



# ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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## General Information

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| Vicar                                      | Rev Nigel Adams  | 01376 807662 |
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|  | <i>(Nigel's day of rest will be on Monday this week)</i> |              |
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| Pastoral Assistant                         | Jo Adams   | 01376 807662 |

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/>

**Jeff & Valerie Wise** have now moved to 24 Juniper Close, Godington Park, Ashford, Kent, TN23 3JY; email widejv@aol.com.

**Bible Reading Group:** The readings for Tuesday, 28th September will be Psalms 137-138, Romans 13:1 - 1 Corinthians 7:21, Proverbs 30:11 - 30:14. 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)

## 26th September 2021- Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

### An update from Rev Nigel Adams

Dear Friends,

Do please join us, if you would like to, as we have an increasing number of things in person, as well as online. Each Sunday, there will be a service in church at 10am – there is no need to book. We also have children's & young people's groups on Sundays, as well as a number of groups meeting during the week – details are inside this Notice Sheet.

The national and international news continues to cause concern, with the coronavirus vaccine roll-out being very slow in much of the world, rocketing gas prices putting many energy suppliers out of action, continuing sad news from Afghanistan and much more.

Yet, despite all this we can bring our concerns and troubles to a loving and unchanging God ... a God who cares about every aspect of our lives. I have heard it said that "Our little things are all big to God's love, and our big things are all small to His power." Psalm 46:1-2, 10 reminds us,

***1 God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.***

***2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,***

***10 He says, 'Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth.'***

Let us lean on God and take refuge in him ... and try to find time to be still and know that He is God.

Wishing you every blessing,

Nigel

### **Church Services:**

We are having services in the church building, via YouTube, by phone and on Zoom. Our forthcoming services will be:

#### **Sunday 26th September**

**9.00am Next Plus (14-18s)** breakfast

**10.00am Junior Church (3-14s)**

**10.00am** Morning Worship in church, online (YouTube) and by phone

**11.00am** Virtual Coffee on Zoom

#### **Sunday 3rd October**

**10.00am** Harvest Church Family Worship in church, online (YouTube) and by phone

**11.00am** Virtual Coffee on Zoom

**6.30pm** Holy Communion on Zoom

### **Online**

Our **pre-recorded YouTube services** can be accessed via the Worship tab on the St Michael's Church website (or through the "St Michael's – Worship on the Web" YouTube channel). The latest 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. The link for our **Zoom services and Zoom coffee** is on our weekly email – please contact Nigel if you need it.

### **In church**

- There will be **no requirement to pre-book seats** for the services in church.
- The church will have "zones" – the central two blocks of seats will be unrestricted, in the sense of not being socially distanced. Other pews at the back and sides will be socially distanced, only using every other pew. To help with social distancing, anyone attending can take a sticker saying, "**Please give me space**" and/or sheets to place on the seats next to you saying, "**Please do not sit here**".
- We are encouraging everyone to continue to wear **face coverings** in church, unless you have a medical reason or are a child under 11 years. This is mainly out of respect for the safety of others.
- We will have congregational **singing** (with face coverings).
- As we begin to socialise more, please **be respectful** of one another's space.

If you have had a **positive Covid test or Covid-19 symptoms** in the last 10 days (fever, continuous cough, loss of sense of smell or taste), please do not attend church, out of respect for others.

**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 Church Family Worship Service on Sunday 3rd October:** This year we are collecting harvest items for the Foodbank. They are currently in need of: juice (1l), custard (tinned or packet), sponge puddings, long life milk (1l), tinned spaghetti, tinned fruit, instant mash, chocolate, sugar (1lb), washing up liquid, deodorant, washing detergent (in gel form), baby wipes, shampoo/conditioner and shower gel.

### **For your prayers:**

**Unwell:** Brian Hennessy, Ben and Mya Nel, Emma Wild, Katherine Cridland, Bobby McCaigue, Rev Pam Davies (severe back problems), David Harvey, Elaine Stoodley, Rev Norman Thorp (former curate of St Paul's Braintree), Alan Bass,

**Housebound:** Anne Harvey

**Bereaved:** The family and friends of Em Wild who died on Wed 15th Sept. and Ling, Victoria, Lisha & Rishon Lingesh following the death of Ling's mother.

**Mission of the Month: ACTS Ministry 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 with a vision to 'bring love and hope to the orphan and the widow'. 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 through food support, community health, vocational training, formal education, editions and publications, training in entrepreneurial leadership and discipleship, Human Rights and civic education and protection of the environment. With the prevalence of COVID, Burkina is fighting two wars and the government is overwhelmed. Only God's love can make lasting change in the lives of those caught in the oppression of poverty and ignorance. For more information visit the website [www.actsburkina.org](http://www.actsburkina.org).

**Men@StMichael's Beer & Chat** is starting again on Wed 6th Oct from 8pm at The Picture Palace, Wetherspoons, Fairfield Road, CM7 3HA. All are welcome.

**Women@St Michaels:** Welcome morning in St Michael's church on **Saturday, 9th October 10.00am - 12.30pm**. Refreshments, chat, singing, talk, catch up and more. Do come and enjoy being together again. To sign up email [jennifer.bailey42@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jennifer.bailey42@tiscali.co.uk) or text 07778563465.

### **Helpers wanted:**

1. **Help with services** – as we further open up our church services, we will need more people to assist with welcoming, operating the sound desk and supporting the live streamed services. This will be for the 8am, 10am & 6.30pm services, on a rota basis.
2. **The LINK magazine** – would you consider editing, or co-editing our monthly magazine?
3. **Hall Bookings Secretary** – as we re-open Church House for both church groups and outside hirers, we will need someone to oversee our hall bookings.

If you want to know more about any of these roles, or are able to assist, please speak to **Dave Marriott** or **Lin Terris**, our churchwardens.