



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



12th June 2022 - Trinity Sunday

An update from Rev Nigel Adams

Dear Friends,

May I begin by expressing some thanks in relation to the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** last weekend. Thanks above all to God, that it was an excellent weekend, both nationally and locally. I particularly wanted to say a huge thanks to those whose thorough planning and hard work made our Jubilee celebrations at St Michael's, both on Friday and Sunday, a great success.

This Sunday is **Trinity Sunday** – the time in the church's calendar when we reflect on the amazing fact that we have one God, in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Bible starts with God creating the heavens and the earth – and **“the Spirit of God hovering over the face of the waters”** (Genesis 1:1-2). God's Spirit was there right at the beginning. Throughout the Bible, much is revealed about the relationship of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus said both, **“The Father and I are one”** (John 10:30) and **“The Father is greater than I”** (John 14:28).

Some people have been tempted to oversimplify the Trinity, with illustrations such as H2O coming in the form of water, ice and steam. The idea of a “Divine Family” gets a bit closer to it. The doctrine of the Trinity is, in a profound sense, a great mystery. We can never fully understand how God can be three and one, but we can learn from it.

May I commend to you this quote from John Stott's daily Trinitarian prayer ...

Heavenly Father, I pray that I may live this day in your presence and please you more and more.

Lord Jesus, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow you.

Holy Spirit, I pray that this day you will fill me with yourself and cause your fruit to ripen in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God, have mercy upon me. Amen.

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>	
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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.

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: 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, 12th June

8.00am Holy Communion - *'Weighed in the balance'* (Daniel 5:)

9.00am Next Plus Breakfast (14-18s)

10.00am Junior Church

10.00am Morning Worship - *'Weighed in the balance'* (Daniel 5:)

Sunday, 19th June

9.00am Next Plus Breakfast (14-18s)

10.00am Junior Church

10.00am Morning Worship - *'The cost of commitment'* (Daniel 6:)

6.30pm All-Age Tonight - *'Keep the peace with your parents'* (Ephesians 6: 1-4)

Video recording in church

Some of our services are now being video recorded, using a camera on a pillar, and uploaded later to YouTube. 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. People are encouraged to respect other attendees and those working who may wish to adopt a more cautious approach.
- If you wish to be socially distanced, please 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**".
- 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 through the "St Michael's – Worship on the Web" YouTube channel and are generally updated during the week after the Sunday service.

First Priority Prayer Meeting: will be on Tuesday 14th June, 8-9pm on Zoom. There is much to pray about, for our nation, our world, and for churches. Sign up details are in the weekly email, or contact Nigel on revnigeladams@gmail.com.

Church Family Worship July service: Sunday, 3rd July. There will be 'A Ten of Those Bookstall' and a BBQ after the service. Please note in your diary!

For your prayers:

Unwell: Rory (Laura Smith's son), Jim Roberts, Margaret Goodchild, Norma Huxter, Dennis Buston, 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 and friends of Roger Twaites (St Michael's School Site Manager).

Mission of the Month: Barnabas Fund is an organisation who supports the persecuted church, mainly in Muslim dominated countries. We have been asked to take part in a new outreach initiative to fight hunger: You share We ship. It involves putting together a monthly food box of dried food items which can be done individually or as a group. If you would like further information please speak to Peter Schaad who can provide contact details for a starter pack. "*You see that people are justified by what they do and not by faith alone*" (James 2: 24).

White Horse Tavern: will be on Monday, 13th June 7.30pm in Church House.

St Michael's School Family BBQ and Inflatables Evening: will be on Friday, 24th June. BBQ and bar 5-9pm; Bounce 4-8pm. No entry fee. Unlimited bounce wristbands £7 per child aimed at Primary aged children 4-11yrs. Bring a blanket and settle down with friends for an evening on the field with DJ, Live Music and Stalls.

We will be having a **Bereavement Service on Sunday 26th June, 3pm** followed by a tea in Church House – a service to remember and give thanks for the lives of loved ones that we have lost. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, or let Jo Adams, know by Sunday 19th June if you would like to come. All are welcome.

Memorial Service for Jennifer Chapman: I and my family are holding a memorial service for Jenny at 2 pm on Monday, 11th July, at St Michael's Church followed by refreshments in Church House. We extend a warm welcome to all church members and friends who may wish to remember and celebrate her life to come along to this service and occasion. Please put the date in your diary, and I look forward to seeing you all there.

Refreshments after church: We are starting to have tea, coffee, etc after the 10am Sunday services from June. A number of people have come off the rota, for various reasons, so we will be starting with refreshments every other week. Would you be able to help with after-church refreshments, so we can look to have them each Sunday? It would involve being on the rota once every few months. Please speak to Jan Moore or Nigel Adams if you are able to help, or have any questions.