

NEWS

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY SERVICES & THEMES PRAYER KNIGHTS EVENTS

November 2018

Remembrance

Commemorating
Remembrance Sunday
at RWPC.

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Chestnuts Roasing...

Plenty of events at
RWPC to get you in the
mood for Christmas.

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Coffee Morning

Upcoming MacMillan
Coffee Morning
at Wennington.

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Thank You Everyone

A message of
thanks from Henry
& Sheryl Pradella.

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LEST WE FORGET

ON SUNDAY 11TH 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 flow over 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 Commemoration. For those unable to walk to and stand for the Commemoration on The Green, 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 event is extended to all those in the Rainham and Wennington Communities.



At This Time of Giving...

Joint Christmas Morning Service

THIS YEAR, RAINHAM and Wennington will be having a joint service on Christmas morning with St John's South Hornchurch. Members of all three Parishes will be gathering together at St John & St Matthew Church at the earlier time of 9:30am on Tuesday 25th December.

We strongly encourage you to come and support this joint service, as it is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Christmas with, worship alongside and engage in fellowship

with our church family in South Hornchurch.

Our Christmas Eve Nativity and Holy Communion Services will go ahead as normal, and we will be having a fully compliment of normal Sunday services on 23rd. For our full list of Christmas Events throughout Rainham and Wennington, see our Christmas Programme below [these may be subject to change at this stage].

RWPC Christmas Programme 2018

Saturday 1st December

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

Monday 3rd December

Carol Singing in Wennington Village
Time TBC | Wennington Village (meet at bridge)

Wednesday 5th December

Mothers' Union Carol Service
2pm | Rainham Parish Church

Thurrock Gospel Choir
7pm | Wennington Parish Church

Sunday 9th December

Rainham Carol Service
6:30pm | Rainham Parish Church

Thursday 13th December

Christmas Concert
7:30pm | Rainham Parish Church

Sunday 16th December

Wennington Carol Service
6pm | Wennington Parish Church

Sunday 23rd December

Sunday Services as Normal
10am | Wennington Parish Church
10:30am | Rainham Parish Church
6:30pm | Rainham Parish Church

Monday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

Nativity Service
4pm | Rainham Parish Church

Wennington Holy Communion Service
7pm | Wennington Parish Church

Rainham Holy Communion Service
10:30pm | Rainham Parish Church

Tuesday 25th December (Christmas Day)

Joint Christmas Morning Service
9:30am | St John's South Hornchurch



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.





Rainham Village Christmas Fayre

THIS YEAR, RAVE's annual Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 1st December from 10am to 4pm. There will be the usual eclectic mix of stalls, including this year two stalls for The Ship, all with plenty of entertainment—out in the street, the Rainham recreation ground, in the Churchyard, and inside the Church itself—including our usual Christingle Service and school concerts. Well worth a wander around!

We are in need of your help to cover various aspects of the day, if you can help out with any of these things even for an hour, please see the relevant contact people:

- The Ship [see Shirley Phillips]
- The Ship Stalls Outside [see Gerald Setter]
- RPC Stewarding & Refreshments [see Shirley Phillips/Stephanie Bare]



Christmas Concert

WITH

Sing Immanuel

Saturday 22nd December 2018
4.00pm

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St James' URC,
Palmerston Road,
Buckhurst Hill, Essex IG9 5NG
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Tickets include mulled wine
and mince pies.
£5 in advance or £7 on the door.
Children free.

Please call 01702 588395 to book.



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
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Harvest Fun at Wennington

WE BEGAN OUR celebrations at Wennington with our Sunday Morning Harvest Service. The Church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit, vegetables and food in tins and packets. Our Church was filled with thanks and praise to God for another year of His Goodness.

Celebrations continued on Monday, when we were privileged to host Brady School's Harvest Assembly. About 120 children walked with their teachers from the school to the church on this bright, sunny morning. The teachers and children began with readings and catchy Harvest songs—we particularly enjoyed "Harvest Samba". We entertained our guests with quizzes, a talk, prayers and a song, then sent them on their way with a small gift each.

Most of the Harvest gifts will go to the Ship, to be shared with Rainham Food Bank, but we also made up a "Thank you" hamper for the firefighters at Wennington Fire Station.

*It's another opportunity
To be grateful for the food we eat,
With a Samba Celebration to say,
'Thank you' to God the Father!*

Harvest Samba

WPC MacMillan Event

THERE WILL BE a MacMillan Event: Coffee, Cakes, and Christmas Bazaar in Wennington Church on Saturday 17th November from 11am–2pm. This is a new venture organised jointly by Wennington Parish Church and the Wennington Village Association, so please do come along and give your support to this excellent cause.

Prayer Knights

OUR NEXT PRAYER KNIGHT will be at Rainham Parish Church on Monday 26th November, from 7:30–9pm. Please do come and support as we continue to pray for God's will for a new leader for our churches..



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.



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

Services and Themes for November

Sunday 4th

Parable of the Wedding Feast

Isaiah 25:1–9 & Matthew 22:1–14

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 11th Remembrance Sunday

Parable of the Wine and the Wineskins

Acts 2:1–17 & Luke 5:33–39

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 18th

Parable of the Lost Sheep

Psalms 23 & Luke 15:1–10

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC Holy Communion

6:30pm RPC Holy Communion

Sunday 28th

Parable of the Ten Foolish Virgins

Revelation 22:6–21 & Matthew 25:1–13

10am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC All Age Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

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

Cosmetic Surgery

Come in and have your faith lifted.



Thank You!

A message of thanks from Henry & Sheryl.

THANK YOU, THANK you, thank you to both congregations and members of the wider community for the shower upon shower, upon shower of love that you showed us as we departed. We were overwhelmed with your love and generosity to us. The cards and gifts started to appear two weeks before our final Sunday with you, and what a blessing it was and kept coming all the following week!

We were particularly touched with many of the words you wrote that made us realise the depth that many of you had been touched. We even received messages from folk that had moved away but still took time to write. Such a blessing.

We were also blown away by the loving detail of our lunch together. The food was plentiful and splendid. Cakes were out in force, I wonder why? The main celebration cake looked amazing and tasted even better. We have been sharing this gift with family, friends and our new neighbours. But, I must confess the effigy of Henry (that adorned the cake) is now frozen! He has a significant birthday next year and it just might find a place on another table top, for another celebration. With our love and blessings,

Sheryl & Henry.

PS: Nick is coordinating photos for us. Please send any that you have to him.

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.



Shoebox Appeal 2018

How to get involved this year.

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.

November Birthdays

Joan Paulsen
Silma Douglas
Elizabeth Weigold
Maureen Ireson
David Hunt
Margot Ilsley

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 MacMillan Coffee Morning at the Church Hall. We raised £440.

Bereavements &

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

- 17th October—Joan Payne

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.

Prayer Points

- For a new incumbent to be found soon, and for the right person to be appointed according to God's will.
- For our upcoming Christmas Events and community engagement at the Fayre.
- For our PCCs as they work through this vacancy period.
- For David, Jan and the Churchwardens in the lead up to Christmas.

Family News

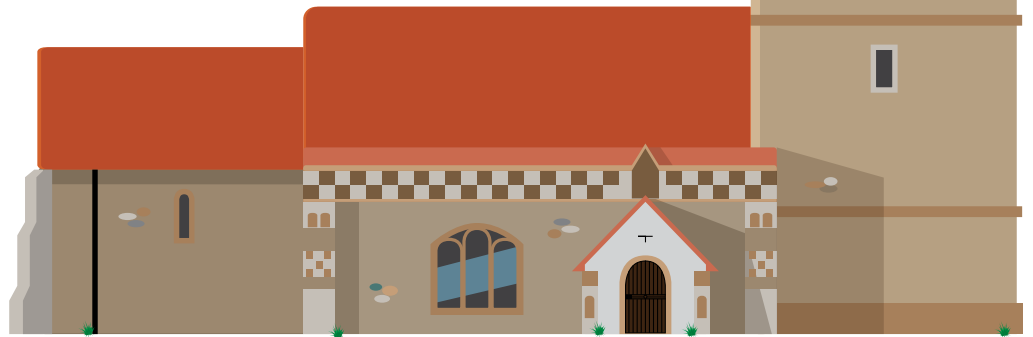
Small Groups

Weeks Commencing
11th & 25th November.



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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Vicar

As we are currently
in interregnum, all
queries to go to
Churchwardens

Associate Minister

Revd David Stainer

Opening Hours:

Mondays & Wednesdays
9am–5pm
Closed for lunch 12-1pm

Churchwardens:

Shirley Phillips &
Stephanie Bare [RPC]
Pat Sanders &
Tim Stock [WPC]

Youth Minister

Nick Pucenot