



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

1st August 2021- Ninth Sunday after Trinity

An update from Rev Nigel Adams

Dear Friends,

Further to the Government easing of restrictions, we have decided to change some things for services in church, whilst keeping some of the Covid-secure precautions. We will continue to offer socially distanced seating in church and hand sanitiser and to keep a record of who attends, for NHS Test & Trace. The following things will change:

- There will be **no requirement to pre-book seats** for services on Sun 8th, 15th, 22nd or 29th August.
- We are making **every other pew**, rather than every third pew, available. To help with social distancing, anyone attending can take a sticker saying, "**Please give me space**" and/or sheets to place on the seats next to you saying, "**Please do not sit here**".
- We are encouraging everyone to continue to wear **face coverings** in church, unless you have a medical reason or are a child under 11 years. This is mainly out of respect for the safety of others.
- We will have congregational **singing** (with face coverings).
- As we begin to socialise more, please **be respectful** of one another's space.

We will be circulating a questionnaire over the summer, to assist us in making decisions for the autumn.

This Sunday (1st Aug) there is Zoom Holy Communion at 6.30pm.

During August, we will join our Children's & Families and adult services together, to have one Family Service each week at 10am. This can be accessed either in person in St Michael's church, on YouTube or through "St Michael's by Phone". The service on Sun 22nd Aug will be outdoors (weather permitting). We hope you will be able to join us in one of those ways, as we look at some of the miracles that Jesus performed and what they teach us about Jesus.

Wishing you every blessing,

Nigel

August Family Services

Sun 1st – “**SMASH Club Service**” – John 3:16-17: The Resurrection

Sun 8th – “**Water into wine**” – John 2:1-11: the wedding at Cana

Sun 15th – “**Walk this way!**” – Mark 2:1-12: the paralysed man

Sun 22nd **Outdoor service** – “**Who’s in charge?**”
– Matthew 8:5-13: the centurion’s servant

Sun 29th – “**Thank you, thank you!**” – Luke 17:11-19: 10 lepers healed

All of the above services are at **10am on Sundays** and we also have **Virtual Zoom Coffee** at 11am each week. This Sunday (1st Aug) there is **Zoom Holy Communion** at 6.30pm.

Online

Our **pre-recorded YouTube services** can be accessed via the Worship tab on the St Michael’s Church website (or though the “St Michael’s – Worship on the Web” YouTube channel). The latest 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 and Zoom coffee** is on our weekly email – please contact Nigel if you need it.

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If you have had a **positive Covid test or Covid-19 symptoms** in the last 10 days (fever, continuous cough, loss of sense of smell or taste), please do not attend church, out of respect for others.

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 us on Thurs 5th August from 11am for our monthly coffee & chat. 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: Emma Wild, Katherine Cridland, Brian Hennessey, 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

Mission of the Month: Langham Partnership - trains pastors across the globe; encourages pastors to write books; supports church leaders in higher education. **Please pray for** Emeka Egbo who is Deputy Director of Langham Partnership in Africa. He recently visited Jos in Nigeria and was deeply saddened by the number of refugees fleeing the destruction of their villages and churches in the north of that country. Yet rejoices in the strength that the Bible has brought to the churches. **Please pray for** a young lady called Sirkul Narin of Thailand. She edits a south Asia Christian book programme. Also **please pray for**, and others like her, another young woman, Seblewengel Daniel of Ethiopia, who is becoming a Christian leader in her own country. Lebanon is going through a very bad patch at the moment. Hilmat Kashouh pastors the Resurrection Church in Beirut. He is active in meeting the needs of refugees. He depends on Langham books to help him in his ministry. **Please pray for** Claude Allagbe, and others like him, who is studying to be a minister in Benin. LP makes good Bible books available to him and others like him.

Bible Reading Group: The readings for Tuesday, 3rd August will be Psalms 120-124, Luke 16:1 - Luke 22:71, Proverbs 28:15 - 28:21. 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)

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.