



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



10th July 2022 - Fourth Sunday after Trinity

An update from Rev Nigel Adams

Dear Friends,

This has been a momentous week, politically, in the UK, with many Government ministers, and then the Prime Minister, resigning.

At this time of political uncertainty, I am reminded of what we have been learning as we have gone through the book of Daniel. King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream of a great tree that was chopped down – Daniel explained the purpose of the dream ... ***“that the living may know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men.”*** (Daniel 4:17).

It is something that is reiterated by Paul ... ***“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.”*** (Romans 13:1). As strange as it may seem at times, God is at work, sometime through, and even despite, our leaders.

May I encourage you to be particularly in prayer for our Government, our nation and our world, at this uncertain time. As Paul wrote, ***“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.”*** (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

Do please be in prayer at church and at home, but also consider joining us at our First Priority prayer meeting on Zoom on Tuesday, 8-9pm, as we particularly focus on the needs of our world, at home, in Ukraine & Afghanistan and elsewhere.

Wishing you every blessing,

Nigel

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>	
Churchwardens	Lin Terris	01376 322870
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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, 10th July

8.00am Holy Communion - *'Whose future?'* - Daniel 7

9.00am Next Plus Breakfast (14-18s)

10.00am Junior Church

10.00am Morning Worship - *'Whose future?'* - Daniel 7

Sunday, 17th July

9.00am Next Plus Breakfast (14-18s)

10.00am Junior Church

10.00am Morning Worship - *'Lord of all history'* - Daniel 8

6.30pm All-Age Tonight - *'Catch your breath'* - Exodus 20: 8-11 and Mark 2: 23-28

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 Zoom on Tues 12th July, 8-9pm. 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.

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 are on the leaflet available by email or in church.

For your prayers:

Unwell: Michael Frater, Alan 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 and Lesley Davey following the death of her brother.

Mission of the Month: Langham Partnership *Victoria Marsay writes* "Langham Partnership's vision is to see churches equipped for mission and growing to maturity in Christ through the ministry of pastors and leaders who believe, teach and live by the word of God. Our mission is to strengthen the ministry of the word of God through nurturing movements for biblical preaching; fostering the creation and distribution of evangelistic literature; enhancing evangelistic theological education, especially in countries where churches are under resourced."

Meeting Point Bible Study: are having a picnic in the grounds of Church House (weather permitting) on Wednesday, 13th July at 12 noon. All ladies in our church family are welcome. Please bring your own food, drink and, if possible, a chair.

Please join us to celebrate the life of Trevor Davies on Friday, 15th July at 3pm in St Michaels Church Braintree. There will be drinks in Church House whilst the family are at the crematorium and a light buffet when they return. Please wear royal blue or bright colours. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu would be welcome through www.drobinson.co.uk/donate-in-memory/ **Pam, Edward, Yvonne, Peter and Philip.**

Church and Church House Work Party: will be held on Saturday, 23rd July from 9.00am. If you are able to help please let Dave Marriott or Lin Terris know so that they are able to plan a safe and practical day. It is hoped to include lunch together. Email: dmarriott@stmichaelsbtree.co.uk.

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.

The final evening of the "**God loves you**" tour of the UK, with Franklin Graham (son of Billy Graham), is on **Sat 16th July, 7pm at the ExCeL centre** in London Docklands. Please speak to Adam or Rachel Grove Smith if you are interested in attending, or inviting a guest.