

NEWS

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

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October 2018



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Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.



Peter Hill
@peterhill92

Fantastic privilege - 15 candidates with great faith stories

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Bishop Baptising and Confirming tonight at @peterhill92 @chelmsdio @rainhamparishchurch
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Confirmed.



ON SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER at Rainham Parish Church, we hosted our Confirmation Service presided over by Bishop Peter Hill, the Bishop of Barking.

The 15 candidates from Rainham and Wennington were presented by Revd Henry Pradella (marking 83 confirmations over the last 12 years) and confirmed their baptismal vows, along with one making those baptismal vows for the first time and being baptised by the Bishop.

A wonderful evening was had by all who turned out to support our confirmees, and worship was led by a joint team from both churches. We heard an uplifting sermon from Bishop Peter, and he

also made time during the service to offer heartfelt thanks to Revd Henry and Sheryl for all their years of service at Rainham and Wennington on behalf of the Diocese of Chelmsford, and to pray for them for their next adventure in ministry with the Lord. The service was followed by a generous spread of refreshments, light snacks, and cakes and a great opportunity for fellowship.

Congratulations to all our confirmees, and we pray God's blessing on them for their continued growth in Christ.



Prayer Knight

Monday 22nd October
7:30pm–9pm
Rainham Parish Church

We will be praying in faith seeking Jesus' direction for a new leader for our churches in Rainham and Wennington. We will also pray for our community and the people of Rainham. Please come and pray with us so we can be united as we go forward in the Lord.

Poetry & A Bun Small Group

Wennington's small group goes for a visit.



OUR GROUP MEETS regularly at Pauline's house and we were sorry Margot, one of our group, became unable to join us as she went to live in Parkside Residential home in Romford. We knew Margot was missing our friendship, and we missed her too, so decided to go as a group to visit Margot at the home. She was surprised and delighted to see us, the staff made us very welcome and a fulfilling afternoon was enjoyed by all. We enjoyed fellowship and learning together through a quiz—poetry and music. Plus of course scrumptious cakes and tea!

If your Small Group has any recent stories like, it would be great to include them in the Newsletter! Please send them to the Parish Office by the third week of the month.

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.



THIS 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 Rainham Parish Church are

Sarah Edwards, Janet Lill, Glenn Phillips, Margaret Hall and Betty Braakenburg. For Wennington Parish Church, please see Marion Whitmarsh.

Last year we collected over 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.

Dates for the Diary October/November

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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 1	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC 2	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship Mothers' Union 2pm St Helen's Hall 3	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 4	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 5	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 6
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14	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 15	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC 16	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 17	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 18	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 19	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 20

Genesis Group

THE GENESIS SMALL GROUP is a group that runs out of The Ship every Monday from 3pm–4pm and offers new Christians and those still searching, a basic introduction to Christianity, as well as meaningful fellowship. If you would like more information, please see Shirley Phillips.

Transforming Presence

YOU WILL FIND white square cards, booklets and prayer cards in Church. Please take whatever is appropriate to you. These are all tools to help us become His transforming presence to this community.

Midweek Services & Prayer at RPC in October

WE WON'T BE RUNNING our usual regular Wednesday Prayer Time at RPC or having BCP Holy Communion during October, but we will be organising something for November. In the meantime, you are invited to come to the daily prayer times at The Ship from 9:30am.

Wennington MacMillan Coffee Morning

WENNINGTON PARISH CHURCH, in collaboration with the Wennington Village Association, will be running a MacMillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 17th November from 11am–1pm. Please do come along and support.

We Will Remember Them

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS! Do you want to help with the RPC Poppy Installation? As a way to remember the centenary of the ending of the First World War, we would like to make a poppy installation for the remembrance service. To pay tribute in a small way to the

sacrifice made by so many young men and women and the families affected by war. If you would like to help make poppies, please come along to The Ship on Wednesday 3rd October, and Wednesday 17th October from 4pm.

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.

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Continues to need any new unwanted small gifts for resale. Please keep the new unwanted gifts coming, they do make a difference!

Services and Themes for October

Sunday 7th Harvest

Parable of the Sower

Matthew 13:1–23 & Galatians 6:1–10

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 14th

Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14–30 & 1 Corinthians 12

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC Holy Communion

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 21st

Parable of the Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25–37 & James 2:14–26

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 28th

Parable of the Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11–32 & Romans 5:1–11

10am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC All Age Service

6:30pm RPC Holy Communion

Parables of Jesus

THE PARABLES OF Jesus are short stories that each teach a moral or spiritual lesson by analogy or similarity. They comprise an important part of Jesus' teaching being regarded by scholars as definitely ascribed to the historical Jesus and thereby His authentic words. The stories are taken from the familiar life of the time of Jesus and all of the great themes of Jesus' preaching can be found in one or more of the parables.

The Kingdom of God is central to much of Jesus' teachings and many of His parables are concerned with this; other parables have an unexpected twist or surprise ending to catch the reader's attention. In explaining to the disciples why He spoke in parables, Jesus quoted from Isaiah 9:9–10. Isaiah had found that people were lost in sin and resented hearing God's word—Jesus also experienced the same disappointment.

It is the lesson to be learned from each parable that is important more than the story itself and in the coming few weeks we will be looking at some of the parables of Jesus trying to discover the key lessons which we can learn from His teaching.

A Thought from Wennington Nutrition

The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.

October Birthdays

Joan Chambers
Bill Chumbley
Alan Dell
Linda Okojie
Brian Merison
Mary Thornby
Valerie Hernes

Just to make you aware, due to the new Data Protection rules, we are no longer permitted to display people's birth dates in this public Newsletter.

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 attended and supported the coffee morning at The Ship.

To all those who supported and brought foods, both sweet and savoury, to Henry & Sheryl's leaving bring & share lunch on Sunday 30th September.

Bereavements &

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

- 18th September—Rita Bryant
- 26th September—John Treadgold

Moriam Dawodu was baptised and confirmed into the family of the church in September. Brian McDonald, Shaun Alexander, Wendy

Eprays Epraise

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 Henry & Sheryl as they get settled in their new home and for God's blessing and anointing to be upon them for their next adventure with Him.
- For our Churchwardens at Rainham & Wennington as they take on more responsibilities during the interregnum.
- For a new incumbent to be found soon, and for the right person to be appointed according to God's will.

Prayer Points

Family News

Cookey, Irene Kist, Scott Taylor, Shay Osanyintolu, Israel Osanyintolu, Michael Staggs, Danielle Batley, Ryan Claphap, Christer Mulwanda, Ivwananji Mulwanda, Wiza Mulwanda, and Aminat Belo-Osagie confirmed their baptismal vows during September. We pray every blessing for their continued growth in Christ.

Small Groups

Weeks Commencing
14th & 28th October

Putting the Community in Touch with Jesus.



*Sharing
God's
Love in
Wennington.*



Staff Contact Times

Nick

Every day except Saturdays

Alan

Office hours only.
Also by email Tuesdays & Thursdays
9am–3pm.

Shirley

At The Ship Centre only

David & Jan

Sundays only

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

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As we are currently
in interregnum, all
queries to go to
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Stephanie Bare [RPC]
Pat Sanders &
Tim Stock [WPC]

Associate Minister

Revd David Stainer

Youth Minister

Nick Pucenot