



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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16th January 2022 - Second Sunday after Epiphany

An update from Rev Nigel Adams

Dear Friends,

The **video recordings** of our Christmas and New Year services have now been uploaded to the St Michael's Worship on the Web YouTube channel, so can now all be viewed.

All-Age Tonight is our youth-friendly evening service, normally on the third Sunday of each month. It is targeted at all ages from 10 to 100! This year we will be looking at the Ten Commandments, in a series titled "**God's timeless values**". The Ten Commandments are so much more than just a set of rules. They have been the bedrock of civilised societies for thousands of years.

The Ten Commandments are very much the "**Maker's instructions**". They give us a unique insight into how God intended us to live. They do tell us what we should and shouldn't do, but in doing so, God is not being a killjoy. God is guiding us away from things that will cause us **pain and sadness**, and towards things that will give us **joy and satisfaction** in life.

We will be going through the Ten Commandments in reverse order, drawing out the **positive, life affirming lessons** from each of the commandments. We will start with "**You shall not covet**" and be thinking about what it teaches us about **finding true contentment**. Trying to get more money, more fame, more success will never truly fulfil us. Please join us for some practical tips about how we can find real contentment in life.

I hope you will be able to join us for All-Age Tonight, either **in church at 6.30pm, or online** during the week.

Wishing you every blessing,

Nigel

General Information

Vicar	Rev Nigel Adams	01376 807662
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	<i>(Nigel's day of rest will be on Friday this week)</i>	
Churchwardens	Lin Terris	01376 322870
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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. Our forthcoming services will be:

Sunday, 16th January

10.00am Junior Church

10.00am Holy Communion

6.30pm All-Age Tonight

Sunday, 23rd January

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Junior Church

10.00am Morning Worship

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

- Following advice from the local Director of Health, we now strongly encourage everyone to take a **lateral flow test** before attending church or other “in person” events.
- 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: Malcolm Timms, Dennis Buston, Lionel Clark, Richard Hunte (Naj McCaigue’s father), Jack Green, Richard Ould, 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.

Mission of the Month: Crosslinks has ‘Mission Partners’ in Europe, East Asia, the Middle East, across Africa and South & Central America. Notice that the Crosslinks workers are called ‘Partners’. This is because churches in four continents invited men and women to work with them in making Jesus Christ known. We have a link with JIRKA & KEIRA KRALOVI who work with students in Olomouc in the Czech Republic. Also they are involved helping get a new church off the ground. We shall be praying for them in January.

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 on Zoom. The course includes some talks by Lee McMunn about how God has revealed himself to us, how humankind have rejected God and how God has come to rescue us. His talks are very thought provoking, with some powerful illustrations. There is also the chance for discussion and questions. Please speak to Nigel or Jo Adams if you have any questions or are interested in joining us and we will send you the Zoom link.

DBS Checks: The requirement for the renewal of DBS checks has changed from 5 to 3 years. This means that many checks will need to be completed early to get them all on to a 3 year cycle. I will contact you when yours is due but please feel free to let me know if you have any concerns.
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