

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>	
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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.



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



www.stmichaelsbtree.co.uk

Christmas & New Year – 26th Dec 21 & 2nd Jan 22

An update from Rev Nigel Adams

Dear Friends,

We will be continuing with our services in the church building, as well as online and by phone. If you are planning to join us "in person", please note:

- **Face coverings** are now mandatory (a legal requirement) in places of worship, unless you are exempt
- Following advice from the local Director of Public Health, we are encouraging everyone to do a **lateral flow test** before coming to church
- For the time being, we will not be having **refreshments** at church

We hope you will be able to join us sometime over Christmas, either in person or remotely, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, "the perfect gift".

Wishing you every blessing for Christmas and the New Year,

Nigel



The Perfect Gift

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

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.

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, 10.30am** 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.