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

DATES FOR THE DIARY SERVICES & THEMES PRAYER KNIGHTS EVENTS

March 2019

Hall for Hire

St Helen's Hall is now available for hire for children's parties

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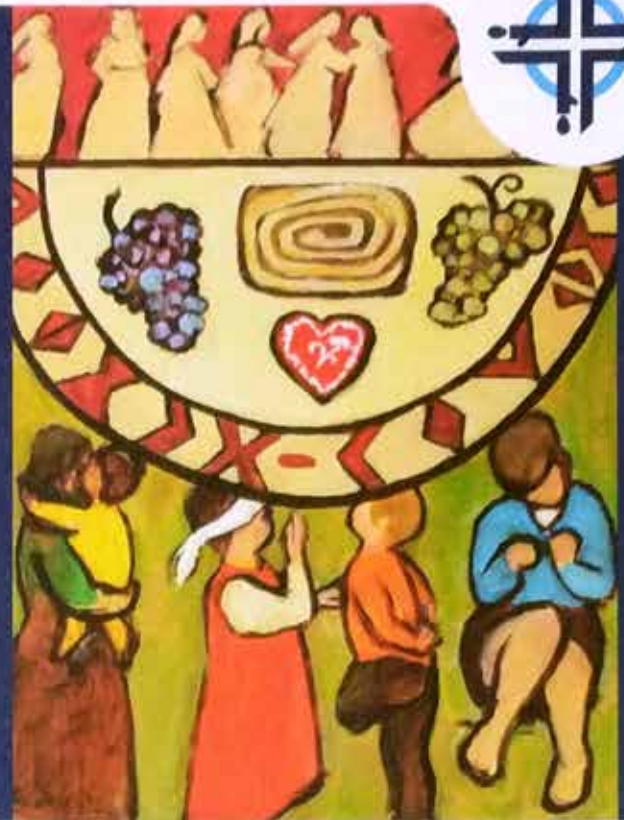


World Day of Prayer



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Friday 1st March 2019

1:30pm

**Wennington Parish Church of
St Mary & St Peter**

All Welcome

APCMs and Electoral Roll

OUR ANNUAL PAROCHIAL Church Meetings (APCMs) at Rainham and Wennington will be happening on Sunday 28th April. As last year, Rainham's will be after a shortened morning service, and Wennington's will be at 2pm after a short service.

Every six years, we are required to clear our Church Electoral Rolls and produce brand new ones. Therefore this year, instead of simply revising the existing Rolls, everyone will be taken off, and will need to fill out an Electoral Roll Form to be put back on. A reminder: the Electoral Roll allows you to do things like stand for or vote in PCC and Churchwarden elections,

and attend the APCM. It also helps us to have an accurate record of our church membership when it comes to Diocesan support.

Electoral Roll Forms will be available in both churches from Sunday 3rd March, and the deadline for returning them to the Parish Office is the 31st March.

Some of you may have been asked to produce APCM Reports. Please ensure these are given to the Parish Office by Wednesday 6th March. After this, and we may not be able to include it in the printed booklet, and so the report will have to be made verbally at the APCM.

Life to the Full

A message from Revd David Stainer

"I have come that you might have life and have it to the full."

John 10:10

OVER THE PAST few months, we have been exploring the whole idea of "offering" and what it means to offer ourselves completely in all we do. As we continue this month, through Lent and towards Easter, we will be taking different Bible characters from the Old and New Testaments and considering what we can learn from the varied offerings they made.

Lent is the season of preparation, when we take the opportunity to examine ourselves and prepare to celebrate perhaps the most important festival in the Christian

year—Easter. However, before Easter Sunday comes Good Friday when we are faced with the greatest offering that anyone ever made—Jesus' offering made for each one of us when He died on the Cross for our salvation.

Some people give things up for Lent as they prepare for Easter in an attempt to draw closer to God. I often think it is better to take something on during the Lent rather than give something up—read a Christian book; spend extra time in prayer; rekindle a relationship or make a long overdue 'phone call: Lent is certainly a time for each of us to have a spiritual "spring clean" and

perhaps allow the Holy Spirit into some of the dark corners of our lives where we wouldn't normally venture so that we can be thoroughly "cleaned".

As we all journey through Lent this year in preparation for Easter, can I take this opportunity to remind us all of the truth of the Gospel we proclaim: The Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin—and it goes on cleansing us again and again and again! Jesus did that so that we can each be free to enjoy life to the full.

The above verse from John's gospel gives us a reason to rejoice.

Dates for the Diary March/April

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
3	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship Mothers' Union 2pm St Helen's Hall Ash Wednesday Joint Holy Communion Service 7:30pm RPC	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship Rainham PCC Meeting 7:45pm The Ship	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship World Day of Prayer 1:30pm WPC	Coffee Morning 10:30am Brian & Jean Merison's House
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Fire Safety

ON SATURDAY 30TH MARCH from 12pm–3pm, the Firefighters from Wennington Station will be at the Rainham Methodist Church Hall [98 Wennington Road, RM13 9DE] offering free fire safety advice and smoke alarm fitting. They will be joined by our local police officers and council representatives, who will also be freely offering their advice and assistance on local issues.

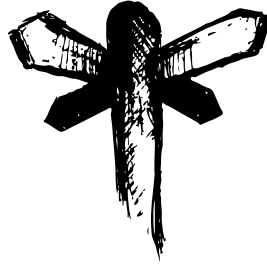
To to it all off, the Methodist Church members are providing tea and biscuits at this meeting, known as “Chatterbox”. What’s to lose? Nothing! In fact the assistance offered could save you money... and even your life.

Coffee, Cake & Doll’s Houses

THE MERISONS (JEAN & BRIAN) invite you all to a coffee, cake, fellowship and “doll’s house” morning at their house starting at 10:30am on Saturday 9th March, and ending when you go home!

There is more than one doll’s house to view, and their appeal to both young and old, men, women and children, is in their detail. The coffee and cake etc... are free, and you are also free to invite family, friends and neighbours. Any donations offered will be given to WaterAid. We look forward to seeing you and those who come with you.

Prayer Knights



OUR NEXT PRAYER KNIGHT will be at Rainham Parish Church on Monday 25th March 2019, from 7:30–9pm.



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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 March

Sunday 3rd

Cain & Abel

Genesis 4:1–16 & Luke 5:1–11

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Wednesday 6th Ash Wednesday

Go and Sin No More!

Psalm 51:1–12 & John 8:1–11

7:30pm RPC Joint Holy Communion

Sunday 10th

The Widow's Mite

2 Corinthians 9:6–11 & Mark 12:38–44

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC Holy Communion & Baptism

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 17th

Abraham & Sarah

Genesis 15 & Romans 4:16–25

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 24th

The Good Samaritan

2 Kings 17:24–31 & Luke 10:25–37

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC All-Age Service

6:30pm RPC Holy Communion

Sunday 31st

David & Michael

2 Samuel 16 & Acts 13:16–23

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Offerings from the Heart

ASH WEDNESDAY FALLS on the first Wednesday of this month and marks the beginning of Lent, traditionally the time when we prepare for Easter. Before Easter, of course, we celebrate Good Friday which marks the greatest offering that anyone could ever make—the offering that Jesus made for us when He gave His life on the cross for our salvation. The motive for that supreme offering was, of course, love—and we are reminded that we too should love one another. This month, as we continue to consider ways that we can offer ourselves in Christian service, we will be looking at different characters from scripture and seeing what we can learn from the examples which they set.

A Thought from Wennington

The Best Formula

1 Cross + 3 Nails = 4 Given

March Birthdays

Paul Randell
Hannah Grosvenor
Lillian Treadgold

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 our PCC members and Profile Team for working to get our Parish Profile and Vacancy Advert done so that the next stage of the interregnum process can begin.

Bereavements &

Here are the funerals that took place in January & February 2019. Please continue to uphold the families in your prayers:

- 13th January: Victor McMullen (Interment)
- 17th January: Eulalie (Linda) Nanton
- 25th January: Doreen Gregory
- 1st February: Denis Reed
- 22nd February: Lillian Allen

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 those being baptised in March.
- For a new incumbent to be found soon, and for the right person to appointed according to God's will.
- For our PCCs as they work through this vacancy period.

Family News

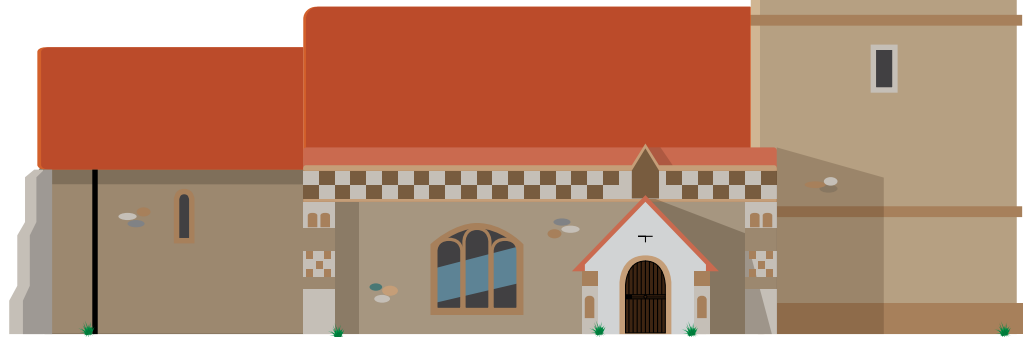
Small Groups

Small Groups meet every week during Lent.

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Wennington.*



Staff Contact Times

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Every day except Saturdays

Alan

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

Shirley

Any day except Thursdays

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
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Stephanie Bare [RPC]
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Tim Stock [WPC]

Associate Minister

Revd David Stainer

Youth Minister

Nick Pucenot