

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 2018



Thank you to our GIG (Growing in Grace 3–10 year olds) group for producing this stunning poster.

All the Fun of the Fayre

We need YOU to help out at the Fayre Day events this year.

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APCM Results

List of our new PCC representatives at both Rainham & Wennington.

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Thy Kingdom Come

A handy pull-out guide for this year's Global Wave of Prayer with plenty of ideas for individual prayer initiatives, as well as events for the 10 days.

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Joint PCC Lunch

THERE WILL BE a joint PCC lunch on Saturday 12th May at the Vicarage from 12:30pm for a 1pm start. The invitation is open to PCC members and their spouses both this year and last year. This will be a bring and share finger buffet, both sweet and savoury. Henry & Sheryl will provide soft drinks, tea & coffee and are looking forward to spending some time together.

Prayer Knights

OUR NEXT PRAYER KNIGHTS will be on Thursday 17th May from 7–9pm at Wennington Parish Church as part of this year's Thy Kingdom Come initiative. The following Prayer Knight will be on Monday 25th June from 7–9pm at The Ship Centre.



May Office Closures

JUST TO LET you all know, the Parish Office will be closed for the Bank Holidays on Monday 7th May and Monday 28th May, and will also be closed from Monday 21st May for the week.

May Fayre Day

THE RAINHAM VILLAGE May Fayre is on Monday 7th May this year, please see Rainham's Churchwardens if you can help in church, see Shirley at The Ship Centre and see Gerald/Sheryl on the stalls. We also need a team dedicated to supporting any historical sale items in church.

Vocations Day 2018

THE BARKING ARCHDEACONRY Vocations Day is on Saturday 2nd June, 10am–3:30pm at St Nicholas Church, Elm Park. This is a chance to consider God's call on your life, and an opportunity to learn more about ordained and licensed lay ministries. The 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 Revd Canon Phillip Need and the Revd Elizabeth Jordan. Admission is free and includes lunch and refreshments. To book your place, please contact Fiona Greaves: fgreaves@chelmsford.anglican.org.

Our New PCCs for Rainham & Wennington

Following our Annual Parochial Church Meetings on 15th April, your new Parochial Church Councils are as follows:

Rainham:

- **Churchwardens**
Shirley Phillips & Stephanie Bare
- **Deanery Synod Rep**
Albert Summers
- **PCC Members**
Katrina Fuja, John Skingsley, Alan Dell, Gloria Byatt, Janet Lill & Linda Okojie

Wennington:

- **Churchwarden**
Pat Sanders & Tim Stock
- **Deanery Synod Rep**
Jan Stainer
- **PCC Members**
Nikki Randell, Ken Terrell, Marion Whitmarsh, Brian Merison & Paul Randell.

Alan Dell will continue in his role as ex-officio PCC Secretary for Wennington. Please continue to hold your PCCs in prayer for this year.

Services and Themes for May

Sunday 6th

Adopting Spirit

Isaiah 55:1–11 & John 14:15–21

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Thursday 10th Ascension Day

Spirit of Power

Ephesians 1:15–23 & Luke 24:44–53

7:30pm RPC Joint Service

Sunday 13th

Cleansing Spirit

Ezekiel 36:16–28 & John 17:6–19

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC Holy Communion

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 20th Pentecost

Life Giving Spirit

Ezekiel 37:1–15 & John 16:5–15

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 27th Trinity

Sending Spirit

Isaiah 6:1–8 & Acts 12:25–13:12

10am WPC Morning Prayer

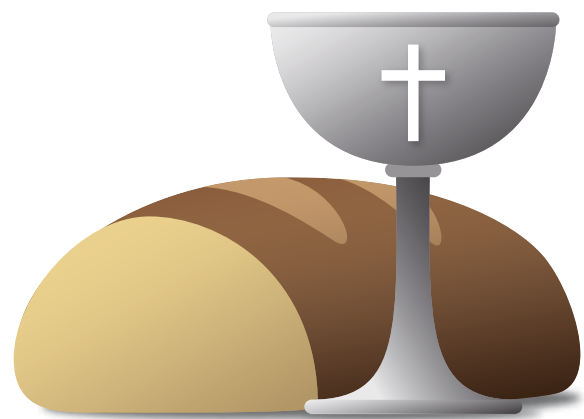
10:30am RPC All-Age Service

6:30pm RPC Holy Communion

Spirit Filled

LIVING THE RESURRECTION Life, which we began to explore last month, is only possible in one way, and that is a life led by and empowered by the Holy Spirit, without whom we are unable to fulfil Jesus' commission or enter into the relationship God calls us to embrace. Jesus made clear to His disciples to wait until they are clothed with power from on high. It is in the context of being released and led by the Holy Spirit that Jesus ministered in, and in that same context we also are called to minister.

Because mission is about engaging in God's Kingdom reign, releasing its presence here on earth, our perspective has to be a heavenly and not an earthly one. This is what we will explore this month as our focus. We celebrate Jesus' Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity all this month. As the disciples waited and prayed before the coming of the Spirit, so too we will be engaged in a week of prayer prior to Pentecost Sunday, details of which can be found in this Newsletter.



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.

Dates for the Diary May/June

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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
		Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC 1	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 10am RPC Mothers' Union 2pm St Helen's Hall 3	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 3	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 4	5
Sunday Services 6	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 7	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC Togetherness 12pm St Helen's Hall 8	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship BCP Holy Communion 10am RPC 9	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship Joint Ascension Day Service 7:30pm RPC 10	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship All-Age Prayer Stations 3-5pm RPC 11	12
Sunday Services 13	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship Men's Games Night 7:30pm The Ship 14	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC 15	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 10am RPC 16	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship Prayer Knight 7-9pm WPC 17	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 18	19



#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".

One of the main emphasis of Thy Kingdom Come is to pray for FIVE people you know to come to know Jesus. Pray for these people first every time you pray during these ten days and then follow with other prayers. Take a Prayer Card and Candle (available in both churches and The Ship Centre) for use in these personal times of prayer.

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Programme of Events

10 MAY 7:30PM	Joint Ascension Day Service Rainham Parish Church Opportunity to pray for 5 people known to you to come to Christ.	16 MAY ALL DAY	Use the individual prayer initiatives (ideas supplied in this booklet). Or gather at planned corporate prayer time OR pray in your triplet.
11 MAY 3–5PM	Prayer Stations (for young & old) Rainham Parish Church These will be left in place until Pentecost. Please use at any time.	17 MAY 7–9PM	Prayer Knight Wennington Parish Church
12 MAY ALL DAY	Use the individual prayer initiatives (ideas supplied in this booklet). Or gather at planned corporate prayer time OR pray in your triplet.	18 MAY ALL DAY	Use the individual prayer initiatives (ideas supplied in this booklet). Or gather at planned corporate prayer time OR pray in your triplet.
13 MAY ALL DAY	Church Services At all services there will be an opportunity to pray for 5 people known to you to come to Christ.	19 MAY ALL DAY	Use the individual prayer initiatives (ideas supplied in this booklet). Or gather at planned corporate prayer time OR pray in your triplet.
14 MAY ALL DAY	Use the individual prayer initiatives (ideas supplied in this booklet). Or gather at planned corporate prayer time OR pray in your triplet.	20 MAY ALL DAY	Pentecost Services There will again be opportunity at all services to pray for 5 people known to you to come to Christ.
15 MAY ALL DAY	Use the individual prayer initiatives (ideas supplied in this booklet). Or gather at planned corporate prayer time OR pray in your triplet.		

JOINING 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.

Pray for Five People (friends or family) every day during this period:

*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.*

Five Reminders to Pray:

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

Use the BLESS acrostic to help focus the needs of anyone we pray for:

B	O	D	E	S	S
	ODY		MOTION	SOCIAL	PIRIT
	Health		Inner Peace	Relationships	Repentance
	Protection	LABOUR	Joy	Parents	Salvation
	Energy	Education	Wisdom	Children	Obedience
		Employment	Insight	Friends	Faith
		Retirement	Patience	Reconciliation	
		Income		Love	

Ideas for the whole family:

- 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 on 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.

ACTIVE PRAYER

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 community Parish. 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. 1 Timothy 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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Sunday Services 3	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC	4	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 10am RPC	5	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 10am RPC Mothers' Union 2pm St Helen's Hall	6	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	7	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	8	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	9
Sunday Services 10	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC	11	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 10am RPC Together 12pm St Helen's Hall	12	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 10am RPC BCP Holy Communion	13	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	14	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	15	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	16

May Birthdays

1st May
Sheryl Pradella

2nd May
Nicolas Pucenot

12th May
Carole Hager

16th May
Wendy Sanders

29th 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 3rd week of the month.

Family Matters

News from across our church family.

Thanks!

To all those who gave so generously to our Lent Appeal for WaterAid. We have raised a brilliant £1099.28 combined from both churches.

To all those who came and supported the Ship Coffee Morning in April. Lots of good meaningful conversations were had and together we raised £289 towards the work of The Ship.

Bereavements &

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

- 6th April—Peter Kemp
- 17th April—Lesley Rix
- 26th April—Sylvia Blackburn

And an interment of ashes for George Wilkins on 23rd April.

Prays Praise

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 YCM leaders and our children as they go through their Holy Communion Course.
- For meaningful conversations and relationships to be built at the May Fayre.
- For FIVE people you know to come to know Christ.
- For Anneka & Lawrence getting married on 2nd June at RPC.
- For those being baptised in June:
 - Mason Cloak
 - Dhillon Caffell-Bhelt
 - Joey Ellis
 - Ella & Mila Collis
- For Revd Kevin Browning, the newly appointed Vicar of St John's, South Hornchurch.

Prayer Points

Family News

Irene Onyeachu was baptised into the family of the church on 22nd April. We pray every blessing for her continued growth in Christ.

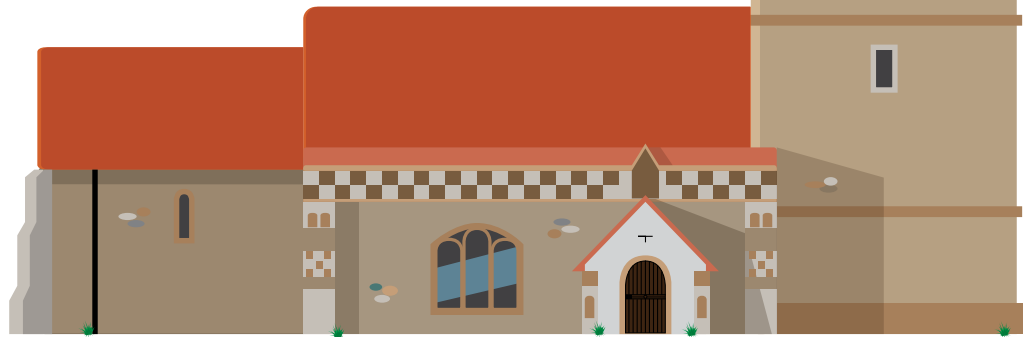
Small Groups

Weeks Commencing:
6th & 20th May.

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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