our speaker is Lindsay Benn on the theme of ‘Women of Faith’. If you would like to take part, please let Jennifer know and she will send you the link. Email: [jennifer.bailey42@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jennifer.bailey42@tiscali.co.uk).

### For your prayers:

**Unwell:** Lorraine Hollis (fractured ankle), Jennie Roughan (ex-Chairwoman of The Hut (BYPC) who is seriously ill with cancer), David Harvey, Elaine Stoodley, Ron Smith, Rev Norman Thorp (former curate of St Paul’s Braintree), Alan Bass, Alison Davey

**Housebound:** Ann Harvey

**Mission of the Month: CPAS** is an Anglican Evangelical mission agency working in the UK and Republic of Ireland. Their mission is to help every person hear and discover the good news of Jesus Christ through the ministry of local churches. They are patrons of our Church. They help provide evangelical ministers to churches and also provide lots of courses for ministers, other leaders and PCC groups. They also run ventures and Falcons, young people’s holidays, where children attend various camps and house parties during the summer months mainly. Praise God for CPAS delivering a series of free web teaching and currently running a leadership web course entitled Leading in Uncertain Times. One of the key strategic goals over the next five years is to equip 1000 ministers and local leaders to be more effective in evangelism. A key piece of work is now underway in partnership with the Church of England and others to develop an online learning process for clergy and lay leaders to help churches see more people become disciples of Jesus. Further information on CPAS can be obtained from their website [www.cpas.org.uk](http://www.cpas.org.uk).

### Our Lent Book: ‘Hope in the Face of Suffering’ by Jeremy Marshall.

Jeremy offers what he has learnt from his experience of living with incurable cancer. He focuses on the hope found in Jesus Christ. The book consists of 20 daily Bible readings. The cost is £3.95 and is available from Stephen Bailey.

**Bible Reading Group:** this week’s readings for Tuesday, 2nd March are Psalm 84, Lamentations 4:1 - Ezekiel 11:25, Proverbs 21:20 - 21:31. 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](mailto:daveterris@uwclub.net))

**Our Email Prayer Chain** gives occasional updates on pastoral and other urgent matters for prayer. Please send your email address to Jo Adams ([joannamaryadams@gmail.com](mailto:joannamaryadams@gmail.com)) if you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain circulation list.