

NEWS

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

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April 2019



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Through the Keyhole

Feedback from the Merisons' recent coffee morning.

JEAN AND BRIAN MERISON extend a big thank you to all who came to their recent coffee morning and filled their home with laughter and friendship; whilst emptying the plates of delicious savoury and sweet delights and (of course) drinking coffee.

At the same time all their guests took the opportunity to have a "Through the Keyhole" experience whilst admiring Jean's dolls-houses.

In addition they generously emptied their pockets and purses to fill the cup of kindness with donations for Water Aid. Together with donations from others who could not come on the day, £120 was raised for the charity: and Wennington Church will be adding to this total with a Gift Day on Easter Sunday.



LADIES VINTAGE AFTERNOON TEA WITH LIVE MUSIC

Saturday 27th April
St Helen's Hall
3pm

Come and enjoy a lovely
cream tea with a selection
of sandwiches, scones,
homemade cakes,
tea & coffee,
and an auction.



Tickets £6 per person
Contact Shirley Phillips in The Ship on
01708 553059

The Parish of Rainham with Wennington

EASTERPROGRAMME

2019

14th April

Palm Sunday Service

WPC 10am

RPC 10:30am & 6:30pm

26th April

Thurrock Gospel Choir

One Lord, One Faith

RPC 7:30pm

Free Admission

Refreshments Provided

18th April

Maundy Thursday

Joint Holy Communion

WPC 7:30pm

19th April

Good Friday

An Hour at the Cross

RPC 10:30pm

WPC 2pm

21st April

Easter Day

Morning Prayer Service

WPC 10am

Holy Communion Service

RPC 10:30am



APCMs, PCCs 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 produce a brand new Church Electoral Roll for each church. Therefore this year, instead of simply revising the existing Rolls, everyone was taken off and had to re-apply to be put back on. The new Electoral Rolls will be displayed in their respective churches from 10th April.

Membership on the Church Electoral Roll

allows you to stand for the Parochial Church Council (PCC), which is the team responsible for the leadership, direction and vision of the church. The PCC meet roughly once every 6 weeks in the evening, and we discuss and decide upon all aspects to do with the running of the church. We do need more people on both PCCs at Rainham and Wennington, so please consider coming on. If you would like to, see one of the Churchwardens for an application form. The deadline for PCC forms is 7th April.

The Season for New Life

An Easter message from Revd
David Stainer

SPRING IS AN encouraging time of the year when we see new blossoms on the trees, daffodils in the grass along the roadside, and bulbs coming up in the garden. These signs of new growth remind me of one of the prophecies of Isaiah in Isaiah 35 when he speaks of the desert and parched land rejoicing and coming in to blossom with crocuses bursting into bloom and the people rejoicing in the Lord. I believe this is a word in season for us at this time because it can be quite challenging for any church

during a vacancy. But we must continue to keep focussed and pull together knowing that our Lord has a plan for our future (Jeremiah 29:11).

Easter is also a celebration of New Life—Jesus' victory over sin and death which He won on our behalf on that first Easter Sunday to give each of us the gift of new life and a restored relationship with our Father God. We have so much to be thankful for at this time of year and an opportunity to reflect on His goodness to us as a church when we come together at the end of the month for our annual

parochial church meetings.

Please can I encourage all who consider themselves to be members of either Rainham or Wennington churches to make every effort to attend one of these meetings as a sign of your ongoing support for our church. Please also continue to pray for the future of our churches and for the Lord's will in the appointment of our new vicar to lead us into the next phase of our life together.

May Jan and I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and joyful Easter 2019.

Dates for the Diary April/May

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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 From Root to Flower: Concert by Ayshe Conaty 7:30pm 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	WVA Clean Up Day 10am Wennington 6
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WVA Clean Up Day

THE WENNINGTON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (WVA) is having a clean-up day around Wennington Village on Saturday 6th April from 10am. Refreshments and lunch will be available in church. If you are able to spare some time—even an hour—please consider coming to help out with keeping Wennington tidy, and sharing in fellowship during lunchtime at the church. For anymore information, please contact Pauline Hills.

Easter Concert

THE THURROCK GOSPEL CHOIR will be putting on their annual inter-church celebration for Easter, featuring the audio-visual worship musical “One Lord, One Faith” on Friday 26th April from 7:30pm at Rainham Parish Church. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. All are welcome—please do come and support.

Ship Vacancy

THE SHIP CENTRE is looking for a new cook/supervisor. This is a paid position for one day per week. If you feel you would like to apply for this position, or know someone who might, please get in contact with Shirley Phillips as soon as possible at The Ship on 01708 553059.



The Ship also continues to need any new unwanted small gifts for resale—especially for the upcoming May Fayre. Please do keep them coming, they do make a difference, and it is a great way to support the important work and service The Ship provides to the community.

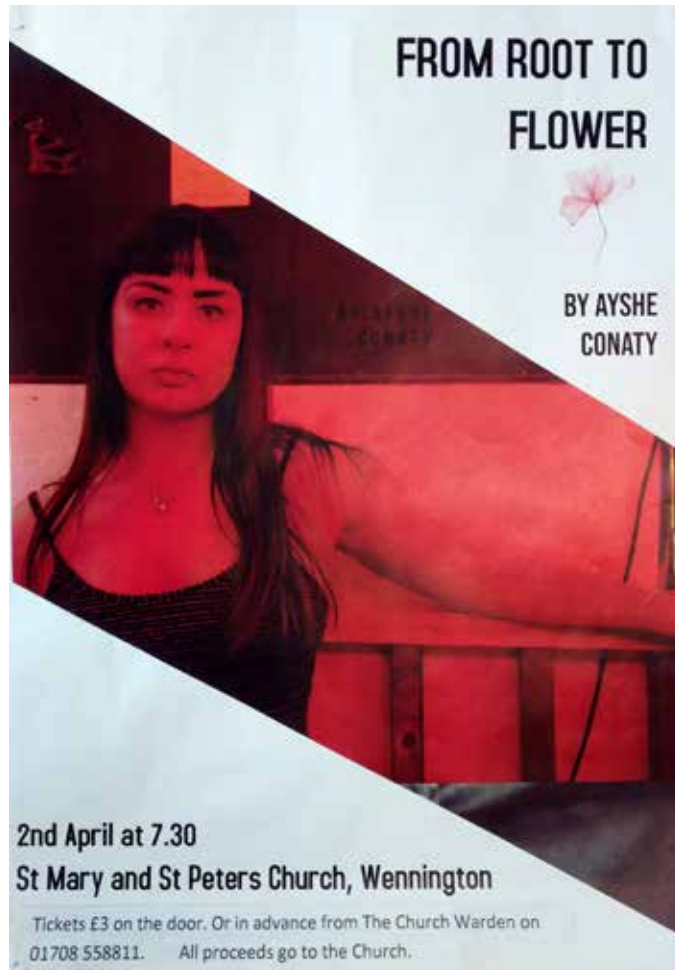
Centurion Drama

ARTLESS ARE EXCITED to be bringing back their original Easter production “Centurion”. The Centurion Project is seven nights across seven churches throughout Havering during Holy Week.

On Wednesday 17th April at 7:30pm, the production will be coming to St John’s, South Hornchurch. Tickets cost £5 each from St John’s.

Centurion follows the passion story but through the eyes of a Centurion; the very Centurion who at the cross declared that Jesus was the Son of God.

A battle hardened and seasoned veteran, the Centurion must come to grips with his past. Through his Jewish servant Rachel, he finds out more about Jesus’ radical teaching on forgiveness, but is torn between his duty to Rome and his own self doubts. Centurion is a story about forgiveness and redemption for all.



Services and Themes for April

Sunday 7th

Mary & Martha

Psalm 111 & Luke 10:38–42

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 14th

Palm Sunday

Zechariah 9:9–12 & Luke 19:28–40

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Thursday 18th

Maundy Thursday

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 & John 13:1–17, 31b–35

7:30pm WPC Holy Communion

Sunday 21st

Easter Sunday

1 Corinthians 15:19–26 & John 20:1–18

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC Holy Communion

6:30pm RPC Holy Communion

Sunday 28th

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Psalm 34 & Galatians 6:1–10

10:30am RPC APCM

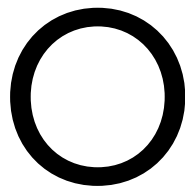
2pm WPC APCM

No Evening Service at Rainham

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.

The Greatest Offering



IN GOOD FRIDAY, we remember the greatest offering that anyone ever made when we recall Christ's sacrifice for us on the Cross of Calvary. There He paid the price for our sin and the sins of the whole world and it was the greatest sacrifice that anyone has ever made.

At Easter we celebrate the victory that Jesus won for us on that first Easter Sunday when He rose from the dead conquering sin and death. Jesus won for us freedom from sin and a restored relationship with our Father God. Jesus offered everything to us—what is our response to this wonderful gift? We have over the past few months been consider Romans 12:1 and what it means to offer ourselves in worship. It is perhaps appropriate that, this month, we will be holding our annual church meetings, both of which take place at the end of this month.

This is an opportunity for us to review the past year, look forward to the future and offer ourselves, our gifts and talents, in the service of our Lord, our church and our community.

A Thought from Wennington Problems

The problem ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

April Birthdays

David Stainer
John Price
Joanne Barclay
Shaun Alexander
Kathy Bailey

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 who came and supported the Lent Lunch in aid of Christian Hope International (CHI) at Trish's house. Together we raised £145 for school lunches.

Bereavements &

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

- 28th March—William Hedges

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 taking part in the Hour at the Cross meditation this Easter.
- For the Revd Canon Chris Burke as he is installed as our new Archdeacon of Barking on 12th May at Chelmsford Cathedral.
- For our new PCC members and APCMs taking place at the end of April.

Family News

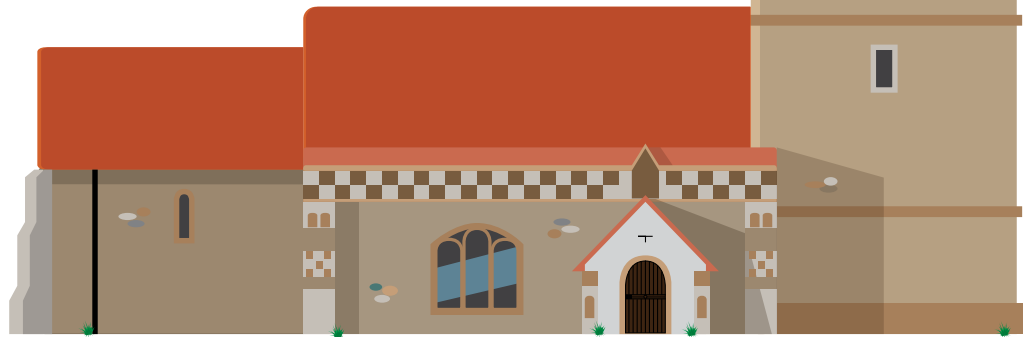
Small Groups

Small Groups meet every week during Lent.



Putting the Community in Touch with Jesus.

*Sharing
God's
Love in
Wennington.*



Staff Contact Times

Nick

Every day except Saturdays

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Office hours only.
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9am–3pm.

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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

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Rev'd David Stainer

Opening Hours:

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

Churchwardens:

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

Youth Minister

Nick Pucenot