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St Helen & St Giles with St Mary & St Peter

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Letter from Bishop Peter

The following letter from Bishop Peter, Bishop of Barking, was read out in our churches on Trinity Sunday, 11th June.

AFTER SATURDAY EVENING'S horrific and senseless terrorist attack at London Bridge we continue to pray for those whose lives been devastated by injury and grief and we thank God for the bravery and skill of our police and medical services in the most demanding of circumstances.

I am very aware that after further security services raids and arrests in our area of East London this past week the times remain very unsettling and fearful for many in our churches and communities. Please pray for the communities we serve, especially in Barking, East Ham and Ilford, where such raids have taken place, and reach out to other faith and community leaders to stand strong and together against

these evil acts and any subsequent hate crimes or threats. I shall be doing so myself.

This is not a time to withdraw in fear or anxiety but to engage with the love and hope, reaching out to all whom we are called to serve together across East London and Essex. We of course need to do so with care and vigilance, helping overcome fear and suspicion.

Today is Trinity Sunday, which reminds us that our God lives and acts in loving community and unity. We need to do the same, praying for grace to do so. With my continuing prayers and good wishes, B

+Peter Barking

Bishop Stephen: Build a society on love not on the fear and threat of terror.

THERE IS ONLY one thing that you can't take away from a human being: that is our freedom to choose how we respond.

You can beat someone, starve them, abuse them, imprison them, deprive them of their freedom, and trample over their rights, but you can't make someone respond how you want them to respond unless they choose to; and on the contrary if they choose to respond with love, generosity and graciousness in the face of oppression, then there is nothing the oppressor can do about it.

We see this response of love in many different ways: people going to a concert in Manchester to declare 'one love' rather than cowering in their homes in fear; people reaching out to each other across boundaries of ethnicity, nationality, faith or class. Last week I witnessed it in the Holy Land. I was on pilgrimage to the great Christian sites but was also privileged to attend a talk by a Jewish man and a Palestinian Muslim. Both of them had lost a daughter to violence perpetrated by the other side. They had not chosen revenge. They had not chosen violence. They had not

retreated into a ghetto, cut off from those who were different from themselves. Despite their anguish, anger and grief they had made their response a response of love. They had reached out to each other, and gathering other bereaved parents together, committed themselves to work for justice and reconciliation in a divided land.

As we face the fear of terror and the threat of further terrorist atrocities, let our response be the same: let's reach out to each other; let's not give in to our baser instincts for vengeance. Instead, let's work for justice and peace. Those who perpetrate these atrocities want us to be divided and they want us to cower in fear. Let's not give them this satisfaction. Instead, let us carry on as normal. Yes, be vigilant. Yes, support our police and security services. Yes, seek justice. But most of all, let's not allow ourselves to be anything other than the peaceful, respectful, tolerant, society that terror is trying to undermine and which love and only love can build.

+Stephen Chelmsford

ESSEX MISSION

2017

We have left the EU but we have not left the
Kingdom of God,

so there's *great hope* for our **NATION**,
so come let us *pray*
for the perfect *will of God*
to be done in our

County and Country!

Saturday 15th July 2017

TIME: 7PM-9:30PM

VENUE:

NORTH STREET HALLS

22 NORTH STREET, HORNCHURCH RM11 1QX

HOST CHURCH: VINE HOUSE MINISTRIES : 07500017789



Thy Kingdom Come

Some feedback from the recent week-long Global Wave of Prayer.



The Cross was one station at our prayer afternoon. It was an invitation to pray for friends. The cross was made from a Christmas Tree trunk and then decorated with Christmas lights. Why? Because the focus was praying for friends to know Jesus, God's Son who came at Christmas. A different coloured light was focus upon as prayer was offered for each friend and also to tie a knot was made in a piece of raffia as a reminder to keep on praying for those friends.



The Stones were from our prayer evening at Wennington. We were all asked to take a stone without knowing whose name was on the other side. We then held the stone and prayed silently for around five minutes. Then as we worshiped, there was an invitation to place our stones on the Holy table.



The Candle was the first area of focus on the Prayer Knight at Rainham. We used the Lord's Prayer and here we are thinking about how we approach the Lord. We used lots of scriptures to aid our thinking about the names of God.



The Lego was used at the Ship Centre during the twelve days of prayer. It was a very well used tool for prayer. A name was stuck on a Lego brick and added to the existing bricks to build a wall of prayer.

Across all the corporate prayer events, more than a hundred gathered to pray, and of course all events had multiple invitations to pray. Possibly a thousand prayers were prayed and these events, plus all the individual prayers!

Both social events at Wennington, Cream Tea with a difference and at Rainham the Pentecost Open Air Service, with lunch, and the children certainly enjoyed the games!

The Good Ole' Days

SATURDAY 24TH JUNE saw a coming together of RPC and WPC in a fundraising Old Tyme Music Hall held at St John's, South Hornchurch. A wonderful evening with an

enthusiastic cast was enjoyed by an appreciative sell-out audience. We look forward to the next one. Thanks to all at St John's for their hospitality and making us feel most welcome.



Our Next Prayer Knight

On Monday 17th July at WPC, 7–9pm we will be having our next Prayer Knight. We shall be using the Lord's Prayer again from a different perspective. [We culminated Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Knight with how we approach the father, asking, reflecting and praise using the Lord's Prayer as our basis for prayer]. The next Prayer Knight after this will also be at Wennington on Monday 25th September.



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

YOUTH MINISTRY G/G

Our GIG Leader, Katrina Fuja gives us some insights into the children's ministry at RWPC.

AS A TEACHER, I love seeing young people make progress and enjoy the benefits of their hard work. As a Christian, I have a passion for seeing young people and their families progress in their understanding and relationship with God, and seeing the whole person as well as the community develop. That is essentially what the children's ministry is about, Growing in Grace!

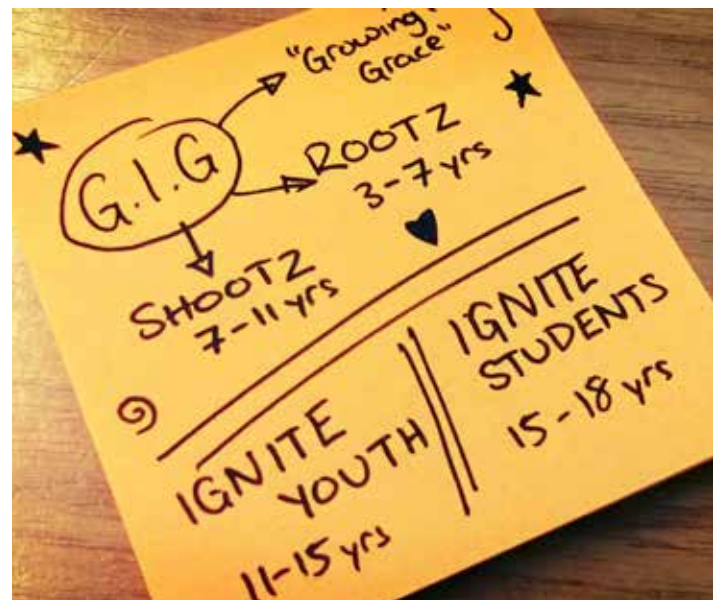
My passion is upholding the standards of kindness, love, humility and righteousness that Jesus laid down His life for and seeing others live in that. I can certainly say that I have experienced the love of God and although at times life can be difficult God is the constant that is making and has made me who I am. God has and is stripping those parts of me that are harmful to me. That is the beauty of God. He changes us for our good.

Our vision comes from John 8:32, *"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."* In today's society, children are exposed to a wide range of ideas, opinions and ways of thinking. At RPC's children's ministry we aim to hold fast to the truth that is found in Jesus

Christ. We look at Biblical stories in a fun and engaging way that allows children to access and build on their knowledge in school and at home. We believe that even children can minister to those around them and that God fill them up to overflowing! We champion this by providing a safe and loving environment for children to come and share their walk with others of a similar age.

Over the past year, we have seen young people develop in their confidence and grow into their identity. Children have boldly shared their testimony, participated in worship and have read scriptures to the whole congregation. We believe that the church is at its best we are unified and work together to be a strong representation of heaven on earth. This year, our vision is to promote the 'one body' church (1 Corinthians 12:12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.) and fully engage the children with the rest of the congregation.

Katrina Fuja





Summer Holiday Club

Nick and the Summer Team give us some more information on the upcoming Holiday Club.

HOWDY EVERYBODY. HOPE you are all well as you read this. I wanted to share with you all an outreach program that we are putting in motion. Myself and a few others want to have a week of crazy fun and outreach in the community. Starting the week of the 8th–13th August, we are going to have 2 days—ideally Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th—aimed at teenagers of ages 12 to 18 where we will have a host of activities over those 2 days. There will then be 2 days of really fun, interactive, exciting drama workshop based on the Disney film Moana led by our own Amy Insole, catered for the ages of 7 to 11 on 10th and 11th.

Saturday will be a really massive Messy Family Day aimed at families, children and young people in the community. This will be held in the church hall and car park. Sunday morning will also be used to invite the drama workshop team to come and perform the piece that they worked on with Amy during the 10:30am service at RPC and

will be encouraged to invite their families to see the piece.

To give you more details. The Saturday will be the day that we really want all the church to get involved with. That Saturday will not be a YCM initiative it is a whole church body united initiative. We really want people to commit, to really get plugged in, to really be involved, to cook a whole variety of food—not just BBQ—but food that really resonates and exemplifies with the culture, diversity and the breadth of people we have in RPC.

This will be a great time to show a united body in the community, getting alongside families, children, youth, playing FIFA and just interacting with the community. We want to do a messy church feel to it and those who have run messy church before really know how fun and impactful it can be.

We want to have craft tables activities inside the hall and interact with the children and families. We want to have a video games section upstairs being run and supervised by our FIFA Pastors (Niran and

Steven 😊). We will also have music, possibly a bouncy castle depending on space (I can get carried away some times), bubble machines and refreshments. Outside we want to engage with families by having face painters, competitive sport such as 3 legged race, egg and spoon race, tug of war between mums and dads or parents and children. Really have a blast and some serious fun.

We are so excited for that week as it will be the first ever week of outreach since the Norwegians came. What fun and exciting way to really get involved with the community. So you see this is not just a YCM effort but a whole church effort. We can't do this on our own. We WANT and NEED you, CHURCH, to make this a possibility and reality. This is going to be an epic week and a really exciting adventure we want to share. Not held by YCM but owned and held by RPC as a body. If you want to get involved please contact me.

Nick and The Summer Team,

Dates for the Diary July/August 2017

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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
Sunday Services See Page 12	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 10am RPC	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	CHI Coffee Morning 10:30am Trish's House
	HOPE Course 1:30pm St Helen's Hall		Mothers' Union 2pm St Helen's Hall	Prayer Ministry Team Meeting 7:30pm The Vicarage		Strawberry Cream Tea in Aid of The Ship 2pm St Helen's Hall
	Men's Games Night 7:30pm The Ship					
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My China Experience!

Henrietta Akindele tells us all about her time in China.

LET'S START BY saying God is good! April 6th 2016—my life changed forever! I landed in Shenzhen, approximated 30mins away from Hong Kong. I spent the first 2 weeks living in a hotel, contacting agents to find my perfect apartment all whilst undergoing intense work training in the intense Shenzhen heat. It wasn't too long until I found my comfortable studio apartment in the city centre and got down to business.

I started my China experience as an ESL English Teacher working at an English Language Centre. God came through and opened doors for me that I did not even know were available and landed me a dance teaching opportunity, as well as a modelling contract, and the biggest blessing of them all was a newfound confidence and sense of self development that led me to be bold and network with both local and foreign professionals, leading me to work as a Medical English Consultant where I trained doctors and nurses in medical and conventional English at one of the most established hospitals in Shenzhen; Shenzhen 2nd People's Hospital.

This was great because for the longest time, I felt lost and uncertain about my career path, but God made a way and gave me an opportunity to truly tap into my potential and combine all of my biggest passions together. The blessings have just been flowing ever since and I will forever be grateful to God for that.

China is a lovely place and it is easy to judge a nation based on hearsay and media, but experiencing it for myself was an amazing opportunity. The number of Christians I came in contact with in China was amazing too, I found a couple of churches and a community to pray with. I arrived back in the UK a year later and intend to return to China towards the end of the year to continue God's plan for my life.

Church Hall Closure for Refurbishment

JUST TO LET you all know that St Helen's Hall will be closing for refurbishment, repairs and painting from Monday 21st August for the week. We really want to make sure the place gets back up to scratch and is presentable for those who use the hall on a regular basis. We will need lots of help with this

intensive week of cleaning and refurb. If you can help out, even for an hour, please speak to Shirley, Arthur or Albert as soon as possible, as we need to start getting a team together.



The Vicarage Garden Party
Saturday 22nd July

2pm–8pm
73 Lake Avenue,
Rainham,
RM13 9SG

Afternoon Tea followed by BBQ from 5pm. We will provide soft drinks, tea & coffee, ice creams and BBQ. Something for all the family; come for all or part. All are welcome.

*If you need a lift or further information,
contact Henry or Sheryl Pradella.
RSVP 01708 559157 ASAP.*



The latest issue of The Month is available for you to take from the back of church. In this Month's issue: Bishop Eloise will launch Lent Appeal, Robots and drones feature in lessons at impressive new East London school and Football fan Mike Lodge is the new Archdeacon of Southend. The Month is also available to view or download as a PDF from the Diocese of Chelmsford website.

Draft Church Directory 2017

WE ARE UPDATING the Church Directory for 2017. The Directory is for church family members who continue to worship at Rainham Parish Church or Wennington Parish Church, and have completed a signed contact slip. There is a draft copy at the back of church for you to check that your details are correct, or need updating. Please initial against your entry to indicate you have checked your details, and if necessary make changes.

Please do not initial for someone else's details—The Parish Office will be following up on unchecked entries. If you are a worshipping member and have not yet completed a contact slip, please do so (slips are available from the back of church) and hand in to Alan or Henry.

The draft Directories will be available until Sunday 30th July, and we expect the finalised copies to be available in September.

Strawberry Cream Tea in aid of the Ship

THERE WILL BE a Strawberry Cream Tea in aid of The Ship on Saturday 8th July from 2–4pm in St Helen's Hall. This is an ideal time to invite friends. Contact Shirley Phillips at The Ship to book your place. We ask for a donation of £5 per person. There will also be a stall available for the purchase of new unwanted gifts.

Thurrock Gospel Choir Concert

THE THURROCK GOSPEL Choir will be performing a Mission Musical called "Into all the World" on Wednesday 5th July at Wennington Parish Church from 7:30pm. Admission is free and refreshments will be available. All are welcome, please do show your support.

Our new PCCs at Rainham & Wennington

FIRSTLY, WE WOULD like to apologise for not publishing this information in the last couple of Newsletters. Following our Annual Parochial Church Meetings at the end of April, your new Parochial Church Councils are as follows:

Rainham:

- **Churchwardens**
Arthur Carter & Shirley Phillips
- **Deanery Synod Reps**
Danny Ager & Albert Summers
- **PCC Members**
Sylvia Opara, Stephanie Bare, Katrina Fuja, John Skingsley, Alan Dell, Nick Pucenot, Gloria Byatt, Janet Lill, Ed Stokes & Linda Otabor

Wennington:

- **Churchwarden**
Pat Sanders
- **Deanery Synod Rep**
Jan Stainer
- **PCC Members**
Nikki Randell, Tim Stock, 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.

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 July

Sunday 2nd

The Choicest Vine

Isaiah 5:1–7 & Matthew 21:33–46

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 9th

The Fruit of Exceeding Abundance

Ephesians 3:14–21 & John 15:1–8

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC Holy Communion

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 16th

The Fruit of Reconciling Love

2 Corinthians 5:12–21 & John 15:9–17

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd

The Fruit of Obedience

Deuteronomy 4:1–14 & John 14:15–24

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC All Age Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 30th

Known by our Fruit

Galatians 5:16–26 & Matthew 7:15–20

10:00am WPC Baptism Service

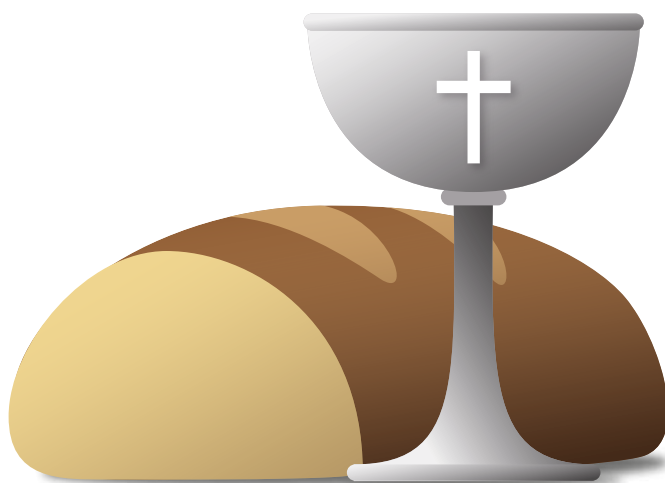
10:30am RPC Baptism Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

The Fruit of the Vine

IT HAS OFTEN been said that the church is not an organisation but an organism. It grows organically not institutionally, because it is rooted in a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, empowered by His Holy Spirit. Jesus describes that relationship through the picture of the Vine and its branches. It is not just a picture but a symbol which has its roots in the Old Testament where God describes Israel as the Vine planted in God's vineyard in order to bear fruit that would bless the nations. Jesus then takes on that description as Himself. He is the Vine, the Israel called to fulfil God's purpose for reconciliation with humanity. We are described as branches on this Vine and therefore part of that continuing mission of God, not for Him but through Him.

This month we will explore what that means for us today planted here in this community; called to be fruit bearers; called to impact this place with His Kingdom—His vineyard. His desire is to fill His church with His glory and fill this community with His church.



July Birthdays

Many Happy Returns of the Day!

2nd July

Jean Chumbley

4th July

Dorothy Webster

13th July

Janet Grosvenor

14th July

Iris Wood

29th July

Oliver Dell

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 prayed privately/ corporately during Thy Kingdom Come. Also for those that helped organise prayer and outreach events. We look forward to the fullness of the fruit of our labour, but some answers to prayer have already been seen.

To those who supported and participated in The Good Ole' Music Days. Thank you for your hard work and support; everyone enjoyed themselves on this wonderful evening. We raised over £800 to go towards the necessary repair work at Rainham and Wennington Church. Thank you also to St John's South Hornchurch for donating us the use of their church for the evening.

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.

- For the UK during this time of vulnerability. That the Lord will expose all future evil agendas before they are actioned. For those involved in terrorist activities to be caught ASAP. For governments and security forces to liaise and share important information. For God's love to draw all people to salvation.
- For opportunities for fellowship and outreach this month.

- For the HOPE Bereavement Course; those who attend and for Pearl Colhoun & Valerie Hernes as they lead.
- For the YCM Holiday Club in August.

Prayer Points

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Small Groups

RPC's Small Groups: Weeks beginning 2nd & 16th July.

WPC's Small Groups: 1st & 3rd week of every month.

There will be no Small Groups in August. Small Groups will recommence the week beginning 3rd 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

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Shirley

At The Ship Centre only

David & Jan

Sundays only

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the staff, particularly Sundays.

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