

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

June 2018



Fayre Feedback

Wonderful weather;
tremendous turnout;
excellent engagement.

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Children & Communion

An update from
Sarah Pucenot on the
Communion course.

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Barking Vocations Day Cancelled

Not to worry! We have been invited
instead to the Harlow Vocations Day,
details and contact information inside.

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May Fayre at Rainham

A wonderful time was had by all at this year's May Fayre.



Flower Festival in church. I want to begin by thanking everyone who came and took part, helping in various areas from putting up the marquee, helping on stalls and in church, creating wonderful floral displays, ministering in prayer, or serving in the Ship. There was a real sense of fellowship and joyous participation had by all.

The Ship Centre was full the whole day, as you would expect, serving in their usual loving way, creating an atmosphere of welcome and good food. There was a bustle of people coming and going and conversations on all kinds of levels. The stalls had the usual variety of Fair Trade goods, and a mixture

of items for sale ranging from tea services, hand knitted dolls and figures, royal memorabilia, CDs and DVDs, wrapping paper, albums, Bibles...the list goes on. The Refreshment Tent was serving cakes, teas and coffees throughout, with a sitting area that was constantly used by those passing through and wanting a break amid their meandering through the stalls and events taking place around them.

And then there was the Flower Festival in church. We had a thematic approach to the displays this year based on Scripture readings that took people on a journey. Each focal point of floral display centred on a reading and thought for people to engage with. At the same time, we had people asking for prayer throughout the day and we were able to bless them in this way. There were many, many comments about how beautiful the church was and how meaningful and thought provoking the displays were. Perhaps this was reflective of the whole fayre... both beautiful and meaningful.

WE SEE CHURCH at its best when we see the kind of witness that

took place in our community on Fayre day. It is estimated that between 3000 and 4000 people came and engaged on a day where the sun shone, it was hot and the atmosphere wonderful. There were stalls, activities, live music, things to see and do, not to mention the variety of food available, and a great deal of community interaction. So what about our church's part?

Our interaction came in four main areas: the **Ship Centre**, **two Stalls**, the **Refreshment Tent** in the church yard and the /01.







Update on Holy Communion for Children

IN THE OCTOBER 2017 newsletter an article was written regarding the proposal to allow baptised individuals, particularly children, to take part in receiving Holy Communion. I would like to provide you with an update on where we are at with this process. Following my October 2017 article and notices in church, the proposal went ahead. In order to allow our baptised children to take part in receiving Holy Communion, we must adhere to a 4 step criteria:

1. The child must be baptised.
2. The child must want to receive Holy Communion.
3. The parent/guardian of the child must consent to their child taking Holy Communion.
4. The child must undergo a preparation course to ensure they have a full understanding of baptism and Holy Communion.

With this criteria in mind, we wrote to parents/guardians at the beginning of the year and we had 13 children sign up to the preparation course. Our Youth and Children Ministry (YCM) leaders attended a training afternoon to equip

and empower them to lead this course. Parents/guardians were also invited to this training.

The preparation course started at the beginning of April 2018. It is a two-month course which is being held during our GIG and Ignite groups at RPCs 10:30am service. Our last session is on 20th May 2018. I feel this course has really been a blessing to our children where we have seen growth in their understanding, faith and maturity.

We offered all our children the opportunity to attend the course, where they were baptised or not, as well as encouraging visitors to attend odd sessions as well. Although these children will not be able to participate in receiving Holy Communion at this time, we wanted to ensure all children were included as they can all benefit from the teaching in the preparation course, helping each in their own faith and understanding. We have seen in some of these children, an interest grow in them wanting to be baptised which is amazing.

We will be using the Holy Communion service at RPC on 10th June 2018 as a celebration of our baptised children completing the course and the receiving of their first Holy Communion.

In order to ensure we continue to meet the above 4 step criteria during Holy Communion:

- All children must attend Holy Communion with a parents/ guardian or YCM leader.
- The children who can receive Holy Communion will be encouraged to put their hands out, where those children not will be encourage to put their arms by their side. This will help the lay people identify who can take Holy Communion.
- The lay person will confirm with the appropriate parent/guardian or YCM leader if their child can receive Holy Communion.

- The lay person will confirm with the child if they want to receive Holy Communion.
- The parent/guardians or YCM leader will only confirm that their child can take Holy Communion on the knowledge they are baptised and have completed the preparation course.

We will be providing further guidance to the Holy Communion team, YCM leaders and parents/guardians on this to ensure we are meeting the necessary requirements. We will also aim to continue this course as and when required.



Dates for the Diary June/July

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 3	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 10am RPC Mothers' Union 2pm St Helen's Hall	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship
Sunday Services 10	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC Togetherness 12pm St Helen's Hall	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship BCP Holy Communion 10am RPC	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship Quiz Night 7pm St Helen's Hall

Sunday Services 17	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC 18	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC 19	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 10am RPC 20	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 21	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 22	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 23
Sunday Services 24	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship Prayer Knight 7-9pm The Ship 25	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC 26	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 10am RPC 27	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 28	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 29	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 30
Sunday Services 1	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 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	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 7
Sunday Services 8	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC Together 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	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 14

Church Pens

SINCE APRIL 2017, we have sold just under 200 pens for the Church Tower Fund at £1 each. They are available in 10 colours and have “Rainham Parish Church” printed on the side along with our web address. Just as a reminder if anyone would like to support the Church Tower Fund by purchasing a pen, they are available both in The Ship and in Church.



Prayer Knights

OUR NEXT PRAYER KNIGHT will be on Monday 25th June from 7–9pm at The Ship Centre.



Vocations Day Update

THE BARKING ARCHDEACONRY Vocations Day for 2nd June has unfortunately had to be cancelled due to lack of response. However, anyone interested in attending a vocations day are most welcome to attend the Harlow Archdeaconry Vocations Day on Saturday 9th June at St Paul's, Harlow from 9:30am–1pm. Registration is not required—you just can turn up on the day. Come and explore God's call to ordained, authorised or licensed ministry. With Bishop Peter, Archdeacon Vanessa, Ordination Advisor Ernie and the rest of the team. For more information call Martin Harris on 01279 411100.

Quiz Night

THERE will be a Quiz Night in aid of the Church Hall and Tower Fund on Saturday 16th June from 7pm in St Helen's Hall. Tickets will cost £7 per person and will include a fish & chip supper. Expect the usual excellent quiz questions and an evening of fun and fellowship.



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

Services and Themes for June

Sunday 3rd

New Eyes

2 Corinthians 4:1–6 & John 3:1–21

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 10th

New Focus

2 Corinthians 5:12–21 & Mark 6:7–13

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC Holy Communion

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 17th

New Perspective

2 Corinthians 6:11–18 & Mark 4:35–41

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 24th

New Authority

Acts 28:1–10 & Mark 16:14–18

10am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC All-Age Service

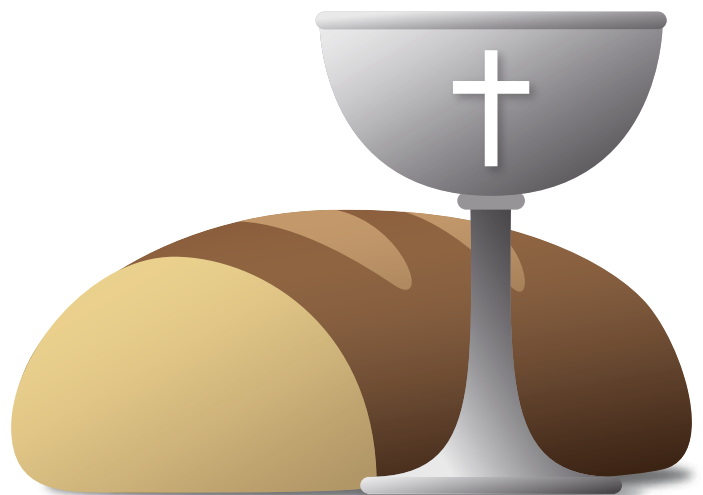
6:30pm RPC Holy Communion

Into the New

AT PENTECOST EVERYTHING changed. There was a new order and authority given to the disciples. Their perspective had shifted, and so too their boldness and resolve. This month we will be exploring the word 'new' in the context of our life in Christ and how that affects our living in the realm of His Kingdom whilst also being in the world. Our relationship with God is one of restored intimacy and reflects the unity found in God Himself as Father, Son and Spirit, of which we are called to be a part. How we see things, what we focus on, where our perspective lies, and who we are in Christ all shape how we live and engage with the community we are a part of. We strive and move towards the goal of becoming more and more like Jesus as His renewing Spirit touches our lives and directs our ways... into the new.

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.



June Birthdays

Sue Terrell
Nyah-Rose Pucenot
Jan Stainer
Beryl Smith
Marion Whitmarsh
Rita Ennis
Norrie Norris

Just to make you aware, due to the new Data Protection rules, we are no longer permitted to display people's birth dates in this public Newsletter.

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 those who helped Valerie in Church and Arthur to put up the marquee in the Churchyard, and who supported all other areas, including the stalls and in The Ship. It was a blessed day.

Bereavements &

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.

- For our children and young people receiving their first Holy Communion on 10th June at RPC.
- For our PCC meetings this month—11th June at WPC and 14th June at RPC.
- For our Church wardens and PCC members.
- For Anneka & Lawrence getting married on 2nd June at RPC.
- For those being baptised in June:
 - Mason Cloak
 - Dhillon Caffell-Bhelt
 - Ella & Mila Collis

Prayer Points

Family News

Small Groups

Weeks Commencing:
3rd & 17th June.

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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