



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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27th March 2022 - Fourth Sunday in Lent - Mothering Sunday

Please see **updated guidance regarding Covid**, inside the Notice Sheet, under "Church Services ... In church".

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
	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 Lin Terris to add items to the Notice Sheet (by noon **Thursday**)
email: lterris@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk. Telephone 01376 322870.

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

Easter at St Michael's

All services and events are in St Michael's Church, unless shown otherwise
Everyone is most welcome to join us

Mon 11th to Wed 13th April – SMASH Holiday Club

In Church House for Primary School aged children
(See inside the Notice Sheet for details)

Thurs 14th April – Maundy Thursday

8.00pm Holy Communion

Fri 15th April – Good Friday

9.30am United Service at Christ Church Braintree followed by a Walk of Witness and short service in George Yard
3.00pm An Hour by the Cross

Sun 17th April – Easter Day

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Easter Family Praise
6.30pm Holy Communion

Church Services:

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

Sunday, 27th March

8.00am Holy Communion – “*Cheerful givers*” (2 Corinthians 8: 1-9)

10.00am Church Family Worship - Mothering Sunday - “*Were not ten cleansed?*” (Luke 17: 11-19)

Sunday, 3rd April

9.00am Next Plus Breakfast (14-18s)

10.00am Junior Church

10.00am Morning Worship – “*Jesus and money*” (Luke 18: 18-30)

6.30pm Holy Communion – “*Holy Spirit, another Helper*” (John 14: 15-31)

Video recording in church

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

In church

- **Legal requirements** for most Covid restrictions have now been dropped and replaced with guidance and advice. Government guidelines recommend **face coverings** in enclosed or crowded places, particularly where you come into contact with people you don’t normally meet. We therefore encourage the wearing of face coverings in church, unless you are exempt, including when singing.
- There is **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**”.
- Government guidance says, “**Social distancing** in a place of worship is now a personal choice. People are encouraged to respect other attendees and those working who may wish to adopt a more cautious approach.”
- If you have had a recent **positive Covid test**, **Covid-19 symptoms** or **feel unwell**, please do not attend church, out of respect for others.

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.

Hope Explored is a new 3 week course, from the Christianity Explored team. We will be running it on Mondays 9th, 16th & 23rd May from 7.30pm and will decide nearer the time whether it will be in person or on Zoom. Please speak to Nigel or Jo Adams.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be on Tues 24th May from 7.30pm in church – more details to follow.

For your prayers:

Unwell: Gloria Boar, Derek Chapman, Malcolm Timms, Norma Huxter, Dennis Buston, Lionel Clark, Richard Hunte (Naj McCaigue’s father), 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: Tony & Sue White & family, following the death of Tony’s mother, Gill.

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 179. 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. 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.actsbf.org.

Jack Green has asked us to let people know that his mobile number is 07855 897365

Support for Ukraine: if you wish to provide humanitarian support for Ukraine, two of our link missions are working in the region:

- **Tearfund** are part of the Disasters Emergency Committee: <https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/ukraine-crisis>.
- **Barnabas Fund** are taking donations of clothing, food and blankets. They have a depot in Ilford to act as a collection point for these and a phone number for further information: 01793 317778: <https://>

Living Christianity: our Lent course is about “**following Jesus in every area of life**”. Our last meeting will be on **Monday 28th March from 7.30pm on Zoom**. Please speak to Nigel or Jo Adams if you have any questions by phone or email (revnigeladams@gmail.com).

SMASH holiday club is fast approaching!! This year it is happening during the Easter holidays (Monday 11th April - Wednesday 13th April) and is suitable for children of primary school age. We will be back to hosting the children (rather than whole families) and we have made the decision to run the club for three longer morning sessions (rather than five shorter ones). As usual there will be lots of fun including Bible stories, games, craft and much more. Please get the dates in your diary and details of how to sign up will be out soon!

