



# ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



## General Information

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**27th June 2021- Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

**An update from Rev Nigel Adams**

Dear Friends,

We are continuing with our **Sunday services in person, online, by phone and by Zoom**. We will be doing some new things over the coming weeks, which I wish to draw your attention to.

On most Sundays (apart from Church Family Worship on the first Sunday of the month), the **Children's & Families Service** is now a hybrid service – that is, with some people in the main hall in Church House and some on Zoom. Please contact Rachel Grove Smith if you wish to attend in person or to know more about this.

This Wednesday (30th June) we have a presentation from the **Christian Institute** titled, **"Identity Matters"** (see inside the Notice Sheet). It will be on Zoom from 7.30-8.30pm. I have circulated details and hope you will be able to join us for it. Please contact me if you need the Zoom link.

Next Sunday (4th July) we will be having a **"Picnic in the Park"** – please join us with your packed lunch and rug/chairs from 12noon in the Public Gardens at Bocking. Everyone is most welcome!

On Sunday 11th July, we are having an **outdoor service** at 10am (on the grass by the vestry door). It will be great to be able to have congregational singing and to be a more visible presence as we worship. It will be weather dependent, but we will just move into the church, if it rains. We will let you know more about the service next week.

In these continuing restricted times, a verse I find helpful – **"But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Saviour; my God will hear me"** (Micah 7:7)

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/>

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.

### **Church services:**

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

#### **Online**

#### **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

#### **Sunday 4th July**

- 10.00am** Church Family Worship (YouTube) and by phone
- 11.00am** Virtual Coffee on Zoom
- 12.00noon** Picnic in the Park (see notice)
- 6.30pm** Holy Communion 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 27th June**

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

#### **Sunday 4th July**

- 10.00am** Church Family 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. Please join Nigel & Jo Adams on Zoom, on **Thurs 1st July from 11am** for our monthly coffee & chat. 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:** Emma Wild, Katherine Cridland, Brian Hennessey, Roger Marriott (Dave's father), 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. 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>

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.

**Caring for God's World** – following our A Rocha Mission Sunday, we have agreed that St Michael's will embark on the "Eco Church Award". This entails looking at a wide range of things we do as a church - including our buildings & land, worship & teaching – and seeing if we can do more to care for our bit of God's world. A small group will be meeting to discuss this, initially identifying how we are doing at present. If you would like to be part of that small group, or would like to know more, please contact Ann Mahood on 07952 911672.

**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, 29th June are Psalms 107-109, Mark 12:1 - Mark 16:20, Proverbs 27:10 - 27:18. 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))