

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 2018



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APCMs at Rainham & Wennington Churches.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meetings on Sunday 15th April.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL Church Meeting is an opportunity for the whole church family who are on the church electoral roll to come together in a spirit of unity, celebration and thanksgiving.

Our focus is three fold. Firstly, to acknowledge all that God has led us in throughout the past year, giving testimony to His goodness and grace, in the achievements, developments and the challenges we have shared. Secondly, to thank all those who have served both the church and the community in the many different ways through all that God has gifted us in. Thirdly, to set our sights on the vision for the coming year, building on the encounters and experiences in all the Holy Spirit has led us through and into. To that end, we again place this meeting in the context of worship and as such, it is part of the Sunday Service. It is a recognition that our worship encompasses our

whole lives and all that we bring, share and grow in together, as that ongoing offering of ourselves, serving God in one another.

As part of a wider missionary church, we are engaged in what the Church of England calls the five marks of mission These are...

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.



Put simply these can be remembered using five words... TELL—TEACH—TEND—TRANSFORM—TREASURE. It is in these areas that we identify with Christ in His mission of reconciliation with a fallen world. It is His church, of which you and I are called to be a part. It is His Holy Spirit, given to us, to direct, guide, equip, empower and release, who enables us to work with our Heavenly Father, as a sent people of God. The APCM is a coming together of this community in that light. So let me encourage you to join us.

Henry Pradella

Rainham's APCM will be taking place following the 10:30am morning service after a break for refreshments.

Wennington's APCM will take place following a shortened service at 2pm after a break for refreshments.

Prophecy Day Feedback

WHAT AN AMAZING morning we spent on 10th March, at the Good Shepherd church. It was led by Keith and Ruth Turner. We started with praise and worship, then straight into tutorial where we learnt all about the gift of prophecy, which in a nutshell is God speaking through a person who has a personal relationship with him, who spends time in his presence seeking the heart and will of Jesus. Prophecy is given by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is given to encourage, comfort and strengthen individuals, believers and non-believers or to stir up the whole body. Prophecy covers past, present and future and is always positive; God's Word is never negative.

We heard how prophecy is received and conveyed through dreams, meditation on song,

trances, impressions, audible voice etc... Lastly we heard from four different people, male and female, how God uses them through one of the above ways. It was incredible to hear these personal testimonies. We finished with prayer and those who did not yet have the gift stood with hands upturned to receive, and asked for this gift from God, others were asking for prayer for healing while others were using the gift to give words or pictures that God had given for individuals there. It was a full on morning with amazing teaching and witness of God's grace and power I am so glad I did not miss it!

Brenda Ager



Pew Cushions at Rainham Parish Church

MARCH SAW THE final delivery of the new soft pew seating to Rainham Parish Church, and the congregation has been feeling the benefits for the last few weeks. We would like to thank all who made donations towards funding the cushions, bringing this huge improvement to Rainham Parish Church. If you didn't get a chance

to make a donation before but would like to, your donation will still be gratefully accepted, as we are still just over halfway towards covering the cost of the seating. We hope that these cushions provide comfort for many years to come.

Thurrock Gospel Choir
present an

One in
Worship

Inter-Church
CELEBRATION

featuring the audio-visual worship musical

GLORIOUS DAY

on Saturday 7th April
at 7.30 pm

at St. Mary and St. Peter Church,
Wennington Road,
Wennington, RM13 9DX

*free admission - refreshments
all welcome*

RECOVERY COURSE at THE WELL

BEGINS

**Tues 20th March
Food From 6.30pm**

WHERE

**St Luke's
Church**

201 Front Lane, Cranham, Uminster, RM14 1LD

**Free 15 Session Course · Meal · Parking · Teaching ·
Discussion · Support**

Jesus & The 12 Step Programme

**Everybody
Welcome**

Free Course

**15 Session Christian
Program based on
the 12 Steps Used By
Alcoholics/Narcotics
Anonymous**

Purpose

**Are you are
struggling with an
addiction to Drugs,
Alcohol,
Pornography, Sex,
Gambling, Self-
Harming, Over Eating
or some other
compulsive behavior
that is spoiling your
life ?**

Testimony

**"I came with an open
mind and have been
amazed by so many
life changing
experiences"**

Contact

**Steve Fletcher
4.30pm – 7.30pm
07956 958549**

**Or email
Recoverycourse.slc@gmail.com**



COFFEE MORNING TABLE-TOP SALE



Saturday 21st April, 10am-1pm
Join us for...

Cards
Small Gifts
FairTrade
Tea & Coffee
Breakfast



Or just come for a chat!



1-3 Upminster Road South
Rainham
RM13 9YS

Dates for the Diary April/May

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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
Easter Day Holy Communion Services 10am WPC 10:30am RPC 6:30pm RPC 1	2	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC 3	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 10am RPC Mothers' Union 2pm St Helen's Hall 4	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 5	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 6	Thurrock Gospel Choir Presents: Glorious Day 7:30pm WPC 7
Sunday Services 8	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC Togetherness 12pm St Helen's Hall 10	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship BCP Holy Communion 10am RPC 11	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 12	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 13	14
APCMs 10:30am RPC 2pm WPC No Evening Service 15	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 16	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC 17	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 10am RPC 18	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 19	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 20	Coffee Morning & Table Top Sale 10am–1pm The Ship 21

Sunday Services	22	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	Prayer Knight 7–9pm RPC	23	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC	24	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 10am RPC	25	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	26	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	27	28
Sunday Services	29	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	30	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 10am RPC	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sunday Services	10	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	11	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 10am RPC	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Sunday Services	21	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	22	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 10am RPC	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Barking Archdeaconry

Vocations Day 2018

Saturday 2nd June 10am to 3.30pm

*A chance to consider God's call on your life,
and an opportunity to learn more about
ordained and licensed lay ministries.*

Our Key-note Speaker will be
The Revd Canon Anna Matthews,
DDO, Diocese of Ely and Vicar of St Benedict's, Cambridge

The closing address will be delivered by
The Rt Revd Peter Hill (Bishop of Barking)

Other leaders will include:
The Rev. Canon Philip Need (Diocesan Director of Ordinands)
The Revd Elizabeth Jordan (Diocesan Lay Development Advisor)

At St. Nicholas Church, Woodcote Avenue
Elm Park, Hornchurch RM12 4PY
Admission is free and includes lunch and refreshments.

To book your place, please contact Fiona Greaves
fgreaves@chelmsford.anglican.org





#PLEDGE2PRAY

JOIN THE GLOBAL WAVE OF PRAYER 10TH-20TH MAY

THY 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". In 2016 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. Last year every Diocese in the UK took part and 85% of Church of England

Churches and Cathedrals were involved as well as the churches of the world-wide Anglican Communion. 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

Prayer Triplets

WE ARE INTENTIONALLY forming prayer triplets believing this is what the Lord is leading us in. At the moment we have around seven, but there is a sense this needs to increase. If you are not already in a triplet, consider gathering with others and form one. Pray as the Spirit leads you but try to cover the work and ministries of our Parishes and its leadership. If you need any help or advice speak to Henry, Sheryl, David or Jan. Please let us know if you are forming a new triplet.

Prayer Knights

OUR NEXT PRAYER KNIGHT will be on Monday 23rd April from 7–9pm in Rainham Parish Church. On this occasion we will simply gather for intercessory prayer and be led by His Holy Spirit.



Easter Office Closure WWDP Rescheduled

JUST TO LET you all know, the Parish Office will be closed on the Easter Bank Holiday Monday [2nd April]. Any eprays over the Easter weekend should be sent to Henry. Our Administrator will be back monitoring emails from the Tuesday.

THE WOMEN'S World Day of Prayer for Friday 6th April has been rescheduled again and will now take place during the Mothers' Union meeting on Wednesday 4th April. This is in light of the funeral for Peter Kemp, which will take place at 1pm in Rainham Parish Church on the 6th April. Please come and support as we say farewell to a beloved man of God from our Wennington family.



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

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.

Christian Hope International

WE THOUGHT IT would be a good idea to give you some feedback regarding some of the fruit of the ministry of CHI. Did you know... That 141 people in a Parish in Rwanda were baptised in September, and in another Parish 250 people were baptised in one ceremony, due to the distribution of goats and the evangelism that followed as part of the work of CHI. In the Parish of Gisanga, the Pastor had given his farmland to be used as a school

building—1002 children and 14 teachers now attend, and CHI provided books. In Gasabo, CHI saw two cows funded in 2015, each of which have produced calves—such a relatively small gift has made a huge difference to the welfare of the Parishes.

Trish Nelson holds regular coffee mornings in aid of the important work and ministry of CHI. If you would like to know more, please see her.

Services and Themes for April

Sunday 1st Easter Day

Don't Touch Me

1 Corinthians 15:12–19 & John 20:1–18

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Holy Communion

6:30pm RPC Holy Communion

Sunday 8th

Walk in the Light

John 20:19–31 & 1 John 1:1–2:2

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 15th

Children of God

1 John 2:28–3:9 & John 1:6–13

10:30am RPC APCM

2pm WPC APCM

No Evening Service

Sunday 22nd

The Nature of Love

1 John 4:7–21 & John 15:9–17

10am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Baptism Service

6:30pm RPC Holy Communion

Sunday 29th

The Outworking of Love

1 John 3:16–24 & John 14:15–24

10am WPC Creative Service

10:30am RPC Family Service

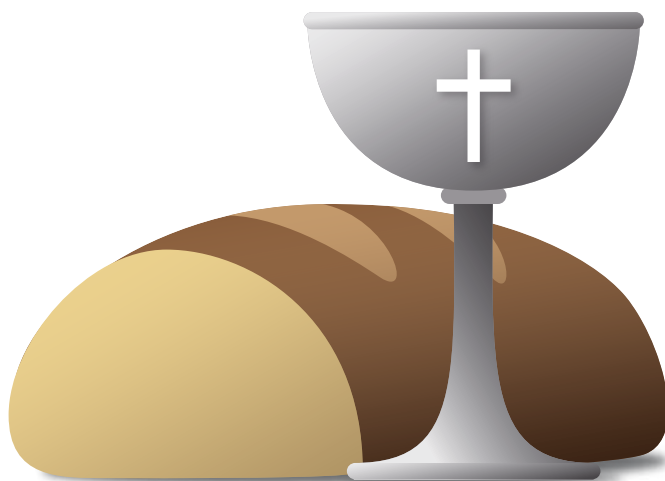
6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Resurrection Life

THE THEME THIS month begins on Easter Sunday when we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and all that He has done for us. When we recognise our true identity, we realise that we were created as sons and daughters of the King to reign with Him. This means that we should not live our lives “running on empty”—as we learned during Lent—rather, we should be living in the light of the Resurrection. But what does that actually mean?

When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11:38–44), Lazarus had to remove the grave clothes pertaining to his former life before he could be restored. As God’s children, living the Resurrection Life, we too are restored: Paul describes this as being “clothed with Christ” (Galatians 3:27). God calls us, His children, to “walk as Children of the Light” (Ephesians 5:8): once we were in darkness, but now we are “light in the Lord”. This should mean a change of lifestyle, and a change of perspective.

This month we will be using passages from John to explore aspects of the Resurrection Life but, most especially, the importance of love which, as Paul tells the Colossians, “binds us all together in perfect harmony” (Colossians 3:14).



April Birthdays

4th April
Revd David Stainer

12th April
John Price

13th April
Joanne Barclay

14th April
Sean Alexander—
50th Birthday

20th April
Lee Shaughnessy

27th 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 3rd week of the month.

Family Matters

News from across our church family.

Thanks!

From Patricia Eveling (David Howroyd's daughter), "I would like to thank all the church members for the love they showed my dad by attending his funeral service. He had shared so many happy times together with so many of the church family over the years and it was wonderful to hear about their memories of him at The Manor.

To those who supported the Frugal Lent Lunches for CHI and WaterAid. They raised £120 and £155 respectively.

To those who gave their time to help clean up RPC at the Spring Clean in March.

Bereavements &

Here are the funerals that took place in March. Please continue to uphold these families in your prayers:

Eprays Epraise

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

Alternatively feel free to call and leave a message so we 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,

Please keep us up to date with any further developments regarding your prayer request. That way, your church family can be better equipped to know how to pray.

- Our forthcoming APCMs, and our newly elected PCCs and Churchwardens for the coming year.
- For our YCM leaders and our children as they go through their Holy Communion Course.
- For reconciliation in the world and in particular:
 - Dialogue between the USA and North Korea to be fruitful and reconciliatory.
 - The tensions between the UK and Russia to abate and be resolved

amicably.

- For the war torn nation of Syria and for the relentless conflict to come to an end and its people to find peace.

Prayer Points

Family News

- 9th March 2018—Norman Terrell
- 12th March 2018—David Howroyd
- 21st March 2018—Ron Butcher
- 28th March 2018—Arthur Cooper

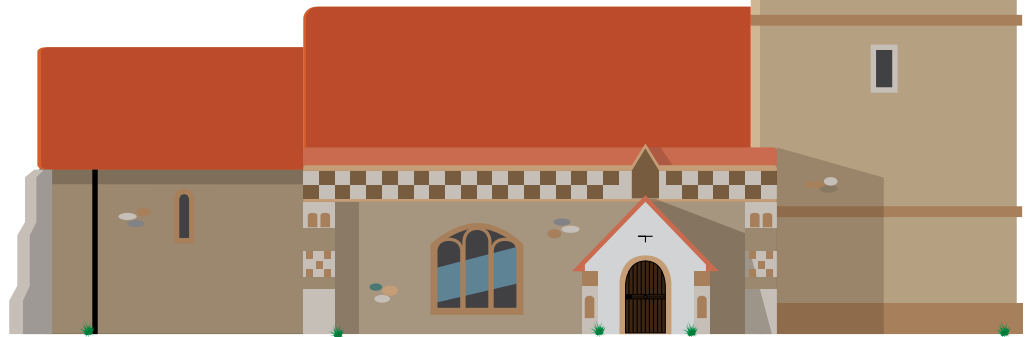
Small Groups

Commencing after
Lent the week of 8th
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 (but our Administrator is also contactable via email on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the same hours.)

Shirley

At The Ship Centre only

David & Jan

Sundays only

Please respect the worship times of the staff, particularly Sundays.

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Pat Sanders (WPC)