

# 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**

March 2017



# LEN 17

WALKING WITH GOD JOSEPH

## **Lent Appeal 2017**

Launching our annual appeal on behalf of WaterAid.

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A one day event for couples looking to strengthen their bonds.

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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 Water Aid offerings will be taken on Easter Day.

# The Parish of Rainham with Wennington

# **EASTER**PROGRAMME

# 2017

## 9<sup>th</sup> April

*Palm Sunday Service*

*WPC 10am*

*RPC 10:30am & 6:30pm*

## 13<sup>th</sup> April

*Joint Maundy*

*Thursday Meal*

*RPC 7:30pm*

## 14<sup>th</sup> April

*Good Friday Service*

*RPC 10:30am*

*Walk of Witness*

*Tesco 12pm*

*An Hour at the Cross*

*WPC 2pm*

## 15<sup>th</sup> April

*Youth Praise Night*

*RPC 5pm*

*Easter Vigil*

*Time & Venue TBC*

## 16<sup>th</sup> April

*Easter Day Holy Communion Service*

*WPC 10am*

*RPC 10:30am & 6:30pm*



*33 AD. Jesus enters Jerusalem to fulfill his destiny. Satan ascends from Hell to stop him.  
A battle begins - for the soul of humanity.*

Passion Pit Theatre presents

# *The Devil's Passion*

or *Easter in Hell*

**SUNDAY 26TH MARCH AT 7PM**  
**ST EDWARD'S CHURCH, ROMFORD**

Market Place, Romford RM1 3AB

A divine comedy, written & performed by **Justin Butcher**

Directed by **Guy Masterson**

Designed by **Sarah June Mills**

Music & sound by **Jack C. Arnold**

*"One of the most remarkable evenings  
I've spent in the theatre"* David Suchet

*"Riveting, witty performance"*  
British Theatre Guide

*"Timely, beautifully-written, poignant"*  
Huffington Post

*"Terrific performance, startlingly original"*  
Church Times

**TICKETS: £15 / £10 (students) TELEPHONE: 0800 411 8881**  
**ONLINE BOOKINGS: <http://thedevilspassionstedwards.bpt.me>**

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[www.justinbutcher.co.uk/devilspassion](http://www.justinbutcher.co.uk/devilspassion) #Devilspassion

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**33AD.** Jesus enters Jerusalem to fulfil His destiny. Satan ascends from Hell to stop Him. A battle begins—for the soul of humanity. Framed satirically against a “War on Terror” backdrop of heightened security, fear and surveillance, with Satan as a self-styled Intelligence Chief fighting “extremism” in the Middle East in defence of our “freedoms”, the last days of Christ are presented as a counter-terrorism operation by diabolical security forces. “Within the next hour, our operatives will isolate, engage and capture or kill the notorious leader of the most extreme, dangerous and contagious ideology to emerge in the modern era... I refer, of course, to the radical preacher and populist demagogue, Y’shua Bar-Yessuf—the man known, by way of shorthand to our operatives, as “Jesus”.





# Buy the 2017 Real Easter Egg Here

**Special Edition**  
(RRP £8.50)  
Contains a high quality milk chocolate egg (200g), an Easter traditions booklet and orange milk chocolate bar (80g).

**Original** (RRP £3.99)  
The must have best seller! A fresh new redesign. Includes a 24 page Easter story-activity book illustrated by award winning artist Alida Massari, a high quality milk chocolate egg (125g) & Yummy Bar (25g).

**Dark**  
(RRP £5.50)  
An egg made from premium dark Fairtrade chocolate (155g) with dark Yummy Bar (25g) and a 24 page Easter story activity book.

**TRAIDCRAFT**  
Fighting poverty through trade

**New Design  
Easter story**

A 24 page Easter story-activity book illustrated by Alida Massari is included in the Original and Dark eggs.

**Out of the 80 million chocolate Easter Eggs sold each year,  
The Real Easter Egg is the only Fairtrade one with the Easter story in the box.**

[www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk)

It's time to start thinking about ordering your Real Easter Eggs! To order, please put your name down on the sign-up sheet on the noticeboard at RPC or order from The Ship.

# Dates for the Diary March/April 2017

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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
			<b>Prayer Time</b> 9:30am The Ship 10am RPC <b>Mothers' Union</b> 2pm St Helen's Hall <b>Ash Wednesday Joint Holy Communion</b> 7:30pm WPC	<b>Prayer Time</b> 9:30am The Ship <b>Rainham PCC Meeting</b> 7pm RPC	<b>Prayer Time</b> 9:30am The Ship	
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**Spending time as a couple is one of the most significant things you can do for your relationship.**

We know it's easy to let time with each other take second place to the endless list of things that "must get done". This is why we invite you to attend an "a day together" seminar... a special time away to listen, laugh and learn more about each other... to talk and reconnect whatever stage of life we are in. Think of it as a relationship "health check".

You will enjoy quality communicators who will present practical relationship tools based on Biblical principles, brought alive with personal stories and illustrations. There are personal application exercises and of course plenty of time to talk privately as a couple. There are NO group exercises or role plays!

Whether you're married or not, whether your marriage is solid or faltering you will leave inspired and equipped to strengthen and grow your relationship with a renewed sense of purpose and hope.

For more information, pick up a leaflet from the rack at the back of church.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March:**

**Time:** 10am (registration & coffee from 9:30am), finish by 4:45pm.

**Place:** The Salvation Army, High Street, Romford, RM1 1JJ.

**Cost:** £40 per couple. Includes sandwich buffet lunch and refreshments.



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 March

## Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Ash Wednesday

I Have a Dream

Genesis 37:1–11 & Matthew 3:16–4:11

7:30pm WPC Joint Holy Communion

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

The Price of Betrayal

Genesis 37:12–36 & Luke 4:20–30

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>

Favour and Temptation

Genesis 39:1–23 & Matthew 26:36–46

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC Holy Communion

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

Dream On

Genesis 40:1–23 & Luke 23:32–43

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Holy Communion

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday

Right Place, Right Time

Genesis 41:1–36 & Matthew 10:16–26

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

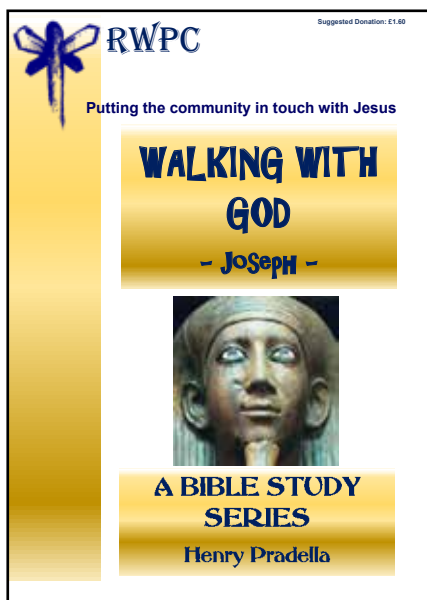
10:30am RPC All Age Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

## Walking with God: Joseph

Over the next two months we will be exploring the story of Joseph. 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. We will discover how Joseph held to the vision God gave him for his life, which enabled him to survive everything he experienced in the traumatic events of his life. God's hand was upon him throughout and as such, Joseph was able, through God's favour, to accomplish all that was purposed for his life, with far reaching implications. By being positioned in a place of influence, Joseph established a springboard from which the people of God also became instrumental in the plans and purposes of their eventual calling as a chosen nation. Similarly, God has purposes for each of our lives, whatever our circumstances.

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



## 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.

# March Birthdays

Many Happy Returns of the Day!

15<sup>th</sup> March  
Harriet & Francesca  
Fitzmaurice

17<sup>th</sup> March  
Paul Randell

20<sup>th</sup> March  
Hannah Grosvenor

22<sup>nd</sup> March  
Vincent Fitzmaurice

26<sup>th</sup> March  
Sophia Yeboah

27<sup>th</sup> March  
Lillian Treadgold

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!**

To all those who came to the Quiz Night  
in aid of The Ship. A great night was had  
by all, and together we raised £281.

To all those who were involved in and  
came to the Ship Coffee Morning. It  
was a fantastic morning, praise God  
and thank you to everyone who  
came. Together we raised £320.

**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.

- St John's, South Hornchurch as they continue in what will be a lengthy interregnum and our support of them.
- The ongoing PIMMs development across our four parishes and Henry's input into shaping its vision.
- For the proposed Church of England school bid at Beam Park to be successful at the Council meeting in March.

## *Prayer Points*

## *News*

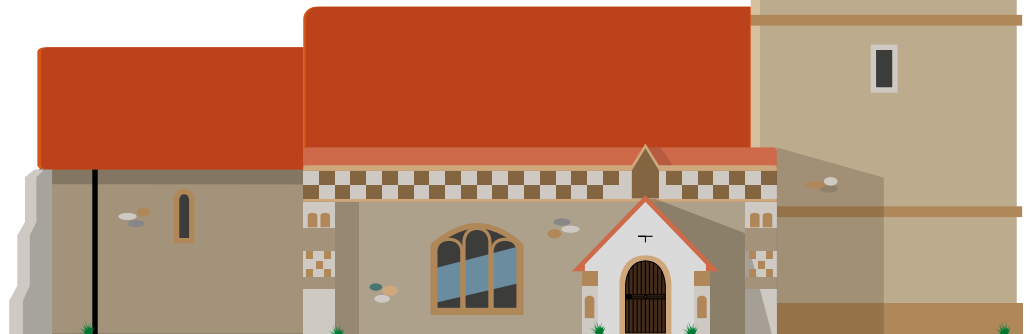
## *Small Groups*

Small Groups meet every week during Lent.

*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

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Office hours only

**Shirley**

At The Ship Centre only

**David & Jan**

Sundays only

**Kingsley & Sophia**

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

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Revd David Stainer

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Revd Kingsley Yeboah

### Youth Minister

Nick Pucenot

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