



# ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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## 19th December 2021- Fourth Sunday of Advent

### December at St Michael's

Following the Government's Plan B, face coverings are now mandatory (a legal requirement) in places of worship. We will be continuing with our Christmas services and other "in person" events, but please wear a face covering (unless exempt). For the time being, we will not be having any refreshments at church.

Please join us, and consider inviting guests, to our Christmas services – no need to pre-book. Junior Church will continue each Sunday, except where there is a family service.



The Perfect Gift

**Sun 19 Dec**

**10am: Morning Worship  
6.30pm: Carols by Candlelight**

**Fri 24 Dec**

**4pm: Christingle service  
6pm: Christmas Eve Communion**

**Sat 25 Dec**

**8am: Holy Communion (with carols)  
10am: Family Celebration**

**Sun 26 Dec**

**10am: Family Communion**

**Sun 2 Jan**

**10am: Church Family Worship**

*"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21)*

### General Information

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

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/>

If you are new to St Michael's, welcome! If you would like someone to contact you, please leave your details in the collection box by the door.

Name(s) .....

Address .....

Telephone .....

Email .....

### **Church Services:**

We are having services in the church building, via YouTube, by phone.

The 10.00am services will be recorded and uploaded later to YouTube and “St Michael’s by Phone”. Some of our services are now being **video recorded**, using a camera on a pillar, and uploaded to YouTube. Please note that those sitting in the front three rows, in the centre, may be on the video recording.

### **Online**

Our **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**” currently updated on a Tuesday – 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**

- There will be **no requirement to pre-book seats** for church services.
- The church is set out in “**zones**” – the central blocks of seats are unrestricted, in the sense of not being socially distanced. Other pews are 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 now required by law to wear **face coverings** in church, unless you have a medical reason or are a child under 11 years.
- We will have congregational **singing** (with face coverings).
- 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.

**Christmas cards:** there is a board at the back of church if you wish to send one Christmas card to everyone at St Michael’s. Donations are being collected in aid of Hope House, a local charity seeking to break the cycle of homelessness.

### **For your prayers:**

**Unwell:** Lionel Clark, Richard Hunte (Naj McCaigue’s father), Jack Green, Richard Ould, David Hart, Cyril Bamforth’s sister, Maureen, Lee Evans, 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:** Audrey Hennessey and family & friends, following the death of Brian - his funeral will be on **Thurs 6th Jan 2022, 10.30pm** at Three Counties Crematorium..

**Mission of the Month: Stand by Me** is a Christian charity committed to rescuing and caring for some of the world’s poorest children, regardless of ethnicity, religious beliefs or social status. Through their children’s homes, schools and care centres they are meeting the individual needs of over 3,000 children who are orphaned, abandoned, abused or victims of war, or disease or living in extreme poverty. “It is our aim to make lasting improvements to children’s lives, caring for them as Jesus would, by restoring their dignity and giving them a sense of self-worth.” Our Junior Church continues to sponsor and support Tsion from Ethiopia through Stand By Me and we receive letters and updates.

Many thanks to all who contributed generously to the recent **Gift Day** - £10,152 has been raised towards the work on the crèche room.

**Essentials:** we will be running a 3 week course called “Essentials” which looks at the heart of the Christian faith on Mon 17th, 24th & 31st Jan, from 7.30pm. The course includes some talks by Lee McMunn as well as the chance for discussion and questions. Please speak to Nigel or Jo Adams if you are interested in joining us or have any questions. We will decide nearer the time whether it will run in church or via Zoom.