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

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August 2016

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Praying for our Communities and Nation

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Bishop Peter (The Bishop of Barking) recently wrote to us:

DEAR SISTERS AND brothers in Christ, we are in troubled and divided times. As the people of God we more than ever need to be a transforming presence in our nation and communities. The result of the European referendum has brought excitement and possibility for some and anxiety, fear and even anger to others. I have seen both in my pilgrimage through diverse and vibrant East London and glorious South West Essex this last week.

Many EU nationals and people of other heritages feel less welcome among us, with genuine fear and uncertainty about what happens next! Are we a hospitable, welcoming

country any longer? We are where we are. We must now deal with the future, not look back at the past. At this tipping point in the life of our nation we need a new sort of politics. This is no longer just about Europe, but what sort of country do we want to be. And for us who are Anglican Christians what sort of Church of England do we need to be within it, both nationally and locally?

So what do we do? In the midst of this anxiety can I encourage you to be the good listeners and good neighbours Jesus call us to be. This is when good relationships count more than ever: when the welcome and hospitality of our homes and churches will make a difference to friend and stranger. We need to listen to the fears and anxieties we hear and respond appropriately. We must build bridges rather than barriers. The Lord be with us at this challenging time.



Bishop Peter's prayer invitation for 2016.

Hospitality is at the heart of discipleship. Often, the most generous hospitality comes from those who have the least. Hospitality is Biblical. This prayer reflects the heart of Christian welcome and hospitality. Generous hospitality and welcome is part of our calling as disciples:

O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and a heavenly Father's care; and narrow enough to shut out envy, pride and hate. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged enough to turn back the tempter's power: making it a gateway to Thine eternal Kingdom. Amen.

Prayer of Thomas Ken (1637–1711)

God's Ten Point Plan for our Nation.

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."
2 Chronicles 7:14

1. We declare an open door into our education system for God's Spirit and Word, that all our children will be taught of the Lord and know His peace, & that His banner over them is love.
JEHOVAH NISI: God is our banner
Proverbs 22:6; Isaiah 54:13
 2. We declare restoration of Biblical family structure and authority, enabling parents to fulfil God's purposes to their children in love.
JEHOVAH ELOHIM: Creator God
Ephesians 5:31; 6:1–4
 3. We declare there is true joy in sexual relationships expressed only within the holy sacrament of marriage.
JEHOVAH TSIDKENUI: God our Righteousness
Genesis 2:24; 1 Corinthians 6:9
 4. We declare knowing Jesus is the greatest enjoyment in life and choosing God's way brings freedom, health and wholeness.
JEHOVAH RAPHA: God our Healer
John 10:10b; Exodus 15:26
 5. We declare all babies are created by God in His image, according to His order. Each is precious and deserving of life.
JEHOVAH M'KADDESH: God who Sanctifies
Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13–16
 6. We declare marriage is a God initiated covenant for life.
JEHOVAH EL OLAM: Everlasting God
Malachi 2:15–16
 7. We declare that Jesus is the only way to God. Because of their faith and love for God, His people will boldly declare the gospel, which is the power of God for salvation.
JEHOVAH EL ELYON: Most High God
John 14:6; Romans 1:16
 8. We declare all media will be righteous and unbiased, producing materials that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy, reflecting God's values.
JEHOVAH SHAMMAH: God is there
Matthew 6:22; Hebrews 4:12
 9. We declare all art forms will reflect the image and character of God, bringing Him glory.
JEHOVAH EL ROI: God who Sees
James 1:17; Matthew 12:35a
 10. We declare the church today to be holy, standing on God's Word and obeying all His commandments. Through the church, the manifold wisdom of God is made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms according to His eternal purpose, which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit.
JEHOVAH EL SHADDAI: All Sufficient One
Ephesians 3:10; 5:27
- AMEN.**

The Vicarage Garden Party

Food, fun and fellowship welcoming Kingsley and family.

WE HAD A WONDERFUL time at the garden party as we welcomed Kingsley, Sophia and their children, Dennis, Bernice and Martin into our midst. We were blessed with sunshine. We were blessed with new friends and old encounters from both congregations at Rainham and Wennington. Some of Kingsley and Sophia's family and friends joined us and blessed us. There were cakes galore, Jean Chumbley's birthday cake being the biggest and the best. We experienced some of our new

friends singing over Jean as we celebrated her birthday—it was beautiful. The singing broke out again as Kingsley and Sophia were formally welcomed. Everyone was touched—new friends, old friends, neighbours etc... The food was plentiful and eclectic (thank you, church). The sun shone while we cooked the barbecue and enjoyed fellowship and food together. The rain came later, but still the people kept coming. Thank You, Lord, for all Your blessings.





Letter of Thanks from Revd Kingsley

Dear Beloved Congregation,

We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone for their welcome to our family into the Parish as I commence my ministry among you. It is my delight and honor to be serving you here in Rainham. A particular thanks to the work party who worked tirelessly to bring the Curate's house into a livable condition before we arrived. We also thank everyone for your kind gift to us while we settle into our new home.

As a new minister fresh out of training in Cambridge, I am aware of the wealth of experience and expertise among members of the congregation of both churches. Good leadership is to recognise those abilities, skills and qualities within the church family and harness it, bringing the best out of people to enable them to fulfill their God given purpose.

Today, I am simply writing to say thank you. You are such an amazing congregation and it is such a blessing to be one of your ministers. I am continually blown away by your compassion, generosity and willingness to serve. I can only hope that I will be able to inspire all of you as much as you inspire me. Thank you so much for all that you do in Rainham and further afield. You make this great place possible.

Sincerely,
The Revd Kingsley and Mrs Yeboah



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.

Rainham
foodbank

Please remember to buy an extra non-perishable item to put in the box at the back of church.

New Office Hours

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

Dates for the Diary August/September

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Services See Page 8 1	New Office Opening Hours Start 9am-4pm Monday & Wednesday Only Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship Genesis 3pm The Ship	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC 2	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 10:30am RPC Mothers' Union 2pm St Helen's Hall 3	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 4	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 5	Youth Going to Soul Survivor 7am St Helen's Hall 6
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New RWPC Website Finally Live!

It's been a long time coming, but our new website is finally here with new features and a new look.

THE NEW WEBSITE FOR Rainham and Wennington Parish Church is now up and running, with up-to-date information, and completely new look. On the website, going forward, you will be able to find our latest news and events, as well as download Newsletters, and listen to the latest teaching sermons. You will be able to find the most up-to-date information on many of our ministries and groups; The Ship,

Togetherness, Mothers' Union etc... New to the website is information on booking special occasions at RWPC, such as weddings and baptisms. Most importantly, the site will now be updated on a regular basis, something which wasn't possible with the old one. We encourage you all to have a look at the new site at www.rainhamparishchurch.org.uk

Congratulations!

PRAISE THE LORD! It was such a lovely day; seeing Tracey, Shaun and Ryan getting baptised was just wonderful. Tracey and Shaun have both been attending the Genesis Small Group that meets in The Ship on Monday afternoons, where they are free to ask questions, talk about difficult subjects and join up for prayer, and they gave their lives to Christ. They have been on a journey where life has been very dark at times, but now they both say that they feel free and released, and are standing in the light, which has been truly life-changing for them both. We pray every blessing on all three of them for the continuation of this amazing journey of faith they have begun.



New Wine Women



FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES. The London gathering at Westminster Central Hall for 2016 will be on Saturday 8th October. The day will include worship, main talks, stories, individual seminars and ministry in the power of the Holy Spirit, based on Isaiah 61. Tickets cost £20. Although the event is some time away, booking lines are now open. If you would like to go, or need any further details, please see Sheryl.

Celebration Service

Celebrating Lay Ministry in the Diocese of Chelmsford.

IN 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 8th October to which we are invited. The details and times are still to be confirmed.

Services and Themes for August

Sunday 7th

Working from a Place of Rest

Genesis 1:26–2:3 & 15

Mark 1:35–39 & 6:30–32

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 14th

Heavy Loads and Light Yokes

1 Samuel 8:1–22 & Matthew 11:25–30

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC Holy Communion

1:00pm RPC Baptism Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 21st

The Fertile Ground of Investment

Isaiah 58:13–14 & Matthew 13:1–23

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 28th

The Pace Setter

Ephesians 3:14–21 & John 14:15–27

10:00am WPC Baptism Service

10:30am RPC All Age Service

6:30pm RPC Holy Communion

Rhythms of Life

HOW BALANCED IS your lifestyle? In the book of Jeremiah we read, “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future” [Jeremiah 29:11 NIV]. He who created us knows what enriches our lives and what harms us. He has given us a lifestyle of wholeness and wellbeing, which is contrary to the ever increasing pace and pressures of life this world throws at us.

As a church family, we slow down over August (from business meetings in particular) and take the opportunity to replenish our batteries and take stock. Jesus Himself calls us to a rhythm of life balanced in Him [John 15:1–8]; a rhythm of work and rest, of abiding and releasing, so we may be “doing” from a place of “being”.

This month we will be exploring and reviewing our time and the balance our lives are shaped by, in order to increase our wellbeing and fruitfulness. Please use this teaching as a personal journey of reflection and adjustment that you may be enriched with every blessing He has for you.



Prayer Knights

Our upcoming evenings of corporate, sensory prayer.

Our next Prayer Knight will be on Monday 12th September, 7–9pm at Wennington Parish Church.

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

August Birthdays

Many Happy Returns of the Day!

4th August
Jamie Terrell

13th August
Henry Sanders

25th August
Ken Terrell

29th August
Sylvia Kemp

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 came to our Vicarage Garden Party and to those who prepared the variety of food we enjoyed.

To all those who gave a donation (£162) to Matt Griffiths towards his return to the USA to complete his studies at Bible college.

To those who came to the C.H.I Coffee Morning and gave so generously. We raised £150, which will be put towards livestock for child-led families, so they may become self sufficient in the future (details on the church noticeboard).

Family

If you would like to have a significant anniversary or event mentioned in the newsletter, please contact the Parish Office no later than the 3rd week of the month.

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.

- Summer rest and holidays.
- For Ian & Michelle getting married at Wennington on 20th August, and Katrina & Stephen getting married at Rainham on 3rd September.
- For Kingsley as he becomes more involved in ministry here and his ongoing training. Also remember Sophia, Dennis, Bernice and Martin.
- For St John's as they continue in their interregnum and

for Revd Vernon Ross (Bishop's mission advisor) as he ministers to the congregation over the next three months.

- Continue to hold in prayer those recently baptised: Ryan, Shaun and Tracey; and Claire Brown being baptised at Wennington on 28th August.
- For those going to Soul Survivor from 13th–18th August, both young people and their leaders.

Prayer Points

News

Small Groups

Small Groups will commence after the summer break from the week beginning 4th September.

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

Fridays & Sundays only

Kingsley & Sophia

Every day except Thursdays [see
Parish Office for contact details]

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

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