

# NEWS

The Parish of Rainham with Wennington  
St Helen & St Giles with St Mary & St Peter

**DATES FOR THE DIARY  
SERVICES & THEMES  
PRAYER KNIGHTS  
EVENTS**

April 2017

**SEE** *THE STONE IS ROLLED AWAY  
behold the empty tomb*  
**HALLELUJAH** *God be praised!*  
**HE'S RISEN FROM THE GRAVE**  
**ON THAT RUGGED CROSS** *My Salvation, where Your Blood poured out over me.*  
**NOW MY SOUL** **CRIES OUT**  
**HALLELUJAH!**  
*Praise and honour unto Thee.*



## Lent Appeal 2017

Launching our annual appeal on behalf of WaterAid.

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Our programme of services and events for this Easter.

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Thy Kingdom Come: Praying from Ascension to Pentecost.

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## Help Wanted

We need volunteers for our Maundy Meal and the May Fayre.

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# RWPC's Lent Appeal 2017

In support of  
**WaterAid**

**W**ATERAID has been our Lent Appeal for many years. It came out of a leadership discussion that we do something with the money saved from giving up something during Lent and the recognition that whatever we give up is very minimal and much less than those who don't always have the very basics of life, even down to basic clean water and toilets.

Right now, over 663 million people live without safe water to drink, 2.4 billion (1 in 3) people don't have access to adequate sanitation, and around 315,000 children die every year from diseases caused by poor hygiene and dirty water.

WaterAid is an international nonprofit organisation working across 38 countries, whose vision is of a world where everyone has access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene by 2030.

## Ram Rati's Story



Mahoba, Northern India, is an area where girls rarely go to school and women don't often speak in public. Ram Rati, barely five feet tall, shocks most people simply by gallantly riding her bike into villages. And then she opens her toolbox and fixes their well. Many wells fail because there aren't enough people trained to maintain them. However, Ram Rati is one of six local women in a team that has fixed over 300 wells so far. Ram Rati's services, including repairs to handpumps and submersible pumps, are in great demand across the Mahoba district. She has even used her own knowledge to train other women mechanics from nearby villages. There has been a positive change in Ram Rati's life since she received training from WaterAid and its local partners, funded by The Adventure Project. Previously, she was confined to the four walls of her house. Now she goes out to work, and people recognise her in neighbouring villages and ask for her help. Her work as a mechanic has also helped to improve the standing of women in the region. "At first I thought, how can she do it?" said one of the men in the community, "But even a man can't do the job as well as she does."

## Lent Frugal Lunches

**W**E ARE HOPING this year to hold frugal lunches of soup and bread during Lent. If you can facilitate any lunches either in your home or at church, please check with the office that the date is free and then ask for it to be advertised. If you have any other ideas to increase funds for WaterAid that's appropriate during Lent, please see Henry or Sheryl. Last year we raised a magnificent £948, so let's see if we can go beyond this for 2017!

## Store Cupboard Challenge

**T**HIS YEAR'S LENT APPEAL is the Store Cupboard Challenge. The challenge is to live off what's in your store cupboard during any given week in Lent. You can buy fresh produce, but the concept is to "make do" as much as possible. The money you would have normally spent on your food shop goes into the Lent Appeal, which this year is again WaterAid. Other ideas are to put some money into a jar during Lent every time you use clean water, or give up chocolate, or going out for coffee, or any other option you want to choose. **All WaterAid offerings will be taken on Easter Day.**

The Parish of Rainham with Wennington

# **EASTER**PROGRAMME FOR**HOLYWEEK** 2017

**9<sup>th</sup> April**

*Palm Sunday Service*

WPC 10am

RPC 10:30am & 6:30pm

**10<sup>th</sup> April**

*Prayer Knight*

*"The Things He Carried"*

RPC 7-9pm

**13<sup>th</sup> April**

*Joint Maundy*

*Thursday Meal*

St Helen's Hall 7:30pm

**14<sup>th</sup> April**

*Good Friday Meditation*

*"The Nail"*

RPC 10:30am

*Witness at Tesco*

Tesco 12pm

*Good Friday Meditation*

*"The Nail"*

WPC 2pm

**15<sup>th</sup> April**

*Youth Praise Night*

RPC 5pm

*Easter Vigil*

St John's South Honrchurch 7-10pm

There will be three 1hr blocks of prayer;

if you plan on coming for part, please try to  
come or go on the hour.

**16<sup>th</sup> April**

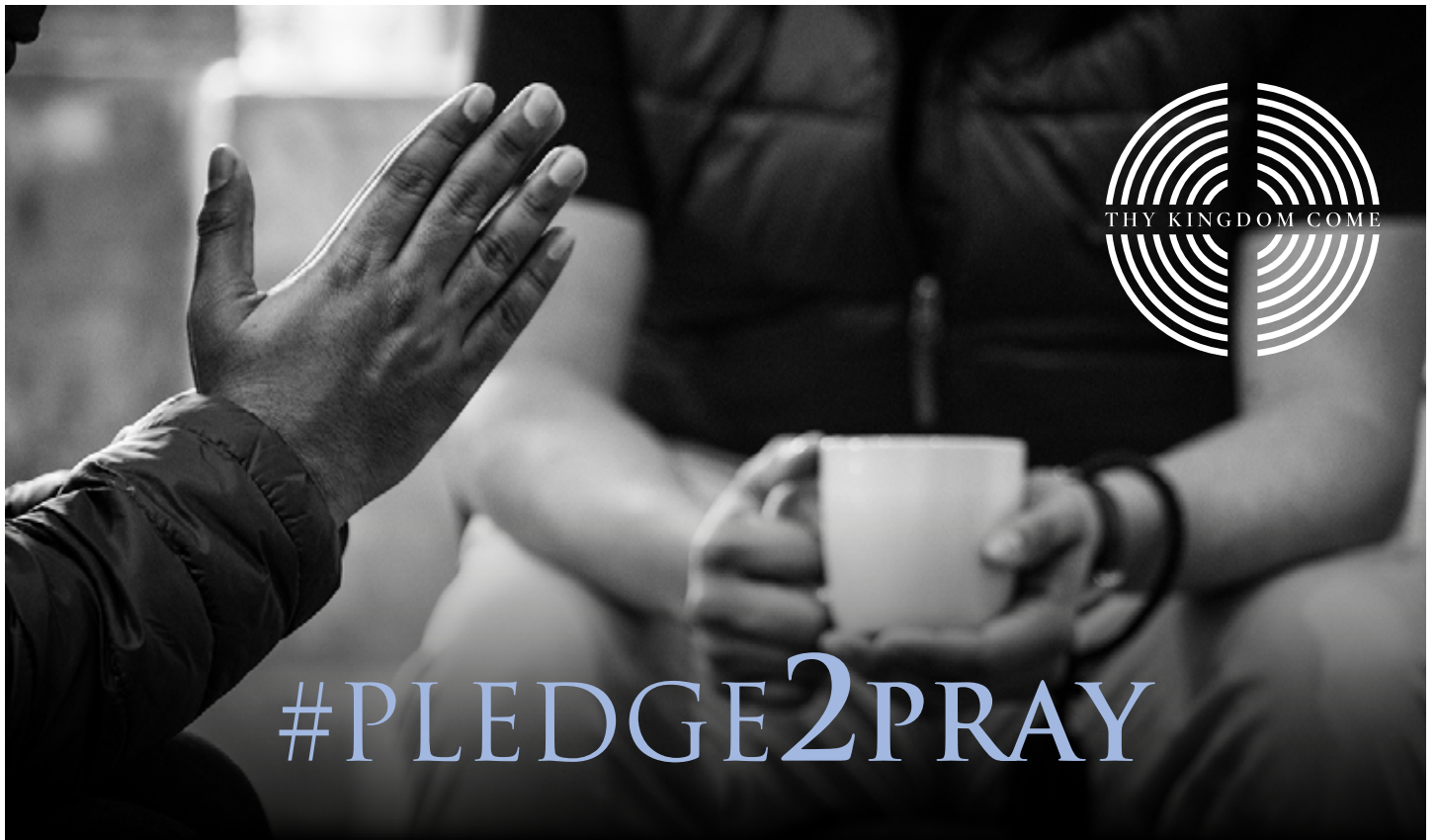
*Easter Day Holy Communion Service*

WPC 10am

RPC 10:30am & 6:30pm







## JOIN THE GLOBAL WAVE OF PRAYER 25TH MAY - 4TH JUNE

**T**HY KINGDOM COME, from Ascension to Pentecost. This is a call to pray joining in with the family of God (it's interdenominational, national and international), "Come, Holy Spirit, that we may be effective witnesses to Jesus Christ". Last year more than 100,000 people were involved with over 3000 events and services. This event is commended by both our Bishops; Peter, Bishop of Barking and Stephen, Bishop of Chelmsford, and also Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. Bishop Justine recently said,

"It's anticipated that 100 million people will be involved this year". Bishop Stephen said, "At the heart of 'Thy Kingdom Come' is a commitment to corporate and individual prayer; in local churches, in missional communities and in our schools".

At RWPC, we will be participating. We have lots of resources; if you are interested in being part of this, either praying or leading, have a word with Henry or Sheryl. This is also an opportunity to reach out into the community. More details to follow.

[WWW.THYKINGDOMCOME.GLOBAL](http://WWW.THYKINGDOMCOME.GLOBAL)

# New Prayer Initiatives

**W**E WANT TO ENCOURAGE everyone to increase their commitment to praying. If you would like to be involved in a Prayer Triplet, or have already formed one, please see Pat Smith, who is co-ordinating this initiative. If you would like to be involved in Telephone Prayer Conferencing, this has been set up by Val Clapham and happens every Thursday night from 7:30pm for half an hour. It is a freephone number and you will be asked to enter a PIN

number—Please speak to Val to receive these numbers. The prayer conferences will be praying into epray emails received that week, and other email updates for ongoing prayer. The conferences will start with thanksgiving for all that God is doing, so don't worry if you're a bit late phoning in—just join in with the praise! There will also be a time for personal prayer requests, too.

## Historical Items



**D**URING APRIL, YOU will see some items appear in church at RPC. These will form part of our new historical items section and are for resale. This is only the start of this new venture and in time we hope to add to the items available. This idea has been born out of getting more visitors now that Rainham Hall is open. These visitors are obviously interested in the very historical church that we worship in, and we want to give them the opportunity to take a memento away with them. Any profits will go

into the church tower funds. We also realise some church family members may want to purchase items, but although we would want to facilitate this, we need to stress that it is NOT appropriate to do so at Sunday worship (keeping the Sabbath holy). Please bear with us while we work out how to facilitate this. The May Fayre Day is an ideal opportunity to make your purchases. Please see Gerald Setter, Sheryl Pradella or Valerie Hernes for more information.

## Help for the Maundy Meal & May Fayre

**T**HE USUAL HELP is required all round. If you can help out with our Maundy Thursday meal; setting up, packing down or serving, please see Kingsley as soon as possible.

The Rainham Village May Fayre is on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May this year, please see Rainham's Churchwardens if you can help in church, see Shirley at The Ship Centre and see Gerald/Sheryl on the stalls. We also need a team dedicated to supporting any historical sale items in church.

## APCMs and Report Booklets

**B**OTH RAINHAM AND Wennington will be having their Annual Parochial Church Meetings [APCMs] on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April this year within the context of an act of worship. Rainham's meeting will take place from 10:30am at RPC, and Wennington's will be from 3pm at WPC.

If you have been asked to produce a report on your area of ministry, please ensure it is with Alan before Easter, otherwise there will not be enough time for inclusion in the report booklets.

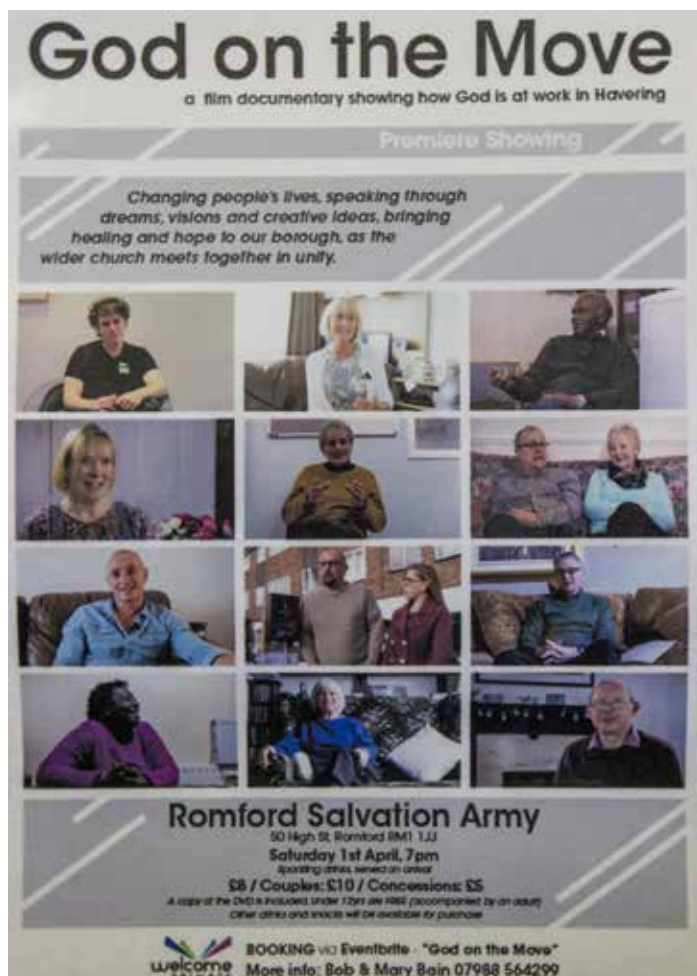
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Please make note of any diary entries that apply to you, and inform hosts if you're unable to attend.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>Lent Lunch 12:30pm St Helen's Hall</div> <div>"God on the Move" Premiere Showing 7pm Romford Salvation Army</div>						
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## Thurrock Gospel Choir Presents: Salvation's Story

**T**HE THURROCK GOSPEL Choir will be putting on their inter-church celebration for Easter featuring the audio-visual musical "Salvation's Story" on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at Wennington Parish Church from 7:30pm. Admission is free and refreshments will be available. All are welcome, please do show your support. More information can be found on the posters around church.



Continues to need any new unwanted small gifts for resale. Please keep them coming, they do make a difference!



The latest issue of The Month is available for you to take from the back of church. In this Month's issue: Bishop Eloise will launch Lent Appeal, Robots and drones feature in lessons at impressive new East London school and Football fan Mike Lodge is the new Archdeacon of Southend. The Month is also available to view or download as a PDF from the Diocese of Chelmsford website.

Rainham  
**foodbank**

Please note that donations placed into the FoodBank box at the back of church also go towards feeding the hungry of Rainham out of The Ship.



# Services and Themes for April

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Place of Influence

Genesis 41:37–57 & Ephesians 1:3–14

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday

Unexpected the Expected

Genesis 43:1–34 & Luke 19:28–44

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Good Friday

The Nail

10:30am RPC Good Friday Meditation

2pm WPC Good Friday Meditation

## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Easter Day

Resurrection: It does what it says...

1 Corinthians 15:12–19 & Matthew 28:1–10

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Holy Communion

6:30pm RPC Holy Communion

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Coming Home to Roost

Genesis 44:1–34 & Matthew 18:21–35

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC All Age Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> APCMs

From Forgiveness to Reconciliation

Genesis 45:1–46 & John 20:11–18

10:30am RPC Service with APCM

3pm WPC Service with APCM

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

## Lent Course Booklets

Copies of our Lent Course Booklet, *Walking with God: Joseph* are available to purchase from the Parish Office for £1.60.

If you are a Small Group Leader, please place an order with the office for booklets for your group. If you are in a Small Group, please collect your booklets from your Small Group Leader.

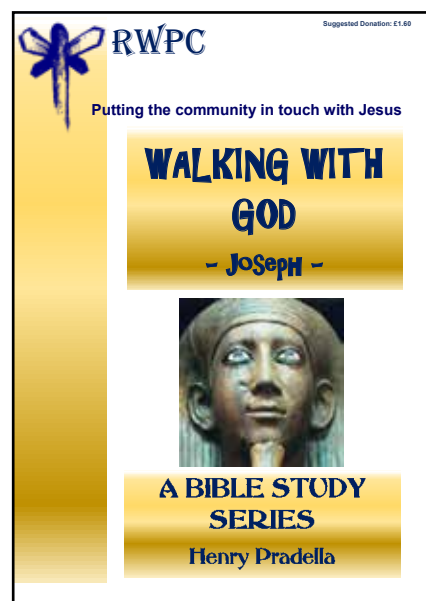
## Walking with God: Joseph

**W**E CONTINUE THIS month exploring the story of Joseph. As we have already begun to discover, it is rich with a backdrop that points to Jesus and is full of allegorical comparisons that mirror in many ways Jesus' own mission of salvation.

This month we move into the area of fulfilment, where God's purposes for Joseph become realised and his rise to a place of influence and authority unfolds the story of salvation and rescue.

It is also a story of forgiveness and reconciliation that brings with it healing and God's further direction for His chosen people and their future destiny.

Do follow this study in our Lent booklet, which you can obtain through the Parish Office. May I encourage you to join a Small Group during Lent, where you can join with others to learn more together. Alternatively, gather one or two others and meet to explore with them the riches this story will unfold.



# ***April Birthdays***

Many Happy Returns of the Day!

4<sup>th</sup> April  
Revd David Stainer

12<sup>th</sup> April  
John Price

13<sup>th</sup> April  
Joanne Barclay

14<sup>th</sup> April  
Sean Alexander

20<sup>th</sup> April  
Lee Shaughnessy

27<sup>th</sup> April  
Kathy Bailey

And to all those who  
have not yet divulged  
their birthdays to  
us. Wishing you all  
of God's blessings  
for a special day.

If you would like a birthday  
mentioned in the Newsletter,  
please contact the Parish  
Office no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
week of the month.

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## **Family Matters**

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News from across our church family.

***Thanks!***

Please see the church noticeboards  
for the full details. A note of thanks  
has been received from Win Turner's  
family thanking everyone involved  
with preparation for and support  
with the interment of Win's ashes.

***Family***

If you would like to have a significant  
anniversary or event mentioned in the  
newsletter, please contact the Parish Office  
no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month.

## Epray

If there is anything that you would like the church family to pray for, please send your prayer request by email to the Parish Office.

If you don't have access to emails, feel free to call and leave a message so our Administrator can then email your prayer request to the church family.

For those at WPC without emails, remember to check the noticeboard at the back of church each week for updates. At RPC, check the prayer book.

We aim to include your prayer requests in at least one of the services on Sunday,

In order to develop our system further, can we ask that those with prayer requests also keep us up to date with any further information or developments. That way, your church family can be better equipped to know how to pray.

- For May with all the opportunities it will bring with the Fayre Day and most Sundays having 4 services!
- Our APCMs at Rainham and Wennington on 30<sup>th</sup> April.
- Our Churchwardens at Rainham and Wennington, for those stepping down and those taking up the challenge.

- For Reginald & Albie Hernes getting baptised at RPC on 14<sup>th</sup> May, and for Derek & Maria Scales getting married at RPC on 27<sup>th</sup> May.
- For the advertising and appointment of a new Incumbent at St John's, South Hornchurch over the next 3 months.

## Prayer Points

## News

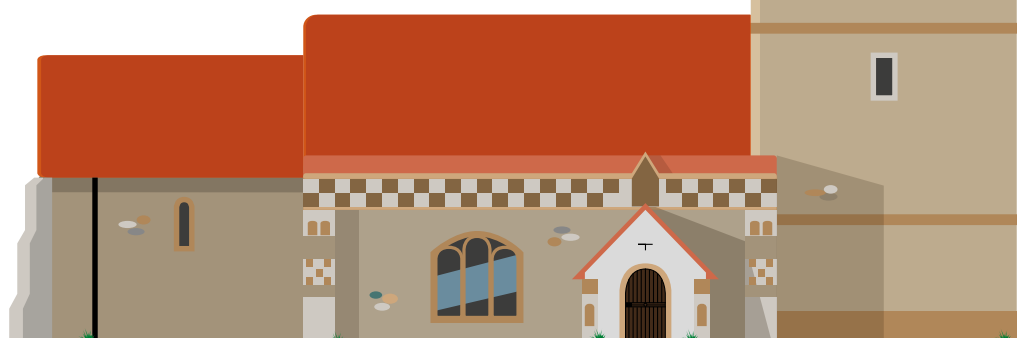
## Small Groups

Small Groups recommence after Easter the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

*Putting the Community in Touch with Jesus.*



*Sharing  
God's  
Love in  
Wennington.*



## Staff Contact Times

**Henry & Sheryl**

Every day except Tuesdays

**Nick**

Every day except Saturdays

**Alan**

Office hours only

**Shirley**

At The Ship Centre only

**David & Jan**

Sundays only

**Kingsley**

Every day except Thursdays [see  
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Please respect the worship times of  
the staff, particularly Sundays.

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