



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

4th July 2021- Fifth Sunday after Trinity

An update from Rev Nigel Adams

Dear Friends,

We are continuing to do more things in person, as things start to open up. As well as our **weekly service in church at 10am** each Sunday, there is also the **Children's & Families Service** in the main hall in Church House most weeks, as well as on Zoom – please contact Rachel Grove Smith if you would like to be in Church House. This Sunday is **Church Family Worship** at 10am in the church building, an all-age service for children & adults.

Do please join us for our **Picnic in the Park** this Sunday (4th) at the Public Gardens at Bocking from 12noon. Everyone is most welcome!

Next Sunday (11th July) we are having an **outdoor adult service at 10am**. We will be worshipping on the grass by the church (where we normally have our last song). Being outside and still socially distanced, we will be able to enjoy congregational singing for our hymns & songs. Do please still pre-book a seat – we need to have an idea of who will be with us, as we will move inside the church if it rains. When you book your seat, could you let us know if you will be able to bring a garden chair or beach chair please? If it is not practical for you to bring your own seat, do please let us know and we will provide some spare seats.

The **SMASH Club** team have been busy planning our Holiday Club, which is from **Mon 26th to Fri 30th July**. This year will be in person, based in Church House gardens. It is an event for primary school age children and their parents/carers and we will be giving more information about how to book your place at SMASH Club. It's going to be a great week.

In these changing times, when things seem uncertain, let us lean on our faithful and good God. As we read in Lamentations 3:25, **“The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him.”**

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 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 below)

6.30pm Holy Communion on Zoom

Sunday 11th July

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 4th July

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

Sunday 11th July

10.00am Morning Worship Outdoor Service - **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.

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!

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. Please also continue to pray for Margaret St John Coleman and family following the death of Tom.

Mission of the Month: Chain Foundation was set up to deal with the high number of children who were left orphaned in Uganda and to assist with the health and education of others in the area. Today, the Chain Foundation have a Home for Children, farms which help make produce to keep the foundation self-sufficient and schools for all ages and abilities including the blind.

The children utilize devotions that are held every evening to know more about Jesus' love and also strengthen their covenant with God.

Many congratulations to Bobby & Naj McCaigue on the safe arrival of Teagan Clare Willow McCaigue on Sunday 27.06.21 – and a sister for Harrison.

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.

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.

Bible Reading Group: this week's readings for Tuesday, 6th July are Psalms 110-114, Luke 1:1 - Luke 6:49, Proverbs 27:19 - 27:27. 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)