



# ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



## General Information

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[www.stmichaelsbtree.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelsbtree.co.uk)

**13th June 2021- Second Sunday after Trinity**

**An update from Rev Nigel Adams**

Dear Friends,

We hope you will be able to join us for one of our services this Sunday – **in person, online, by phone or by Zoom**. It is our **Suffering Church Sunday** and the focus of all of our services will be on the persecuted church.

Jesus himself suffered and he warned his disciples, ***“If they persecute me, they will also persecute you.”*** (John 15:20). We should expect, in some way, to suffer because of our Christian faith. Jesus also said, ***“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*** (Matthew 5:10). God rewards those who suffer persecution for his sake.

But the reason we have an annual **Suffering Church Sunday** is to learn about, pray for and support the many Christians in other parts of the world where persecution is most severe and often deadly. We are pleased to have **Graham Walker, from Open Doors**, speaking at all of our services. Please join us as we learn more about the true extent and nature of persecution and what we can do to help our persecuted brothers & sisters. We will be singing the song, “Beauty for brokenness”, which has this chorus:

*God of the poor, friend of the weak  
Give us compassion we pray  
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain  
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame*

May this be our prayer, this Suffering Church Sunday.

Wishing you every blessing,

Nigel

### 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/>

### **Church services:**

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

#### **Online**

#### **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

#### **Sunday 20th June**

- 9.45am** Children's & Families Service on Zoom
- 10.00am** Morning Worship online (YouTube) and by phone
- 11.00am** Virtual Coffee on Zoom
- 6.30pm** All-Age Tonight 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**

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

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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.

### **For your prayers:**

**Unwell:** Brian Hennessey, Roger Marriott (Dave's father), Emma Wild, 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:** Margaret St John Coleman and family following the death of Tom.

**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://](https://www.opendoorsuk.org)

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**Open Doors** – we are pleased to welcome Graham Walker, speaking at all our Suffering Church Sunday services on behalf of Open Doors. For more information about Open Doors, including how to give to their work, please visit [www.opendoorsuk.org/act/response](http://www.opendoorsuk.org/act/response)

**Bible Reading Group:** this week's readings for Tuesday, 15th June are Psalm 105, Matthew 27:1 - Mark 5:43, Proverbs 26:20 - 26:28. 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](mailto: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.