



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



26th June 2022 - Second Sunday after Trinity

An update from Rev Nigel Adams



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

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is our annual Suffering Church Sunday and we are delighted to have Ray Cantrell with us, representing the Barnabas Fund. Barnabas Fund works to provide hope and aid for the persecuted Church, from Christians, to Christians, through Christians.

Ray will be telling us about some of the work of Barnabas Fund and will be preaching on Romans chapter 5, which reminds us of God's love for us ... **"God shows his love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."** (Romans 5:8)

Do please join us, either in person or later on YouTube, as we learn more about those who are suffering greatly for their faith, and the love of God who helps and sustains us.

Please continue to pray as well for the many who continue to suffer, particularly those caught up, or fleeing the war in Ukraine, as well as the many suffering as a result of the earthquake in Afghanistan.

Wishing you every blessing in these difficult times,

Nigel

Church Services:

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

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 - *'The Suffering Church'* (Romans 5: 6-11)

Sunday, 3rd July

9.00am Next Plus Breakfast (14-18s)

10.00am Church Family Worship followed by a BBQ

6.30pm Holy Communion

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

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. If you would like to join us for the BBQ, could you sign up on the sheet at the back of church, or let Jennifer Bailey know (text 07778 563465).

For your prayers:

Unwell: Michael Frater, Alan & Gill Bass, 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, David Harvey, Elaine Stoodley, Rev Norman Thorp (former curate of St Paul's Braintree)

Housebound: Anne Harvey

Bereaved: Please pray for Rev Pam Davies, family & friends, following Trevor's death on Wednesday.

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).

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. All are welcome.

St Michael's School: need a minute taker for the Premises and Pupil and Personnel Committees who meet once a term usually September, January and April. The Committees normally meet on the same evening between 6.00 and 8.15pm. Please speak to Jennifer Bailey if you can help.

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.

Jirka & Keira Kralovi, our Crosslinks mission links, will be joining us, with their family on **Sun 21st Aug** for the 10am family service. We will be also having a fish & chip lunch in Church House, which will give us the opportunity to hear more about their work in the Czech Republic. Please note the date for your diary.

Weekend Away – Fri 17th - Sun 19th Feb 2023 at Kings Park, Northampton. Rev Alasdair Payne, Vicar of St Andrew the Great Cambridge and author, will be our main speaker. The weekend is with a group of churches and applications will be on a "first come, first-served" basis. Details to follow.