



# ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



## General Information

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

## 11th July 2021- Sixth Sunday after Trinity

### An update from Rev Nigel Adams

Dear Friends,

It has been good to be doing some new things, in addition to our services **online, by Phone, via Zoom and in church**. Many thanks to all who joined us for the **Picnic in the Park** last Sunday – despite some rain, it was great to see a good number of people in person. This Sunday (11th) we are having our **church service outdoors**, by the church, and look forward to being able to sing together and worship publicly. Our **Children's & Families Services** continue both in Church House and on Zoom – please contact Rachel Grove Smith if you would like to be in Church House. And plans are progressing fast for **SMASH Club**, our summer holiday club, in the last week of July, in the garden at Church House.

We are continuing our series on the **life of Peter** and have reached one of the most encouraging accounts of Peter's eventful life. Following Peter denying Jesus three times, Peter met with the risen Jesus by the Sea of Tiberias. There was, for Peter, a threefold restoration from Jesus. Jesus called Peter again to "Follow me" and commissioned him to look after the flock – the early Christian church.

Jesus' loving restoration of Peter reminds me of a verse, hundreds of years prior to those events, when the people of Israel were in Exile in Babylon. Jeremiah wrote to the Exiles, living far away from Israel, and perhaps feeling far away from God. He sent them words of hope, "**For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.**" (Jeremiah 29:11)

What the Exiles in Babylon learned, and what Peter learned, was that our loving God does have plans for us. In these changing coronavirus times, we need to be seeking God's plans and purposes for us, individually and as a church. They may not be easy plans, they may not be our plans, but if they are God's, they are good plans. As things change, as the restrictions are eased, let us pray that we know **God's good plans** for us over the coming weeks and months.

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 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

#### **Sunday 18th July**

**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**

#### **Sunday 11th July**

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

#### **Sunday 18th July**

**10.00am** Morning Worship 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.

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.

### **For your prayers:**

**Unwell:** Laura Smith, Emma Wild, Katherine Cridland, Brian Hennessey, Roger Marriott (Dave's father), 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.

**Bible Reading Group: please note the group will NOT be meeting on Tuesday, 13th July.**

The readings for Tuesday, 20th July will be Psalms 115-118, Luke 7:1 - Luke 11:54, Proverbs 28:1 - 28:7. 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))

**St Michael's School:** The Friends of St Michael's School have organised a fundraising event in the place of the usual summer fete. The Braintree Mystery Trail has clues to follow around the town centre to discover the answer to the mystery. The booklet costs £5 and can be purchased online at [www.pta-events.co.uk/hellofosm](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hellofosm). You will also be entered into a draw for £100. The closing date is 31st August 2021.

**Braintree Youth Project Charity** are advertising for a Christian Youth Worker (25 hours per week), based at "The Hut", opposite St Michael's Church. Details are on their website - [www.braintreyouth.org.uk](http://www.braintreyouth.org.uk).