



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



General Information

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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: <https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelschurchbraintree/>

www.stmichaelsbtree.co.uk

6th June 2021- First Sunday after Trinity

An update from Rev Nigel Adams

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we have **Church Family Worship** online, by phone and in church. We also have **Zoom Holy Communion** at 6.30pm, an informal breaking of bread together. Details of our services are in this Notice Sheet and the Zoom links are in my weekly email on a Saturday.

We have our monthly **First Priority Prayer Meeting** on Tuesday from 8-9pm on Zoom. In these uncertain times, filled with both uncertainty and hope, we need to pray all the more for God's mercy and grace. Please join us, if you are able to, as we pray for our world, our nation, our churches and for those in need.

Prayer is such a gift. Jesus got up early, while it was still dark, to seek out his heavenly Father in prayer (Mark 1:35). Prayer is the antidote to anxiety – Paul wrote, **“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”** (Philippians 4:6-7)

The old hymn puts it so well, reminding us what happens when we don't pray ...

*What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
Oh, what peace we often forfeit
Oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer*

As you seek our loving God in prayer, may you know the peace that he alone can give.

Wishing you every blessing,

Nigel

Church services:

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

Online

Sunday 6th June

10.00am Church Family Worship online (YouTube) and by phone

11.00am Virtual Coffee on Zoom

6.30pm Holy Communion on Zoom

Sunday 13th June - Suffering Church Sunday (Open Doors)

9.45am Children's & Families Service on Zoom

10.00am Morning Worship online (YouTube) and by phone

11.00am Virtual Coffee on Zoom

Our pre-recorded 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 adult service is also available through "St Michael's by Phone" – 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. The link for our Zoom services is on Nigel Adams' weekly email – please contact Nigel if you need it.

In church

Sunday 6th June

10.00am Church Family Worship - **please book in advance**

Sunday 13th June - Suffering Church Sunday (Open Doors)

10.00am Morning Worship - **please book in advance**

You will need to book your seat for the services by midnight on the Thursday before – either via the St Michael's website (Worship tab) or by leaving a message on the church office answerphone (01376 321248). You will be contacted on Friday if you have a seat – please only attend if you have been told you have a pre-booked seat.

If you are coming into church, you will need to comply with the following:

1. That you have not had COVID-19 symptoms in the last 10 days (fever, continuous cough, loss of sense of smell or taste)
2. That you are fit to attend the church, in line with government guidance on shielding and isolating
3. That you agree to maintain a 2 metre social distance from others and to wear a face covering in church, unless exempt

Coffee on Zoom: We will be having Zoom virtual coffee after church each Sunday and on the first Thursday of each month, both at 11am. Details of how to sign up will be included in the weekly email on Saturday.

First Priority Prayer Meeting: will be on Zoom on Tues 8th June, 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.

For your prayers:

Unwell: Jeff Wise, Bobby McCaigue, Rev Pam Davies (severe back problems), David Harvey, Elaine Stoodley, Rev Norman Thorp (former curate of St Paul's Braintree), Alan Bass, Alison Davey

Housebound: Anne Harvey; **Ron Smith** has now moved to a care home near to his family in Malvern. Do please be praying for Ron, as he settles in.

Bereaved: Tom St John Coleman's funeral is on Thursday 10th June at 11am. Sadly, due to the coronavirus restrictions, attendance is by invitation only. Do please pray for Margaret and family at this time.

Mission of the Month: Open Doors is an international ministry serving persecuted Christians and churches worldwide. Open Doors is widely known for their publication of the World Watch List – an annual ranking of top 50 countries where Christians face the most extreme persecution – an effective way to mobilise and raise awareness of the plight of persecuted Christians. For the month of June, the organisation focus is on Iran and the Middle East. Here at St Michaels, we welcome back Graham Walker - speaking on Suffering Church Sunday (13th June). Hope you can all join us.

For more information and how you can get involved, visit <https://www.opendoorsuk.org>

Thank you: David and Anne Harvey wish to thank the church family for their prayers and kind messages over the months. David is now in a nursing home and Anne is able to visit him regularly and they talk on the telephone.

Bible Reading Group: this week's readings for Tuesday, 8th June are Psalm 104, Matthew 21:1 - Matthew 26:25, Proverbs 26:13 - 26:19. If you want to join us, please let me know and I will make sure to keep you updated with the readings for each week. Dave Terris (Tel: 322870 or email: daveterris@uwclub.net)

We are delighted to be hosting a Christian Institute presentation on **Wed 30th June, 7.30pm on Zoom**. They will be speaking about some of the moral issues facing us today, including gender ideology, the sanctity of human life, as well as the work of their Legal Defence Fund. Please note the date in your diary – we will give more details in due course.

There will be a **Confirmation Service on Sun 19th Sept, 10am** at St Michael's Church with Rt Revd Roger Morris, Bishop of Colchester. If you are interested in being Confirmed, or wish to know more, please speak with Nigel Adams or Rachel Grove Smith.