



ST MICHAEL'S



19th June 2022 - First Sunday after Trinity

An update from Rev Nigel Adams

Dear Friends,

Some of you may recall our Mission Sunday in March, when we had Joanna Ilboudo, and her son Israel, speaking at our service online. They explained how the work of ACTS had been founded by Joanna in Burkina Faso, particularly helping widows and orphans in practical ways as well as sharing God's love with them.



They explained then the danger posed by terrorists in Burkina Faso. We have received this week a sad update from Joanna. The country has again been severely attacked as an estimated 100 civilians and soldiers have been massacred in Seytenga. This has caused at least 8,000 people to have to leave their homes. Of those who have been displaced, over 60% of them are children. Since 2015, about 1.9 million people have had to leave their homes and 2,000 people have been killed.

Joanna says, "We would then appreciate your prayers especially as someone commented this way: ***What has happened in Afghanistan is what may happen in Burkina because of the fury of the terrorists***". Yet she adds, ***Despite the fear, we still have hope because we believe in a great God and this is why we would like to continue focusing on the work we are doing.***"

Do please pray for Joanna and the ACTS team as they seek to particularly support women and children who are in great need. As we prepare for our Suffering Church Sunday next week, we cry out with the Psalmist, "How long, O Lord?" (Psalm 13:1).

Wishing you every blessing,

Nigel

General Information

Vicar	Rev Nigel Adams	01376 807662
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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: 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, 19th June

9.00am Next Plus Breakfast (14-18s)

10.00am Junior Church

10.00am Holy Communion - *'The cost of commitment'* (Daniel 6: 1-28)

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

Sunday, 26th June

8.00am Holy Communion - *'Kingdom growth'* (Mark 4: 26-28)

9.00am Next Plus Breakfast (14-18s)

10.00am Junior Church

10.00am Morning Worship - Suffering Church Sunday

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.

St Michael's by Phone – many thanks to David Birch who kindly suggested and implemented, in the first pandemic lockdown, "St Michael's by Phone". This allowed people to listen to our church services on the phone. As things have moved on with the pandemic, the number of people listening has greatly decreased, so we have decided to stop the phone services. Can we say a big thanks to David and to our listeners.

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: Norman Plastow, 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

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, 20th 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.

Prayer Chain emails: these occasional emails let people know about more urgent matters for prayer in the St Michael's church family. If you would like to receive them, please contact Jo Adams (jadams@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk) with your email address.