

General Information

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	<i>(Nigel's day of rest will be on Tuesday this week)</i>	
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Contact Lin Terris to add items to the Notice Sheet (by noon **Thursday**)
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ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE

www.stmichaelsbtree.co.uk



**17th April 2022
Easter Day**

Easter at St Michael's

Do join us, if you are able to, as we celebrate the wonderful good news of Easter. The news that God, out of love for us, sent his Son into the world to live and die for us. But that was not the end. On the third day, Jesus was wonderfully raised to life. This good news gives us hope in life, and hope in the face of death.

Everyone is most welcome to join us.

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Easter Family Praise

6.30pm Holy Communion

***"But the angel said to the women,
"Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who
was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he
said. Come, see the place where he lay."
(Matthew 28:5-6)***

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, 17th April

8.00am Holy Communion - *"Easter Day"* (John 20: 1-10)

10.00am Easter Family Praise – *Peace be with you*" (John 20:19-23)

6.30pm Holy Communion – *Seeing is believing*" (John 20: 24-29)

Sunday, 24th April

8.00am Holy Communion - *"Wise under pressure"* (Daniel 1)

9.00am Next Plus Breakfast (14-18s)

10.00am Junior Church

10.00am Morning Worship - *"Wise under pressure"* (Daniel 1)

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.
- 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.

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

For your prayers:

Unwell: Janet Bamforth, Malcolm Timms, Norma Huxter, Dennis Buston, Lionel Clark, Richard Hunte (Naj McCaigue's father), Cyril Bamforth's sister Maureen, Lee Evans, Katherine Cridland, Rev Pam Davies, David Harvey, Elaine Stoodley, Rev Norman Thorp (former curate of St Paul's Braintree), Alan Bass

Housebound: Anne Harvey

Bereaved: Please pray for the family & friends of Roger Twaites (St Michael's School Site Manager) who died last Sunday. Please continue to pray for Najette, Harrison & Teagan McCaigue and family & friends, following the death of Bobby.

Mission of the Month: The Chain Foundation was set up to deal with the high number of children who were left orphaned in Uganda and to assist with the health and education of others in the area. Today, the Chain Foundation have a Home for Children, farms which help make produce to keep the foundation self-sufficient and schools for all ages and abilities including the blind. The children utilize devotions that are held every evening to know more about Jesus' love and also strengthen their covenant with God.

YouTube services and "St Michael's by Phone": we have not been able to upload either the video or phone services in recent weeks. We will let everyone know when they are being uploaded again. Our apologies for this.

Bobby McCaigue's funeral will be on **Wednesday 20th April, 1pm** in St Michael's church. If you are attending the funeral, the family request that you have a negative lateral flow test that morning & face coverings are recommended.

Open Door World Watch List 2022: copies are now available at the back of church for those who requested them – there are some spare copies as well. The Watch List has the top 50 countries where following Jesus costs the most. Please speak to Ade Odupitan if you have any questions.

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://www.barnabasfund.org/gb/>.

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 if you have any questions about it.