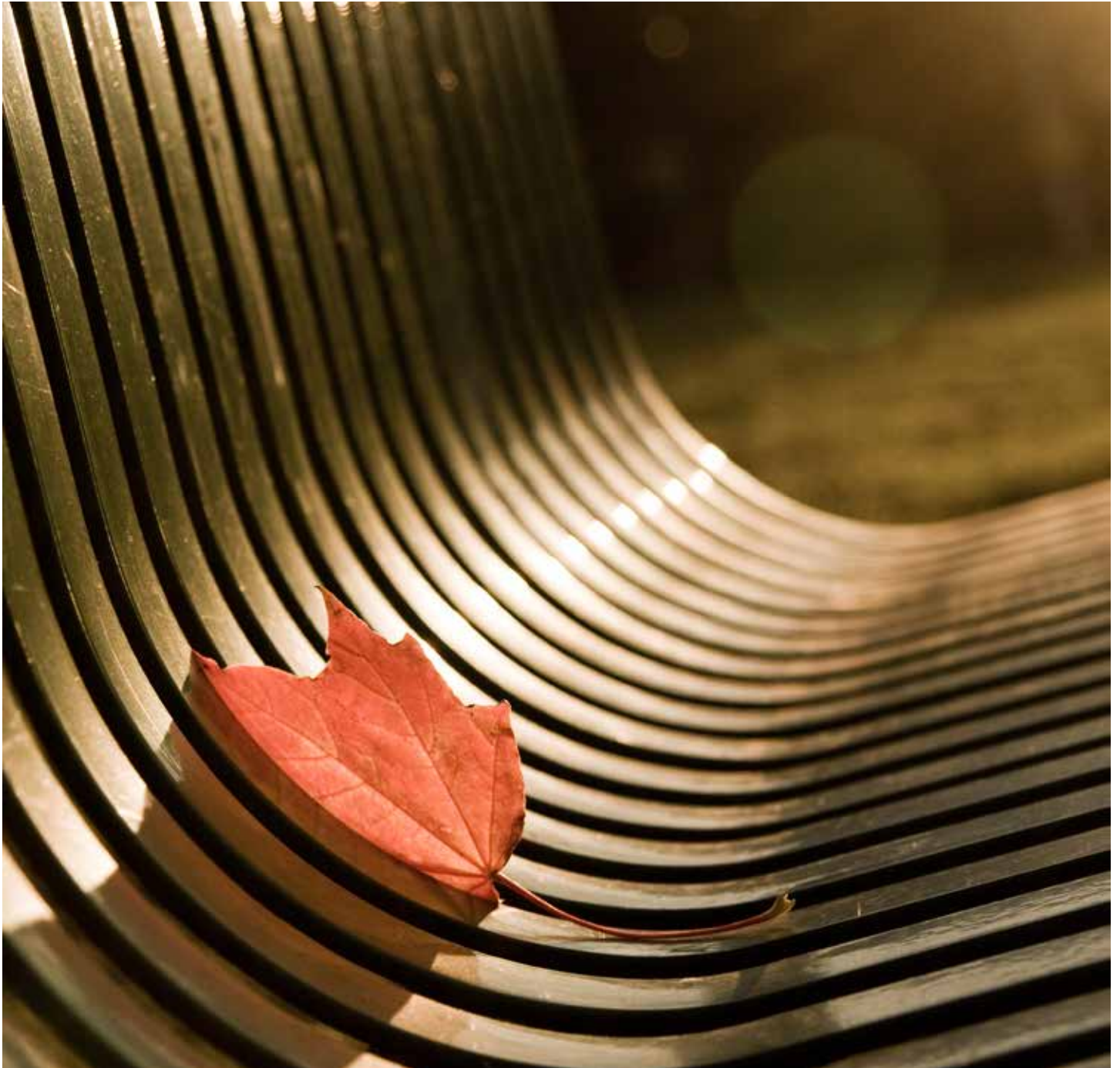


# NEWS

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

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October 2016



### **Plentiful Harvest**

What's happening in Rainham & Wennington for Harvest this year?

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# Ripe for the Harvest

**I**N THE CHRISTIAN CALENDAR, Harvest time is a time for giving thanks to the Lord for all that He has provided us with, and to remember that all good gifts come from God. It is also another great opportunity to remember and give to those who are in need. At Rainham, we will be having our Harvest Service on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, and at Wennington on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October. At both services we will be taking up our Harvest Offering, and this year all gifts (both financial, and non-perishable foods) will be going towards the work of the Rainham FoodBank, which does amazing work in feeding the hungry and those in need in our community. If people are offering perishable goods such as fruit and vegetables, they will be going to The Ship, which partners with the Rainham FoodBank in its vision to feed the hungry.

The Rainham FoodBank is always accepting donations of non-perishable goods, so please do remember to buy an extra non-perishable item and make use of the box at the back of church, or even the container in Tesco.

We have a number of events happening in Rainham and Wennington for the Harvest time, and ways to focus your giving this season.

Rainham  
**foodbank**



## Harvest Lunch in aid of C.H.I

Trish Nelson will be hosting a harvest lunch on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October at her house from 12pm–2pm. All donations will go towards the work of Christian Hope International's project to provide a daily meal for school children. Just £5 buys a child food for a term. All are warmly welcome; Wennington, Rainham, Aveley—everyone!





## Wennington Bulb Planting Day

On the morning of 8<sup>th</sup> October, Wennington Village Association and WPC are working together to clean up litter in the village; plant spring bulbs along the hedgerows and bus stops and start work on the community garden in the church grounds.

WPC will provide lunch in the church at 1:30pm. After lunch we will be decorating the church for the Harvest Festival Service on 9<sup>th</sup> October; celebrating the fullness of Harvest.

Brady School, who are holding their Harvest Festival Service in the church on

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October, are providing some art/craft work toward the decorating; which will include flowers, bunting, breads, cakes and fresh fruits and vegetables;

The day will start at 11am, meeting on the Wennington Green. You are warmly invited to come along and join us for all or part of the day. Donations of art/craft/floristry/baking are welcomed too. Please contact Pauline Hills or Pat Sanders for more information.

# Bishops Visiting RPC

**T**HE BISHOP OF BARKING'S visit to Rainham has been changed from 9<sup>th</sup> October to 23<sup>rd</sup> October. He will be preaching at the 10:30am service at Rainham, and this will be a joint service for both Rainham and Wennington. Bishop Peter has been invited for lunch and we are awaiting confirmation of this, to which more details will follow. Bishop Stephen (Bishop of Chelmsford) will still be visiting Rainham on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017, at the morning service, which will also be a joint service.

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# Accordion Band Visit

**T**HE TUESDAY WIVES FELLOWSHIP are having a visit from the Fairkytes Accordion Band on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, starting at 7:30pm. They are throwing the evening open and would welcome anybody to join them. Admission is free but any donations will go to the Tower Fund.

# Ship Coffee Morning



**T**HERE WILL BE A coffee morning in aid of The Ship on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November from 10:30am–12pm, where there will be a table-top sale as well as Christmas cards and gifts, FairTrade items and much more available over a coffee and breakfast.

The Ship is still in urgent need of any new unwanted gifts for resale. If you have anything you would like to donate to The Ship that is in a new condition, please just pop by whenever you can. The Ship is open 10am–2:30pm Monday–Friday, and 10am–12pm Saturdays.



# Remembrance Sunday Services

Some advance notice of what's happening for Remembrance Sunday in Rainham & Wennington.

**O**N SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, WPC will be commemorating Remembrance Day on Wennington Green and in St Mary & St Peter's Church. The morning service will start at 10am and finish at 10:40am. Those who are able, will then walk to Wennington Green for the Remembrance Service; commemorating the Wennington residents who gave their lives in serving their country.

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 RPC will begin as usual at the War Memorial (Clocktower) in Rainham

Village at 10:30am, and will continue in St Helen & St Giles Church after the commemoration. As usual, the invitation to join us for all or part of the event is extended to all those in the Rainham and Wennington communities .



# RWPC Website

Our new website needs you to help us make sure it stays up-to-date.

**T**HE NEW WEBSITE FOR The Parish of Rainham with Wennington has now been up and running for a couple of months. We ask that all ministry leaders in both worshipping centres have a look through the website to make sure everything is up-to-date and correct surrounding your area of ministry. If there are any changes to be made, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

On the website, going forward you will be able to find out latest news and events as well as download these Newsletter, and listen to our weekly teaching sermons. New to the website is the addition of information on the booking of baptisms, funerals and weddings. Please check out our website at [www.rainhamparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.rainhamparishchurch.org.uk)

## Splendour New Wine Women's Day



**F**OR WOMEN OF ALL AGES. The London gathering at Westminster Central Hall for 2016 will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October. The day will consist of worship, teaching, testimonies, and ministry based on Isaiah 61, we will consider how we are planting for display of God's splendour. Speakers are Christy Wimber, Debbie Wright and Hils Grew. Doors open at 9am and finish at 5:30pm. Tickets are £20 before 8<sup>th</sup> September and £25 thereafter. Sheryl's happy to book for anyone who wants to go, for friends, family etc... Depending on numbers there may be a possibility of a minibus.

## Celebration of Lay Ministry

**I**N RECOGNITION OF our Parish becoming an accredited organisation for Youth Work, and Nick Pucenot becoming an accredited Youth Worker in the Diocese, there will be a Celebration of Lay Ministry Service on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October to which we are invited. The details and times are still to be confirmed.

## New Office Hours

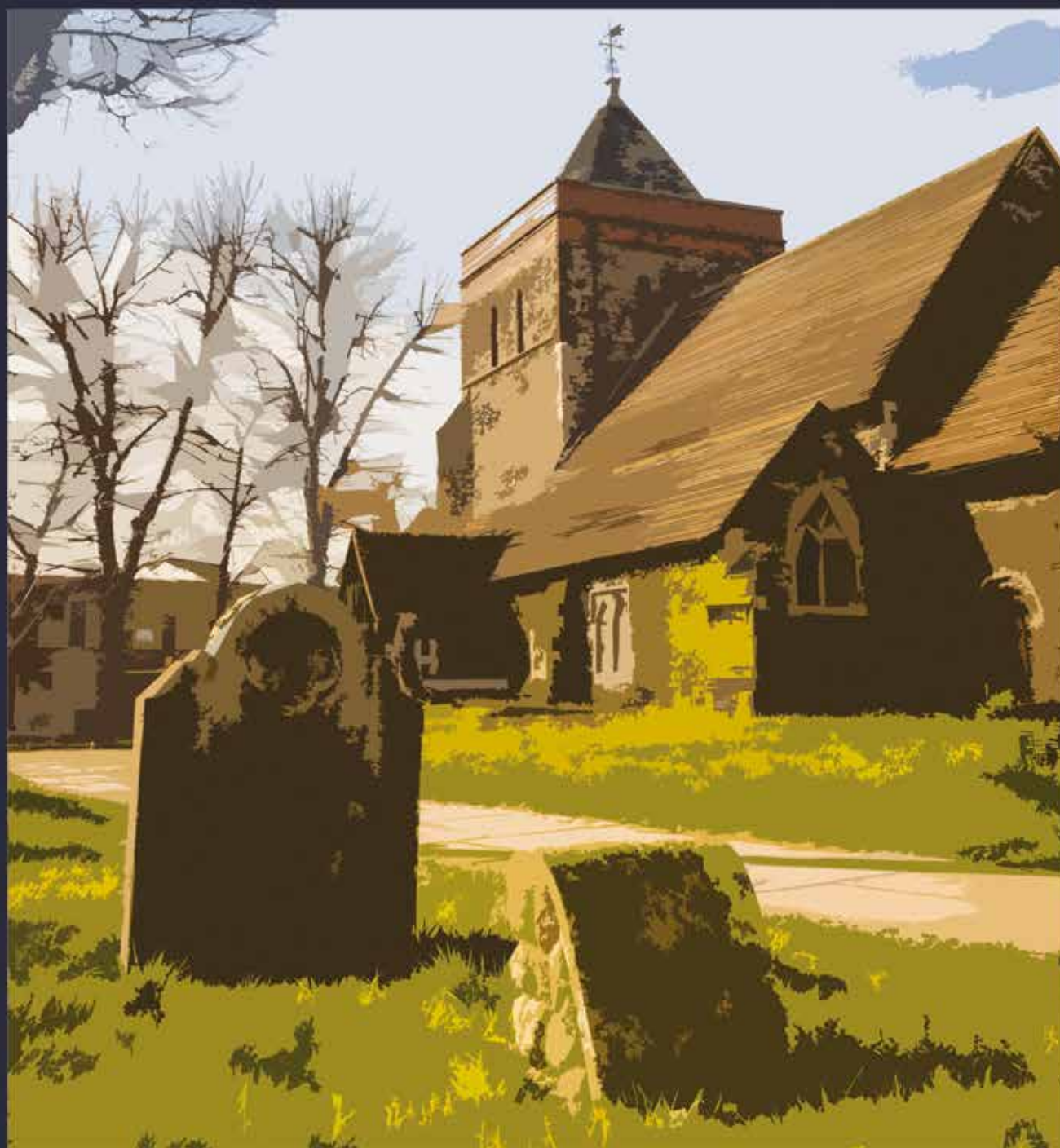
A reminder that our Parish Office opening times have changed to Mondays & Wednesdays, 9am–12pm & 1pm–4pm.



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

It is also available to view or download as a PDF from the Diocese of Chelmsford website.





# TABLE-TOP SALE

## IN AID OF THE CHURCH TOWER

SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 10AM ST HELEN'S HALL

MIXED STALLS | HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY | TEA, COFFEE & CAKE

ADMISSION – ADULTS: 50P | CHILDREN: FREE



# Re-Envisioning Ministry

Revd Henry Pradella invites us to prayerfully review our areas of ministry.

**A**S THE BODY of Christ here at Rainham and Wennington, we will be exploring this month our areas of ministry. In both our teaching and our practical response, I am asking each of you to review and discern prayerfully what you are called to participate in as your ministry for the coming year. This is something

we have not done for a while and is overdue. We will all be starting with a blank ministries list and everyone has the equal opportunity of laying down, continuing or starting new ways of serving this church and this community.

How will this be done?

- There will be a number of lists on the notice boards in both churches, with various areas of ministry.
- We will shortly be sending out descriptions of what each area of ministry involves and there will be a hard copy of these pinned to the notice boards.
- After prayerful consideration, please add your name to whichever area(s) you want to serve in.
- There will be space to add other ministries/initiatives not mentioned that you may want to consider offering.
- This list will be up for the next two months (September & October) giving you plenty of time to explore and evaluate your input.
- Once the lists are completed we will then use these as the basis of our rotas and areas of serving.
- Training will be provided where necessary.

Three further things you need to be aware of:

- Until these new lists are compiled and activated (date TBC but hopefully November), we will remain with our current lists and rotas.
- If your name is not added to the new lists, we will assume you wish to step down from the area you are currently serving in.
- Key areas of ministry and leadership roles require you to be part of a Small Group. There are existing groups you can join, but we will also be launching three new ones this year.

If you have any questions concerning your ministry and want to speak to someone about it, please contact Henry.

# Dates for the Diary October/November

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*Please note the change of week format; beginning on a Sunday.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday Services</b> See Page 10 2	<b>Prayer Time</b> 9:30am The Ship <b>Genesis</b> 3pm The Ship 3	<b>Prayer Time</b> 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC 4	<b>Prayer Time</b> 9:30am The Ship 10:30am RPC <b>Mothers' Union</b> 2pm St Helen's Hall 5	<b>Prayer Time</b> 9:30am The Ship 6	<b>Prayer Time</b> 9:30am The Ship 7	<b>Splendour Day</b> 9am Westminster Central Hall <b>Bulb Planting Morning</b> Wennington Village <b>Celebration of Lay Ministry Service</b> 1pm Chelmsford Cathedral 8
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# Prayer Knights

Our upcoming evenings of corporate, sensory prayer.

**This month's Prayer Knight is on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 7–9pm at RPC.**

This is again a sensory evening of prayer with zones for both worshipping communities. Please come for all or a part of the evening.

**Our next Prayer Knight will be Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 7–9pm at RPC.**

## Lord, Teach Me to Pray

I cannot pray **'Our'**, if my faith has no room for others and their needs.

I cannot pray **'Father'**, if I do not demonstrate this relationship to God in my daily living.

I cannot pray **'Who art in heaven'**, if all my interests and pursuits are in earthly things.

I cannot pray **'hallowed be Thy name'**, if I am not striving, with God's help, to be holy.

I cannot pray **'Thy kingdom come'**, if I am unwilling to accept God's rule in my life.

I cannot pray **'Thy will be done'**, if I am unwilling or resentful of having it in my life.

I cannot pray **'on earth as it is in heaven'**, unless I am truly ready to give myself to God's service, here and now.

I cannot pray **'give us this day our daily bread'**, without expending honest effort for it, or if I would withhold from my neighbour the bread I receive.

I cannot pray **'forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us'**, if I continue to harbour a grudge against anyone.

I cannot pray **'lead us not into temptation'**, if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.

I cannot pray **'deliver us from evil'**, if I am not prepared to fight evil with my life and prayer.

I cannot pray **'Thine is the kingdom'**, if I am unwilling to obey the King.

I cannot pray **'Thine is the power and the glory'**, if I am seeking power for myself and my own glory first.

I cannot pray **'forever and ever'**, if I am anxious about each day's affairs.

I cannot pray **'Amen'**, unless I honestly say, 'Cost what it may, this is my prayer.'

*Anon.*

*(from 'Creative Ideas for Evening Prayer' by Jan Brind and Tessa Wilkinson—Canterbury Press)*

# Services and Themes for October

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## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest at Rainham

Ripe for Harvest

Romans 10:14–21 & John 4:27–38

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Harvest at Wennington

Recognising the Fruit

Colossians 1:24–29 & Matthew 7:15–20

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC Holy Communion

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>

Mission is a Costly Business

Acts 19:1–10 & Matthew 10:16–26

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Anointing that Bears Fruit

Isaiah 45:22–25 & Luke 4:16–24

10:30am RPC Joint Family Service

6:30pm RPC Holy Communion

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>

Filled with Compassion

Psalms 103:1–19 & Matthew 14:13–21

10:00am WPC Creative Service

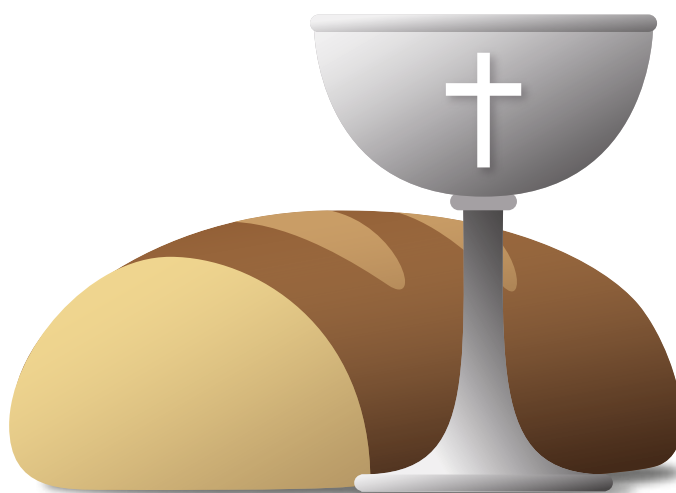
10:30am RPC All Age Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

## Fruitful Mission

**W**E MOVE FROM Ministry last month to Mission this month. If ministry relates to our serving, then mission is the place where that serving takes place. We are a people called and sent to engage with God's mission of reconciliation and restoration in a broken world. To understand the significance of that mission and our place in it is what our focus is here.

As we've mentioned many times before, we are not called to do things for God but with Him. That's why He has given us His Spirit, the same way that He anointed Jesus with the same Spirit. It is a mission born out of relationship and calls us into that relationship, in order to extend that relationship to others, gathering and drawing people into the Kingdom of the Son He loves. It can, therefore, only be released from that place of intimacy with Him. What does that mean for us? Where will that take us? This is the call of every disciple—to engage in fruitful mission.





# October Birthdays

Many Happy Returns of the Day!

7<sup>th</sup> October  
Joan Chambers

14<sup>th</sup> October  
Bill Chumbley

18<sup>th</sup> October  
Alan Dell

19<sup>th</sup> October  
Linda Otabor

22<sup>nd</sup> October  
Brian Merison

27<sup>th</sup> October  
Valerie Hernes

31<sup>st</sup> October  
Cherrelle Shaughnessy

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!**

All those who facilitated and  
helped out with Open House  
on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

Joy & Gerald for organising the MacMillan  
Coffee Morning in Rainham and those  
who supported the event. We raised £420.

To all those who organised the MacMillan  
Coffee Morning at Wennington Parish Church and  
those who stayed after the service to support  
it. Together we raised a fantastic £135.61!

**Family**

Henry & Sheryl give thanks for their third grandchild,  
Teyla Simone Pradella, born on 21<sup>st</sup> September.

## 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.

- Ongoing prayer for St John's, South Hornchurch during their interregnum.
- The Beam Park Housing Development in our Parish and the church's input in the planning and outworking.
- Our Partnership in Mission and Ministry [PIMMs] with St Nicholas Elm Park and St John's South Hornchurch.

- Nick, our Youth Minister and all those whose ministries are being recognised and celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm at Chelmsford Cathedral.

## 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 the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> October.

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

# The Real Advent Calendar

Fairtrade Chocolate Advent Calendar featuring the real message of Christmas.



**T**HE REAL ADVENT CALENDAR is a fun way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story. The calendar comes with a free 28-page Christmas story activity book designed to be used every day in Advent. This year, the book is illustrated by award

winning artist, Alida Massari. Behind each of the 24 windows there is a festive Fairtrade chocolate made from our new and improved Fairtrade blend. The Real Advent Calendar is designed to share and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas so that Christ is not written out of Christmas.

As well as celebrating the true meaning of Christmas, the calendar makes a charity donation, from every sale, to Traidcraft Exchange and the Funzi & Bodo Trust.

To purchase, sign up on the sheet at the back of church, or see Sheryl. The calendars will also be available from The Ship.



# Good News. Great Joy.



*What goes into the box...*



This year we will again be supporting the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal at Rainham and Wennington. Please consider contributing to this very worthwhile appeal. A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in

Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child.

Sheryl Pradella will be contact at Rainham, and Marion Whitmarsh will be contact at Wennington. Please see them for more information.

WRITE YOUR LOCAL INFORMATION HERE

*What comes out is... Eternal!*



Every shoebox gift you pack helps Samaritan's Purse to reach children worldwide with the good news of God's love and the true meaning of Christmas.

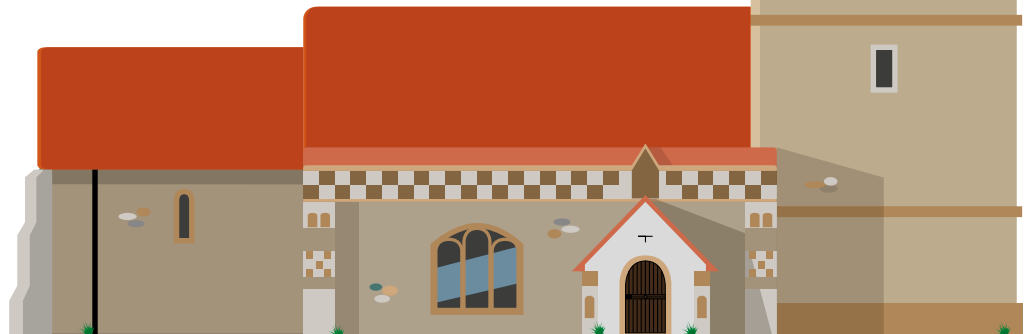
**Learn how to pack a shoebox gift!**

Visit [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk) and learn how to bless a child overseas through a gift-filled shoebox, given in Jesus' Name.

*Putting the Community in Touch with Jesus.*



*Sharing  
God's  
Love in  
Wennington.*



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Every day except Tuesdays

**Nick**

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**Alan**

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**Shirley**

At The Ship Centre only

**David & Jan**

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**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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