

General Information

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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



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE

www.stmichaelsbtree.co.uk



24th April 2022 Second Sunday of Easter

Update from Rev Nigel Adams

Dear Friends,

I hope you have had a **good Easter**, as we celebrated Jesus rising to life again and the hope that gives us of our heavenly future with him.

On Sunday mornings, we will be starting a new sermon series on **the book of Daniel**. It gives us an account of what happened when Jerusalem was defeated and many of the people of Israel were sent **in Exile to Babylon**.

It is **not a sanitised or idealised account**. Daniel and his friends were identified as talented and able young men and were recruited to serve in the king's palace. This brought **very real challenges and decisions** for them ... decisions about what to go along with, and what to stand up for. As they made these tough decisions, they saw God at work, in them and through them.

Though it happened thousands of years ago, the book of Daniel has much to **teach us today**. We may not live literally in Exile, but we are living in a society that is increasingly holding to values that are different to those in the Bible. As we learn from the example of Daniel and his friends, I hope we will be encouraged to **see God at work today**.

Wishing you every blessing,

Nigel

Church Services:

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

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)

Sunday 1st May

9.00am Next Plus Breakfast (14-18s)

10.00am Church Family Worship – *“Why are you weeping?”* (John 20:11-18)

6.30pm Holy Communion – The True Vine (John 15:1-11)

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.

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.

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 recently. 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.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be on **Tues 24th May from 7.30pm in church.**

If you are not on our Electoral Roll (which allows you to vote at the annual meeting), you can join by completing a form by **Sun 8th May.**

We will have **elections** for 2 churchwardens and 4 Parochial Church Council members – nomination forms will be at the back of church and should be returned to Jennifer Bailey by **Sun 8th May.**

You should be receiving **information** about the annual meeting either by email or as a hard copy. If you do not receive this information, or have any questions, please contact Rev Nigel Adams.

Jubilee Weekend Memorabilia and Write Ups of When I saw the Queen?

Could we have Write Ups of experiences and Memorabilia by Sunday May 15th please. Could you sign the list at the back of the Church to say that you are contributing. Any queries to Jennifer or Lin.

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.