



ST MICHAEL'S BRAINTREE



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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/>

18th July 2021- Seventh Sunday after Trinity

An update from Rev Nigel Adams

Dear Friends,

Following the **Government's announcement** of a loosening up of the restrictions, from Mon 19th July, we will be reviewing what we do at St Michael's. We are currently waiting for further guidance and advice, from both the Government and Church of England, and will update you as soon as we have more information.

We continue, at present, with our services **online, by phone, via Zoom and in person** – details are inside this Notice Sheet. This Sunday at 6.30pm, we have **All-Age Tonight on Zoom**, focusing on what is meant by Jesus being the Son of God.

SMASH Club is from Mon 26th to Fri 30th July, for primary school aged children with a parent/carer, largely in Church House gardens. Please book up if you would like to join us, for what will be a lively and enjoyable week. You can book in via the church website – please contact Rachel Grove Smith if you have any questions about it.

In August, we join our Children's & Families and adult services together and have a **Family Service at 10am each Sunday**, both on YouTube and in church. On 1st August, we have our **SMASH Club** service. The other four Sundays will each look at one of the miracles of Jesus, which show not just Jesus' power, but also his love & forgiveness. The service on Sunday 22nd August will be an **outdoor service** (weather dependent, but otherwise in church) – please note the date and bring a garden chair, if you are able to.

We are continuing with our series about the life of Peter – Peter appears a lot in the Acts of the Apostles. This Sunday, we will be reflecting on Peter's amazing sermon at Pentecost – filled with the Holy Spirit, he boldly proclaimed Jesus' death & resurrection and many people came to faith. My hope and prayer is that we might each know the Holy Spirit living in us, strengthening us and giving us boldness to live and speak for Jesus.

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 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

Sunday 25th 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 18th July**

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

Sunday 25th July

10.00am Holy Communion (bread only) - **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.

Bible Reading Group: 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)

Meeting Point end of term Picnic: will be held on Wednesday, 21st July at 12.15pm on the lawn in Church House. All ladies are welcome to come along. Please bring your own food and drink and, if possible, a chair. Our next Meeting Point of the new term will be Wednesday, 8th September 10.00am in Church House (hopefully).

SMASH holiday club: is fast approaching!! It is happening the week after next (Monday 26th July - Friday 30th July) and is suitable for children of primary school age and their families. This year families will be seated in bubbles for an hour session of fun each day! There will be Bible stories, games, craft and much more. To sign up, please go to our website... www.stmichaelsbtree.co.uk

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. You will also be entered into a draw for £100. The closing date is 31st August 2021.