

# 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

May 2017



### **Sapphire Jubilee**

Join us for a service of celebration of Her Majesty the Queen.

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### **Memorial Service**

Details of our upcoming family memorial service.

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### **Ascension to Pentecost**

A handy pull-out guide for getting involved in Thy Kingdom Come.

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### **The Good Ole' Days**

A good old time Music Hall performance from Rainham & Wennington.

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**W**E HAVE BEEN invited by Havering Council to host a service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, as our longest reigning monarch, on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 3pm at Rainham Parish Church. There will be various dignitaries present including the Mayor, MPs, Councillors, and members of the military. The Archdeacon of Barking will be our guest speaker.

It is an honour and privilege to have this opportunity presented to us and everyone is warmly invited to attend both from within our church families of Rainham and Wennington and the wider community. There will be refreshments/afternoon tea served after the Service. As many, I am sure, will want to attend, there will not be our usual 6:30pm service at RPC on this occasion.

# 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.



# Family Memorial & Thanksgiving Service

**T**HERE WILL BE a Family Memorial & Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 3pm at Rainham Parish Church. We find that a number of those who have lost loved ones like the opportunity to have a service to express their love and thanks to God and to seek His strength and purpose for the future. If you have lost a loved one or know of anyone who has, please feel free to come along and/invite them along to this service.

We would also like a couple of volunteers to help with refreshments at the end. Please see Alan or Henry as soon as possible.



# Sidespersons & Cleaners at RPC

**W**E ARE IN NEED of some more volunteers to help keep our church at Rainham clean and tidy on a regular basis, and also of some more people to take up the role of Sidesperson during Sunday services.

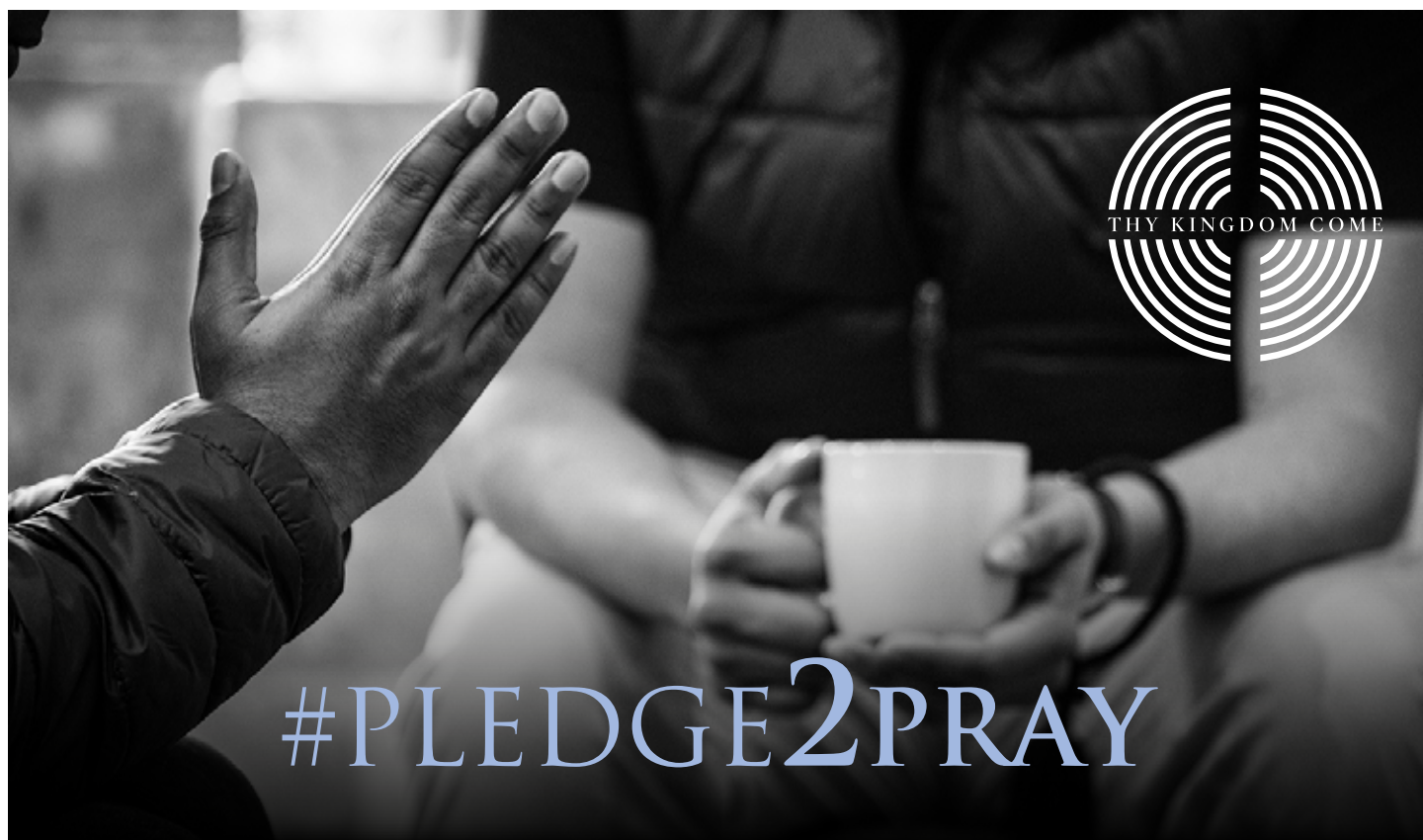
These would be for one day per week on a regular basis. Please prayerfully consider whether you would like to perform one of these important serving roles, and see Arthur Carter for more information.

# Dates for the Diary May/June 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  <b>Rainham May Fayre</b> 10am Rainham Village	<b>Prayer Time</b> 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC	<b>Prayer Time</b> 9:30am The Ship 10am RPC  <b>Mothers' Union</b> 2pm St Helen's Hall  <b>Discipleship with Bishop Stephen</b> 7:30pm Good Shepherd	<b>Prayer Time</b> 9:30am The Ship	<b>Prayer Time</b> 9:30am The Ship	<b>6</b>
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## 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. Please pull out and keep this booklet to help you follow along with the prayers and events happening during this Global Wave of Prayer.

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

# Programme of Events

<b>25</b> MAY   7:30PM Joint Ascension Day Service Rainham Parish Church	<b>01</b> JUN   7-9PM “A Closer Walk with God” Worship, Bible-readings, Visual Aids and Prayer. Wennington Parish Church
<b>26</b> MAY   4-6PM All Age Prayer Stations (for children, youth and adults) Rainham Parish Church	<b>02</b> JUN   7-9PM Prayer Knight—Zoned areas based around The Lord’s Prayer. Rainham Parish Church
<b>27</b> MAY   ALL DAY Use the individual prayer initiatives (ideas supplied in this booklet).	<b>03</b> JUN   3:00PM & ALL DAY “A Cream Tea with a Difference” Wennington Annual Cream Tea. Part One: Quiz, Treasure Hunt & Musical Entertainment. Part Two: Cream Tea. Wennington Parish Church  Use the individual prayer initiatives.
<b>28</b> MAY   10:30AM All Age Service (for everyone) “Thy Kingdom Come” Rainham Parish Church	<b>04</b> JUN   10:30AM Pentecost Open Air Service followed by a shared lunch, fun and games for everyone. Rainham Parish Church
<b>29</b> MAY-1ST JUNE Use the individual prayer initiatives (ideas supplied in this booklet).	
<b>30</b> MAY   9:30AM Prayer Time—An opportunity for corporate prayer. Wennington Parish Church	

**J**OINING WITH THE FAMILY of God the Father to pray Come Holy Spirit, that we may be effective witnesses to Jesus Christ. This is an opportunity to extend the Kingdom of God to those around us. There will be corporate acts of prayer but there also needs to be private prayer too. Here are some models to that may help. If possible let us know if you are able to please to pray. Here are some thoughts...

- Send a tweet or Facebook post every day during this period.
- Pray for someone who lives next door to know Jesus.
- Pray for someone on the other side of next fence you see to meet Jesus.
- Pray for the person who serves you, when you next shop to want to serve Jesus.
- Pray for someone in any sort of corner to know Jesus.
- Pray for at least one of your friends to know Jesus.
- Every time you turn the tap on today pray for someone to be consumed by the living water of Jesus.
- Every time someone yawns today, pray for someone to wake up to the love of Jesus.
- Pray for one person for each of your toes you can reach with your mouth!
- Every time you use a computer or tablet today, pray for someone to know Jesus.



Loving Father,  
in the face of Jesus Christ  
Your light and glory have blazed forth.  
Send Your Holy Spirit that I may share  
with my friends/family (Insert their names here)  
the life of your Son and your love for all.  
Strengthen me as a witness to that love  
as I pledge to pray for them,  
for Your Name's sake. Amen.

- 1 Tie five knots in a piece of string.  
Write names on five stones.
- 2 Write names on a card that will fit into your purse or wallet.
- 3 Add names to the alert section of your phone.
- 4 Write names on a post-it and place in a prominent place.

**B**ODY      **L**ABOUR      **E**MOTION      **S**OCCASION      **S**PIRIT

*Health*      *Education*      *Inner Peace*      *Relationships*      *Repentance*  
*Protection*      *Employment*      *Joy*      *Parents*      *Salvation*  
*Energy*      *Retirement*      *Wisdom*      *Children*      *Obedience*  
      *Income*      *Insight*      *Friends*      *Faith*  
      *Patience*      *Reconciliation*  
           *Love*

- Pray with Scrabble letters, and as each name is formed pray “Lord Jesus we pray that... will come to know you”.
- Pray with Lego, write the name of the person you want to pray for of the side of a Lego brick. Each time you pray put another named brick on top of the previous one and create a prayer tower.
- Write names of those you pray for on paper chains and link them together as you pray. If a family of 4 did this during this period that would be 40 individual prayers! (paper chains will be available in church)
- Also for families: Choose a country and draw or print the flag from this country. Write the name of the country and hello in the language of this country on the back. You may choose a country that has personal ties for you or a country that is experiencing particular difficulties at this time. Learn more about the country and allow each family member to pray as the Holy Spirit leads. On the final day of prayer you may want to share a family meal taking food ideas from the country you have been praying for.

Make an effort to prayer walk or if you normally walk a particular street/area make an effort to pray as you walk. Pray for anyone, anything in your sight and anything else the Lord brings to your attention. Pray into the needs of the area. If you pass any significant places where children/adults gather pray for them. Try to go in pairs.

- The majority of Christians come to know Jesus as young people. Children/Teenagers need our prayers more than ever.
- Pray for Jesus to be known, for the gospel to reach young people locally and nationally and for the local churches input in this. Pray that the Bible would be understood and that many who know Jesus will pass this on to the next generation. Pray that God would call young leaders who can reach their peers.

- Pray for the pressures that our young people live under, especially cyber bullying, inappropriate online relationships, pornography etc...
- Pray for our schools, local colleges and for the possibility of a Church of England school in the Beam Park development.
- Pray for those who don't have a solid family foundation and/or good role models.
- Commit to praying for at least one young person you know:

*Loving Father,  
in the face of Jesus Christ  
Your light and glory blaze forth.  
Send Your Holy Spirit that I may share with...  
the life of Your Son and your love for all.  
Strengthen me as a witness to that love as I  
pledge to pray for them, for your name's sake.  
Amen.*

## **For Small Groups/individuals**—Based on the Lord's Prayer

### **Our Father in Heaven:**

Sing one or two songs.

### **Hallowed be Your Name:**

Give thanks for who God is, what He has done for us and what He gives us. Invite sharing of testimony to God's faithfulness.

### **Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven:**

Pray for God's love to direct all our relationships and conversations where we live and work so that many will encounter Jesus. Ask for our homes and churches to become places where more people of all ages discover God's love and mercy.

### **Give us today our daily bread:**

Pray for those who are vulnerable in our community to be reached by God's love. Ask for God's provision for all those working to bring in His kingdom in this answer surrounding Parishes. Pray for HAVERING.

### **Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us:**

Invite confession for the times we have not reached out with love; when our hearts have been fearful. Ask for new boldness to talk about the difference Jesus makes to our lives.

### **Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:**

Pray for some of the needs of the communityParish. Ask God to show you five people to pray for so they may encounter Jesus.

### **For the Kingdom, the Power, the Glory are yours now and for ever:**

Pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit on His church this Pentecost. Pray that people will discover the truth about Jesus across this nation. Pray for God's blessing on each other, and on every church and every household in this community:

*May the Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.*

Numbers 6:24–26

## **Spend an hour in Prayer for our Nation (10/15 mins per bullet point):**

Spend time thanking God for the many positive aspect of the country we are part of, then turn to issues that we need to ask His help with.

Spend some further time focusing on two items from today's news. Ask Jesus to move and for His Kingdom to come and His will be done.

Spend time praying for local and national government and any others in authority. Pray that Jesus' Kingdom would be the foundation of law and leadership in our nation. 1Timothy 2:1-3. Think about different parts of the UK and ask the Holy Spirit to move in this nation and speak out His fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Ask God to give the leaders of our nation wisdom.



Every nation has allies and enemies. Jesus teaches us to love our neighbour (Matthew 22:38) and love our enemies (Matthew 5:44). Choose a nation closely allied to ours and then choose a nation that is historically or currently an adversary. Pray for God's Kingdom and Blessing on both!

Finally, pray the Lord's Prayer over our nation. Take time on each line, thinking and praying about our nation and its needs. Finish with more praise.

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# The Good Ole' Music Days

**W**E ARE PLEASED TO invite you to an entertaining evening of music, and laughter with a lovely sing-along. The performance will be on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June from 7pm at St John's, South Hornchurch. Tickets are £7 for adults and £4 for children. Under 3s go free.

There will be a light buffet served in the interval. Please come and join us for this lovely entertaining evening which will be performed by the talented people from Rainham and Wennington.

All funds raised will go towards the church tower and other repairs for Rainham and Wennington churches. Tickets are available from The Ship, just call 01708 553059 or pop in to see one of our staff members.

# Discipleship Evening with Bishop Stephen

**T**HERE WILL BE A meeting of the Deanery Synod on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 7:30pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd—but with a difference! This evening will be presided over by Bishop Stephen, Bishop of Chelmsford and he will be talking about discipleship.

It is highly recommended that *anyone*, particularly, but not exclusively, those involved in any kind of leadership in ministry attend this evening. The evening is open to everyone and we really encourage you to come along.



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 May

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## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>

The Kingdom of the Son

Colossians 1:9–14 & Luke 10:17–24

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Family Service

3:00pm RPC Memorial Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

Asking for the Nations

Psalms 2:1–12 & Luke 11:5–13

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC Holy Communion

1:00pm RPC Baptism Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

The Prayer of Boldness

Acts 4:23–31 & Matthew 9:35–38

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Family Service

3:00pm RPC Sapphire Jubilee Celebration

No Evening Service

## Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Ascension Day

Return to Sender

Psalms 93:1–5 & Acts 1:4–11

7:30pm RPC Joint Ascension Day Service

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Thy Kingdom Come

Going with the Flow

Ezekiel 47:1–10 & John 7:37–39

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC All Age Service

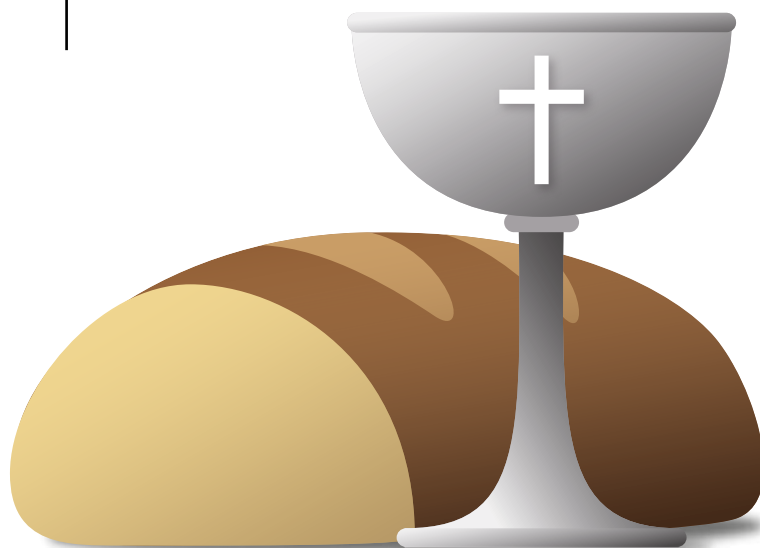
6:30pm RPC Holy Communion

## Praying in the Kingdom

**P**RAYING IS THE most significant thing we can do as Christians. The focus of our prayer is always about the Kingdom of God; His reign, His sovereignty in our lives, His name being made known; and Him glorified.

This month we, along with many other denominations, join together from Ascension to Pentecost as one church across this nation and beyond to earnestly seek God in prayer for His Kingdom to come and for people in our communities to come to know Jesus.

Our teaching theme this month picks this thread up as we explore what and how we engage with all that God lays on our hearts that He calls us to release and engage in. This is a rallying call; a wakeup call; that we should not sleep or slumber in complacency. There is an urgency in this time and this generation to pray, and pray, and pray... without ceasing, until we see heaven released on earth, here in our midst.



# May Birthdays

Many Happy Returns of the Day!

1<sup>st</sup> May

Sheryl Pradella

3<sup>rd</sup> May

Nicolas Pucenot

12<sup>th</sup> May

Carole Hager

16<sup>th</sup> May

Wendy Sanders

Martin Yeboah

23<sup>rd</sup> May

Kingsley Yeboah

29<sup>th</sup> May

Jean Merison

Margaret McLeod

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.

## Family Matters

News from across our church family.

**Thanks!**

Thank you to Trish Nelson and those who supported the WaterAid Lent lunch in the Church Hall, which raised £150 and the CHI Lunch which raised £175.

Altogether, including the offerings from Rainham and Wennington Churches, and the Lent Lunch, we have raised over £1300 towards WaterAid. Thank you to all for your generous donations, this has greatly surpassed last year's figure.

To all those who contributed during Holy Week to the joy of Easter Day. As we travelled together, the Lord has done a deeper work within the body of Christ here. All Praise be to Him!

## Family

Wishing a happy anniversary to all those celebrating marriage this month. Here are a few we know:

12<sup>th</sup> May: Alan & Emma Dell

23<sup>rd</sup> May: Christine & Kevin Foster

26<sup>th</sup> May: Nicolas & Sarah Pucenot

28<sup>th</sup> May: Henry & Sheryl Pradella

## 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 most weeks having 4 services!
- 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 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

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.

## Small Groups

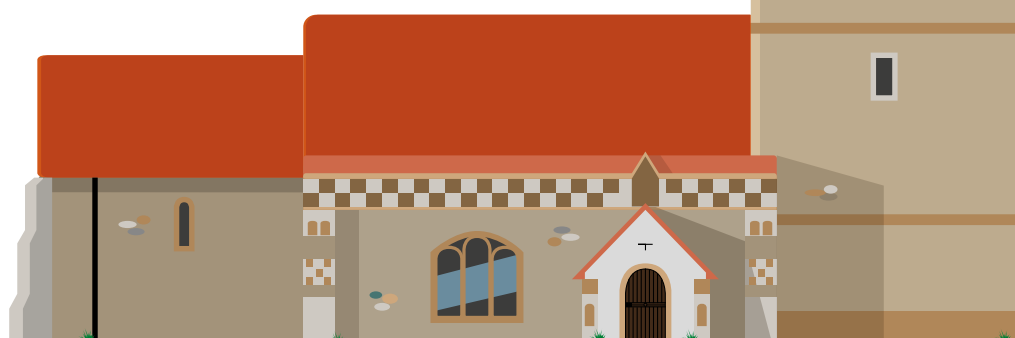
RPC Small Groups: Weeks beginning 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> May.

WPC Small Groups: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of every month.

*Putting the Community in Touch with Jesus.*



*Sharing  
God's  
Love in  
Wennington.*



## Staff Contact Times

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Every day except Tuesdays

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

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### **Youth Minister**

Nick Pucenot

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