



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



General Information

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| Vicar | Rev Nigel Adams | 01376 807662 |
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| | <i>(Nigel's day off will be Saturday)</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: <https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelschurchbraintree/>

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.

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20th June 2021- Third Sunday after Trinity

A message from Rev Stephen Bailey

Dear Friends,

Cornwall, Carbis Bay to be precise, played host to heads of government of the G7 nations. I wonder if they had time to find out about Billy Bray.

DRUNKEN TIN MINER

Billy had a reputation for being a hard drinker and brawler. He used what he earned in a mine on drink. If you got on the wrong side of Billy, you felt the weight of his fist. Few dared to retaliate.

METHODIST REVIVAL

Then he heard an open-air Methodist preacher calling men and women to repent and turn to Christ. Billy did and was changed. In turn he became an open-air preacher and others came to Jesus Christ. He became a chapel builder to accommodate a growing number of converts.

'I SHALL HAVE TO TELL FATHER ABOUT THIS'

Those words were often on Billy's lips as he faced all sort of problems that came his way, the need for funds to build chapels and the opposition he and the new born again Christians faced.

HOLIDAY IN THE DUCHY?

If you are going to Cornwall this summer, make a few enquiries about Billy Bray. He is an encouraging Christian to know about. And 'I shall tell Father about this' are encouraging words to keep in our hearts and minds.

Stephen

Church services:

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

Online

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

Sunday 27th June

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 20th June

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

Sunday 27th June

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.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – thank you to all who joined us for the meeting. Dave Marriott and Lin Terris were elected as churchwardens and Jennifer Bailey, Derek Chapman and Roger Cooke were elected for the PCC. We are very grateful for all who have worked so hard over the past year, in so many ways, and praise God for sustaining us in these difficult times.

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

Bereaved: Family and friends of Ron Smith who died on Friday, 11th June. Ron had moved earlier in the year to a care home to be nearer to family in Malvern. Please pray for Andrew and Jeremy and their families. Please also continue to pray for 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. We were pleased to welcome back Graham Walker - speaking on Suffering Church Sunday.

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

Thank you: Margaret St John-Coleman and the family would like to thank all at St Michael's for the many kind messages of support following the death of Tom.

Thank you to Nigel and all who took part in or attended the funeral service, but thank you also to the many who remembered us in prayer and who, were it not for Covid restrictions, would have been with us in person.

Picnic in the Park: on **Sunday, 4th July** after Church Family Worship, either in church or on line. Bring a picnic to the Public Gardens at 12 noon after the service. Everyone welcome!

Bible Reading Group: this week's readings for Tuesday, 22nd June are Psalm 106, Mark 6:1 - Mark 11:33, Proverbs 27:1 - 27:9. 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.