

NEWS

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

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August 2017



THE PLACE OF BELONGING

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Course in Christian Studies

Albert Summers tells us about the CCS Course he has recently completed and how it has blessed him.

MY DEAREST CHURCH family, as many of you know I recently completed a two year course in Christian Studies. When I started two years ago, being a relatively new Christian, it seemed a daunting undertaking, but once I arrived at my taster session and met prospective tutors and assistants, it seemed a lot less scary.

Groups usually meet one evening weekly, although there are a few groups that meet on a Saturday. They are led by ordained and lay tutors and there are people from all kinds of churches attending. All the necessary reading material and course paperwork is provided for you. All you need is a pad, a pen and Bible. It is also a benefit to keep a journal of all the things that you might learn along the way. There are four assessments during the course, but they are optional and you will receive help and encouragement from both your tutors and your group members.

It is an exciting and interesting course, and each session cannot come quick enough. Each member of the group brings their own stories and experiences with them. Discussion is lively and informative.

We all think we know our Bible, but when you delve into it and discover things about Christian traditions that we rarely know, it becomes a whole new area of imaginative and practical exploration. The course does not set out to make you conform to any particular ministry. It offers you knowledge, spiritual guidance, and it teaches you to reflect upon the Scriptures, their traditions and the contemporary word. They make up and legislation of the church and its laws.

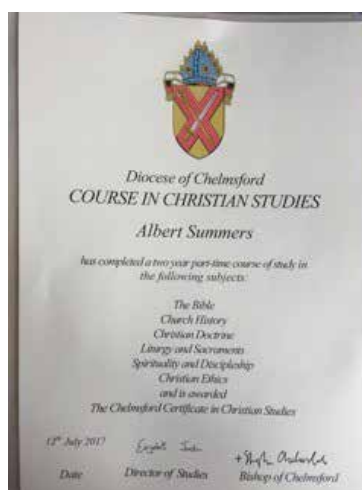
It does not give all the answers, for it is by your reflection and prayers and your relationship with the Father that leads you to your own answers as to who and where YOU are in your journey with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Your relationship with the ministries in your church will also become apparent to you. It also provides a foundation for further education, such as Pastoral Assistant, Lay Readers, Lay Preachers etc... or even ordained Ministry.



All in all I have found myself deeper into my Spiritual life and much deeper in my relationship with Father. Moreover, it has improved my confidence in myself as a Christian and as one of Jesus Christ's Disciples. Applications for the 2018 course can be made to: dhardy@chelmsford.anglican.org

More information can be found at: www.chelmsford.anglican.org/discipleship/course-in-christian-studies

Albert Summers.



Outreach Worker for Rainham

People need Jesus. How do they find Him? We have to point the way. We are doing this in Rainham. Shirley Phillips gives us an insight into her role at RWPC.

MY NAME IS Shirley Phillips and I am employed by St Helen & St Giles Church to reach out to the community of Rainham in the name of Jesus. I do this by organising events, such as our recent Good Ole' Days Music Hall performance where we worked alongside Wennington Church and St John's Church, and we were able to open the evening up to friends, family and the local community; and the Strawberry Cream Tea in July to which we invited the people of Rainham, and had Sarah give her testimony.

I also work with local organisations such as Tesco, RAVE and the FoodBank. We collect food donated from Tesco twice a week, we work closely with RAVE (Rainham Association for Village Events) to organise the Rainham Vilalge Fayre days in May and December; and we have served the buffet for the last two FoodBank Christmas parties.

Furthermore, I manage the Ship Centre, which is owned and operated by St Helen & St Giles Church, and has been a place for the community of Rainham to gather for the last 22 years. For the last 2 years we felt God was directing us to reach out to the most needy in our area, so we started by going to the FoodBank and giving out soup so we could build relationships and invite the people in most need to come to The Ship and have a hot meal, and to show them God's love, and that someone does care. This has led us down the road of being able to support these people in a special way; it has led to people trusting us—which is a big thing in our world today. We have stood for Jesus, and people can see that we are genuine and that we really do care. We have shown this in practical

ways as well as spiritual—by going with them to Job Centres and Council offices; helping them with groceries when they have needed them; we have listened, laughed and cried with them.

This has included families living in the hostel in Southend Road. There was one family who had 5 children, one of whom was disabled, living in a couple of rooms for 6 months. Over Christmas we could help them by giving them a Christmas tree, presents, a leg of lamb and more; all of which had been donated to us. They are now happy in their own home in Harold Hill.

Because we run on donations only, it means that if people have money, they can pay, and if not, they can still have a meal. We have people who have had their benefits stopped, people from broken relationships, the lonely, the bereaved, those with mental illness and those struggling with addiction. Over this time we have had people give their lives to the Lord. We now have people in our church family who have come through this ministry—3 people baptised. We run a Christian fellowship group called Genesis every Monday where everyone is welcome. We have people who go to other churches in the area because we have people who come to us from the surrounding areas.

I will finish by saying I love my job, and it's so wonderful to see God working in people's lives in such amazing ways. Thank you to everyone for your support. All Glory to God.

Shirley Phillips

RAINHAM PARISH CHURCH PRESENTS

MESSY

SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST

FAMILY

12PM-4PM

DAY

ST HELEN'S CHURCH HALL



VIDEO GAMES
REFRESHMENTS
ACTIVITIES
OUTDOOR GAMES
FOOD & DRINK
CRAFT TABLES
MUSIC
FACE PAINTING
DISNEY'S MOANA THEME



Free event for all ages. No registration required.
For more information contact:
nick.ym@hotmail.com

Summer Blast Holiday Club & Messy Family Day

THANK YOU to all those who have stepped forward to help support the Messy Family Day on Saturday 12th August. Nick & Sarah will be in touch with you to discuss details. We are still in need of a few more people to do things like face-painting, helping with the sports games and to do the BBQ. Please see Nick & Sarah if you can help out with these last few things.

In the meantime if anyone would like to contribute to the day in other ways, such as if anyone can provide a few cakes, please do let them know. We would love for as many of you to come as possible, as well as the wider community, so please can we ask you to spread the word and invite friends, family and neighbours to come along on the day.

The Messy Family Day comes as a part of our Summer Blast Holiday Club, which will be from Monday 7th August to Sunday 13th August. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be for teenagers aged 12–17 in the church hall and will involve crazy fun, games and food as well as Bible teaching and a film night.

Thursday and Friday we will be running our Moana Madness drama holiday project for children aged 7–11 in the church hall, and there will be an opportunity for the kids to do a drama performance on Sunday 13th during the morning service at Rainham Parish Church.

Church Hall & Ship Closure for Refurbishment & Maintenance

JUST TO LET you all know that St Helen's Hall will be closing for refurbishment, repairs and painting from Monday 21st August for the week. We really want to make sure the place gets back up to scratch and is presentable for those who use the hall on a regular basis. We will need lots of help with this intensive week of cleaning and refurb. If you can help out, even for an hour, please speak to Shirley,

Arthur or Albert as soon as possible, as we need to start getting a team together.
















The Ship Centre will also be closing from Monday 21st for maintenance and will reopen the Tuesday after the Bank Holiday (28th August).



Continues to need any new unwanted small gifts for resale. Thank you to all who have supplied clothes, shoes and bedding in the recent past. We now have bountiful stock and are unable to store any more. We will let you know if any needs arise for these items in the future. Please keep the new unwanted gifts coming, they do make a difference!

Dates for the Diary August/September

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
Sunday Services See Page 8 	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship Summer Blast Holiday Club 1pm–5:30pm St Helen's Hall 	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC  Togetherhness 12pm St Helen's Hall Summer Blast Holiday Club 2pm–6pm St Helen's Hall 	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 10:30am RPC Mothers' Union 2pm St Helen's Hall 	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship  Moana Madness Drama Workshop 12pm St Helen's Hall Worship Practice 8pm RPC	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship  Moana Madness Drama Workshop 10am St Helen's Hall	Messy Family Day 12pm–4pm St Helen's Hall 
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<p>Sunday Services See Next Issue</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship</p> <p>Wennington PCC Meeting 7pm WPC</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 10:30am RPC</p> <p>Mothers' Union 2pm St Helen's Hall</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship</p> <p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
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Henry & Sheryl's Email Address

HENRY & SHERYL ARE still receiving email sent to their Tiscali account which they rarely use and don't look at, so they miss things that are sent there. Can you please remove pradfam@tiscali.co.uk from your email account and use the respective ones they have in the Church Directory: **pradfam@outlook.com** for Henry or **sherylpradfam@outlook.com** for Sheryl. Many thanks.

Hope 4 Havering Night Shelter

DO YOU KNOW what goes on in St Helen's Hall during the week? At the moment, each Thursday from 7:30pm people gather there to sleep, organised by Hope4Havering. It is a local Christian charity committed to eradicating homelessness in Havering. The Catalyst Night Shelter, one of the three areas of work which they support, is a safe place to sleep and a safe place to speak. The aim is to identify the specific help each guest needs and to assist in devising and executing a plan to find an sustain a workable housing situation. It is accessible every night of the week to people with a connection to Havering, with a different church and a different team of volunteers hosting each evening. Thursdays is our night.

However, we really need more volunteers. There is a Team Leader with a small team in place, but we need more help! Could that be you? Evening volunteers arrive at 7pm and are finished around 10pm when overnight staff come in. You would be expected to welcome guests in, help serve food and clear



up afterwards. You would then be encouraged to engage in conversation with some of the guests or even play board games or the like. I know some people helped out previously and would ask you to consider helping out again. We also desperately need people to sleep overnight with our guests and there is a very real prospect of us having to close some evenings if more people don't come forward. If Thursdays do not suit you but you would like to help at another venue that would be great too!

All volunteers undergo a 2 hour induction and need to do a DBS check, plus a food safety certificate. When this is complete, you are a VOLUNTEER! There are also opportunities for people who could drive the van for us, moving the bedding between venues or collecting/delivering donations. Do get in touch with me in my new role as Volunteers Manager on 01708 454087, contacthope4havering@gmail.com or via the website www.hope4havering.org.

Jan Stainer



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 August

Sunday 6th

Gathering Community

Acts 16:11–15 & John 1:35–51

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 13th

Room for More

Acts 13:42–52 & Luke 14:15–24

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC Holy Communion

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 20th

Lost and Found

Galatians 1:11–24 & Luke 15:11–32

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Holy Communion

Sunday 27th

Outcasts Welcome

Matthew 9:9–13 & John 8:2–12

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

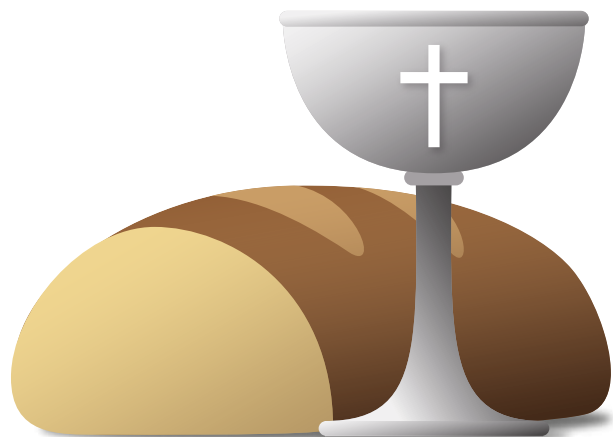
10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

The Place of Belonging

WHAT DOES IT mean to belong? Belonging is where our identity lies and is rooted. As human beings we all need a place to belong and Jesus came to restore that place of belonging in Him; our right relationship with God. The journey towards God always begins with that sense of being accepted and entering into the invitation to belong; to be part of. From there, we grow into believing and that in turn shapes our behaving, as we are transformed by the presence of Jesus in our lives through the encounter of His Holy Spirit.

The four areas we are looking at this month are centred on the Kingdom of God as being an inclusive community and majors on the fact that we are a gathered people of God, called to gather others into His Kingdom. It is He who first called us into community. His commission is to go to all nations—i.e. all people groups and make disciples. As well as gathering those who have no experience of God, there are also those we call prodigals, who once belonged but are/were lost, [for whose return God yearns] and also those who "don't fit in"—the marginalised, outcasts, rejected, despised, disadvantaged. This theme plays an important part of our vision as the body of Christ here in Rainham and Wennington—Putting the community in touch with Jesus.



August Birthdays

Many Happy Returns of the Day!

4th August
Jamie Terrell

13th August
Henry Sanders

25th August
Ken Terrell
Charlotte Price

26th August
Gemma Fitzmaurice

29th August
Sylvia Kemp

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!

To all who supported the Ship Centre Cream Tea. We raised £489.

To all who supported the CHI Coffee Morning in July.

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 3rd 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.

Prayer Points

- For the Holiday Club 8th–12th August.
- For rest and restoration.
- For Mark & Sarah getting married on Saturday 19th August,

News

Small Groups

There are no Small Group meetings during August. Small Groups commence the week of 3rd September and run fortnightly thereafter. Please ensure that your Small Group phases into this cycle from September. This keeps the alternative weeks free for other meetings and ensures we don't have clashes.

Putting the Community in Touch with Jesus.



*Sharing
God's
Love in
Wennington.*



Staff Contact Times

Henry & Sheryl

Every day except Tuesdays

Nick

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Alan

Office hours only

Shirley

At The Ship Centre only

David & Jan

Sundays only

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

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