

# NEWS

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

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November 2017



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# LEST WE FORGET

**O**N SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER we will be commemorating Remembrance Day; remembering all those who lost their lives to the horrors of wars past and present; praying for an end to warfare, and praying for God's peace and comfort to overshadow those affected. This will take place on Wennington Village Green in Wennington and at the War Memorial in Rainham.

The morning service at Wennington will begin in the church at 10am and finish at 10:40am. Those who are able will then walk to the Green for the Remembrance Service. For those unable to walk to, and stand, for the service, a radio commentary of the service at the Cenotaph will be relayed in the Church. After the Commemoration, there will be an opportunity for fellowship with refreshments and the recounting of memories in the Church.

The service at Rainham will begin as usual at the War Memorial in Rainham Village at 10:30am, and continue in Church after the commemoration. As usual, the invitation to join us for all or part of the even is extended to all those in the Rainham and Wennington communities.



## *Scripture Union's South East Team cordially invites*

To an evening reception to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

At Romford Baptist Church  
RM1 3BL

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
19:00 – 21:00

**RSVP**

to Sam Fowler

Online: [su150.eventbrite.co.uk](https://su150.eventbrite.co.uk)

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**Scripture Union**

As a supporter of SU we'd be thrilled if you could join us for this event in which we'll outline what SU in Essex and the South East is doing to make Jesus known to children and young people.

We know around 95% of children and young people don't go to church regularly, and SU has been one of the front runners in outreach, stepping out the church doors and getting out there. This outreach mission continues and we'd like to share with you our future plans, thank you for your support, and encourage you to keep helping us reach more children for Jesus.

There will be opportunities to hear stories of lives impacted by Scripture Union, respond in prayer, thanksgiving, and fellowship together with food. Come and join us to be encouraged and find out how you can play a part in reaching out to children and young people.

***Please do bring a guest, perhaps a friend who also has  
a passion for Children's evangelism?***

Drinks and a light buffet will be served. RSVP is essential.



# COFFEE MORNING & TABLE-TOP SALE

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 10:30-12:30  
Join us for cakes & coffee, tea & toast  
or just come for a chat!



**Christmas Cards**  
**Small Gifts**  
**FairTrade**



**And other tables too.**



Wennington Parish Church  
Wennington Road  
RM13 9DX





# *It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year...*

## **Rainham Village Christmas Fayre**

**T**HIS YEAR, RAVE's Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, from 10am to 4pm. There will be the usual eclectic mix of stalls, including The Ship and FairTrade stalls all with plenty of entertainment. Well worth a wander round! We are in need of your help to cover various aspects of the day, if you can help out with any of these things, please see the listed contact people:

- The Ship [see Shirley]
- The Ship & FairTrade Stalls [see Gerald/Sheryl]
- RPC Stewarding and Refreshments during school concerts and Christingle [see Arthur/Shirley]
- Christingle Service [see Henry]
- Provision of sausage rolls and mince pies for Church [see Alan]

## **Dramatised Carol Service at RPC**

**W**E WANT TO BUILD on what we began last year when we interspersed the Carols with the usual readings but with a difference. The readers were in costumes with props etc... to create as much atmosphere to the retelling of the Christmas story as possible. Often each section of reading had

multiple readers as it was dramatized. Many said this format brought greater depth and understanding to the service. It's also effective outreach. Please come and invite someone to come with you. If you want to participate, or can help serve the tea, or contribute towards the tea please see Sheryl or Henry.



# RWPC Christmas Programme 2017

May be subject to change

## **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

*Rainham Village Christmas Fayre*  
10am–4pm Rainham Village

## **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

*Wennington Village Carol Singing*  
7pm Wennington Village (meet at the bridge)

## **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

*Mothers' Union Carol Service*  
2pm Rainham Parish Church

*Thurrock Gospel Choir*

7pm Wennington Parish Church

## **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

*Festive Tea followed by Dramatised Carol Service*  
5pm for 6:30pm Rainham Parish Church (all ages welcome)

## **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

*Brady School Carol Service*  
9:30am Wennington Parish Church

## **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

*Christmas Concert*  
7:30pm Rainham Parish Church

## **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

*Nativity Carol Service*  
6pm Wennington Parish Church (all ages welcome; no morning service at WPC)

## **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Eve)**

*Nativity Service*  
4pm Rainham Parish Church

*Wennington Holy Communion Service*

7pm Wennington Parish Church (no morning service)

*Rainham Holy Communion Service*

10:30pm Rainham Parish Church

## **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day)**

*Joint Holy Communion Service*  
10:30am Rainham Parish Church

## Memorial Christmas Trees

As in previous years, there will be a Memorial Christmas Tree up at both Rainham Parish Church and Wennington Parish Church. Please feel free to use this facility if you find it helpful. Simply write your message on a symbol and attach it to the tree. Alternatively you can attach a blank symbol if you find that is more helpful.

## Church Family Christmas Card

There is an invitation to place one card on the noticeboard for the whole church family, and then put the money you have saved by not buying cards for everyone into the tin provided. We will then use this money to buy a "Gift for Life" to aid the relief of poverty in the developing world.

# Dates for the Diary November/December

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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>Prayer Time</b> 9:30am The Ship	<b>Prayer Time</b> 9:30am The Ship	<b>Wenington Coffee Morning</b> 10:30am–12:30pm WPC
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# GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.

Pack an OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD shoebox and equip local churches around the world to help children discover, follow and share Jesus.



**T**HIS YEAR WE will again be supporting the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal and Rainham & Wennington. Leaflets and Shoeboxes are available now from church, The Ship Centre and the Parish Office. Please fill a shoebox with suggested items from the leaflet. PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO ITEMS NOT TO BE INCLUDED. There will be the now usual large box in church to put in, and take from. Please pass any financial contributions to the team and also please note that the carriage per box is now £5. The team members at RPC are Sarah Edwards, Janet Lill and Sheryl Pradella.

Last year we collected 100 boxes; with ever-increasing needs in our world, what can we increase that number to this year? The boxes are normally collected mid-November. A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out is eternal. Be part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child.

Please bring your completed shoeboxes to Church as soon as possible, but no later than Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November.



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# Church Directory

**T**HE NEW 2017 Church Directory is now available for you to pick up from the Parish Office.

There are quite a few corrections and changes this year, so you'll want to collect your copy as soon as you can. Please be aware that only those whose details are in there will be able to have a copy (for data protection purposes), and we encourage you all to make sure you securely shred the previous version. Large print versions will also be available.

# Prayer Knights

**O**UR NEXT PRAYER KNIGHT will be at Rainham Parish Church on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, from 7–9pm. Our theme will be "The River of Life", with opportunity for intercession, personal reflection as we approach Advent.



## Fairkytes Accordion Band Concert

**T**he Tuesday Wives Group would like to welcome you all to join them for "An Evening with The Fairkytes Accordion Band". This will be taking place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November from 7:30pm at St Helen's Hall. The evening is FREE, but any donations will go towards the restoration of the Church Tower. Come for a good sing-along (words will be provided). Refreshments will be provided: teas, coffee, juices and biscuits. For any more information, please see Gerald or Joy.

## Bible Reading Notes for 2018

**I**F ANYONE WOULD like to receive Bible Reading Notes for 2018, at present we are supplying the following titles:

- **Daily Bread** (Standard or Large Print) £4.49 per qtr or £17 per year [3 monthly]
- **Encounter with God** £4.49 per qtr or £17 per year [3 monthly]
- **Everyday with Jesus** (Standard or Large Print) £2.99 per qtr or £17 per year [2 monthly]
- **New Daylight** (Standard or Large Print) £5.60 per 4 months or £16 per year [4 monthly]

Other titles can be obtained. Please contact The Ship or Gerald Setter for more information or to place an order.



The latest issue of The Month is available for you to take from the back of church. 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 November

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

Entrusted with Truth

1 Thessalonians 2:1–13 & Matthew 23:1–12

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Holy Communion

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

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

Awaiting Return

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 & Matthew 25:1–13

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

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

A Sobering Thought

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 & Matthew 25:14–30

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

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

Faith and Works

James 2:14–26 & Matthew 25:31–46

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC All Age Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

## Taking Stock

**A**s we draw closer to the time of Advent in December leading into our Christmas season, we are focussing our attention on our response to His calling in these end times as we await Jesus' return. Fact: He is coming back. But what state will He find us in when He returns? The hope of glory [Colossians 1:27] that is in you is to be released to all, that all may experience the love of God and His reconciling act of redemption through the sacrifice of Jesus. But sharing our faith is just part of what it means to "take stock". How prepared are you for Jesus' return? How reflective and active is His Spirit in you? What path are you walking and how is it changing you? Are you fearful or excited about His return? Why? Jesus very much touches on these issues in the Gospel readings this month. Paul in his letter to the Thessalonians also emphasises that Christ's return is certain and that the suddenness of His coming will not surprise prepared Christians for whom our faith [past] in Christ 's redemptive work, our hope [future] of eternal joy, and our love [present] in the outworking of our relationship with Him are manifested.



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!

# November Birthdays

Many Happy Returns of the Day!

1<sup>st</sup> November  
Joan Paulsen

7<sup>th</sup> November  
Silma Douglas

9<sup>th</sup> November  
Rita Bryant

11<sup>th</sup> November  
Elizabeth Weigold

17<sup>th</sup> November  
Maureen Ireson

18<sup>th</sup> November  
David Hunt

24<sup>th</sup> November  
Margot Ilsley

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 gave so generously  
to our Harvest Appeal supporting  
disaster relief in the Caribbean, we  
raised a massive £1000 at RPC!

To all those who supported the recent  
MacMillan Coffee Morning, we raised  
£370. Joy would like to thank all those who  
supported this event with their presence  
and further donations. Well done and thank you!

To all those who came and supported the  
Ship Coffee Morning, we raised a £470.

To those who have helped to clean, paint,  
repair, untangle, cut down plants and  
tidy in the Church Hall and car park.

To those who have given generously  
for the Pew Cushion Appeal. So far we  
have raised almost £2500 at RPC.

**Family**

We give thanks for the birth of Nick &  
Sarah's daughter, Savannah-Mae.

## 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.

- Interregnum at St John's. They have not yet appointed a new incumbent as recent interviews were cancelled. Please continue to pray for the right person of God's choosing and His timing.
- Rainham FoodBank who are desperately looking for new premises as they have to leave their current location.

## 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

Weeks beginning  
12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> November.

*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

**Shirley**

At The Ship Centre only

**David & Jan**

Sundays only

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

### **Parish Office:**

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Rainham,  
RM13 9YU

### **Opening Hours:**

Mondays & Wednesdays  
9am–12pm & 1pm–4pm

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### **Vicar**

Revd Henry Pradella

### **Associate Minister**

Revd David Stainer

### **Youth Minister**

Nick Pucenot

### **Church Wardens:**

Arthur Carter & Shirley Phillips [RPC]  
Pat Sanders [WPC]