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

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APCM Results

Your new PCCs at Rainham & Wennington



Following our Annual Parochial Church Meetings on 28th April, your new Parochial Church Councils are as follows:

Rainham:

- **Churchwardens**
Shirley Phillips & Stephanie Bare
- **Deanery Synod Rep**
No one appointed currently
- **PCC Members**
Gloria Byatt, Janet Lill, Alan Dell, John Skingsley, Maxine Howgate-Richards, Joanne Barclay, Jackie Willoughby, Tom Braakenburg

Wennington:

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

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RAINHAM VILLAGE
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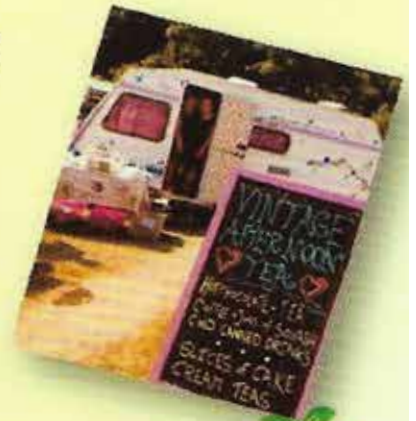
LOTS TO DO AND
LOTS TO SEE!



COME DOWN AND
JOIN US



YOU'LL BE JUMPING
WITH GLEE



SOMETHING GOOD
IS
HAPPENING
IN
RAINHAM

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HAVERING EVENTS, MCCARTHY'S SCAFFOLDING, LRB, WEST&COE,

Annual
Cream Tea
with a difference.

Saturday 8th June
2:30pm
St Mary & St Peter's
Church, Wennington



Please come and join us; bring friends, enjoy home-made cakes and good company. We look forward to greeting & meeting you.

Your Churchwardens,
Pat Sanders & Tim Stock



God's Image in Us

An message from Revd David
Stainer

Have you have ever met the Queen in person? I haven't, but I am told by one or two I know who have been fortunate enough to meet her that she is shorter than they had expected! Years ago, before I was a teenager, I remember going up to London with a friend to see the Trooping of the Colour. However, I was not particularly tall in those days, and there were so many people in the crowds that I ended up disappointed as I didn't see anything. It would have been better if I had stayed at home and watched the Queen on TV.

We can see the Queen on the coins we use as money in our pockets as well as on postage stamps and other places. However, it is not actually the Queen but simply her image. It is because her image is so recognisable that people know her everywhere. But if she actually arrived in church one Sunday morning we might not be surprised that she would pray with us, but we would be surprised she turned up!

Jesus is described as the image of the invisible God in Colossians 1:15. In John's

gospel, Philip, one of Jesus' disciples said to Him: "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough!" (John 14: 8). In response, Jesus replied: "You've been with me so long now, surely you have seen the Father!" (John 14: 9).

Jesus' response to Philip is very telling and has something to teach us today: In Genesis we are told that, when we were created, we were each created in God's image! (Genesis 1:26). He created us and breathed into us His breath—the breath of life! What this means is that, wherever you go, you go bearing God's image and anyone who sees you should see Jesus in you!

The image of the Queen is so well known that, if we were to see her for real, we would know who she was immediately! So, as people see God in you or me, when they have a real encounter with the living God they should be able to say "I know who you are God!" because they have already encountered Him in each of us.

Dates for the Diary May/June

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 Mothers' Union 2pm St Helen's Hall	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	
Sunday Services See Page 8 5	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship Rainham Village May Fayre 10am-4pm Rainham 6	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC 7	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship	11
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<p>Sunday Services See Page 8</p> <p>26</p>	<p>Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship</p> <p>27</p>	<p>Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC</p> <p>28</p>	<p>Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship</p> <p>29</p>	<p>Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship</p> <p>Joint Ascension Day Service 7:30pm RPC</p> <p>30</p>	<p>Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship</p> <p>31</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>Sunday Services See Next Issue</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship</p> <p>Prayer Night 7:30pm The Ship</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9:30am WPC</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship</p> <p>Mothers' Union 2pm St Helen's Hall</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Wennington Annual Cream Tea 2:30pm WPC</p> <p>8</p>
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Easter Celebrations



Wennington's church porch was decorated with the scene of the empty tomb on **E**aster Sunday. In addition, thanks to the ideas and skilled hands of the **L**adies of the craft teams at both Wennington and Rainham, all who **C**ame to celebrate the Risen Lord Jesus, were greeted with a beautiful banner, and strings of flowers. **O**ur Water Aid Gift collection added £135 to the £120 from the coffee morning last **M**onth, and everyone received Easter Eggs; as a symbol of New Life. **E**xpressions of joy were celebrated in our worship.

Welcome, teaching, prayers and worship are part of every service, and are **E**xpressions of our thanks, joy and love for God, and each other. **L**ives are enriched by the fruits and gifts of the spirit; and our individual skills **C**ontribute to the work of our church. **O**ne body, many parts make one united church. Our skills maybe in music, craft, administration, hospitality or other **M** myriad areas. But they are all dependent on the same important factor—love. **E**xclude love, and our gifts, our offerings, our service to God is nothing.

Thank you to all who shared their skills and love to enrich our Easter Celebrations at Rainham and Wennington.

May Office Closures

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Monday 6th May for the Bank Holiday. Towards the end of the month, the office will also be closed on Monday 27th May for the Late May Bank Holiday, but also from Wednesday 29th May to Wednesday 5th June, reopening on Monday 10th June.

During these times, please direct any urgent queries to the Churchwardens.

Prayer Nights



OUR NEXT PRAYER NIGHT will be in The Ship on Monday 3rd June from 7:30–9pm.



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.

Services and Themes for May

Sunday 5th

The Treasures of Heaven

Romans 8:15–25 & Matthew 12:46–50

10:00am WPC Holy Communion

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 12th

Grace, Mercy and Peace

2 Timothy 1:1–10 & Acts 17:24–28

10:00am WPC Baptism

10:30am RPC Baptism

6:30pm RPC Baptism

Sunday 19th

Forgiveness Heals!

Colossians 3:1–14 & Matthew 6:5–15

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 26th

A Hope and a Future

Jeremiah 29:10–14 & Romans 15:1–13

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC Baptism/All-Age

6:30pm RPC Holy Communion

Thursday 30th Ascension Day

Wisdom & Authority

Acts 1:1–11 & Ephesians 1:15

7:30pm RPC Holy Communion

Our Inheritance

SO FAR THIS year as we have been exploring “offering”, our thoughts have centred on this within the context of Romans 12:1 but culminating in the recognition of Jesus’ greatest offering made for us on Good Friday. As a result of the victory Jesus won on that first Easter Sunday we have been given an inheritance which is imperishable—freedom from sin and a restored relationship with our Father God. Starting this month, our focus on “offering” will change as we consider some of the things God offers us, His children—the treasures in heaven that come from being adopted into His family; the grace, mercy and peace we receive from maintaining a relationship with Jesus, our friend and saviour; the forgiveness that comes from keeping short accounts with Him and the healing & restoration that comes from being forgiven; and the hope, security, and knowledge that our future is secure in Him. These are the subjects that we will be exploring this month—part of our inheritance in Him won for us that first Easter morn.

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.

A Thought from Wennington

Forbidden Fruit

A forbidden fruit will create many jams.

May Birthdays

Nick Pucenot
Carole Hager
Wendy Sanders
Margaret McLeod
Jean Merison

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 participated, attended and supported the ladies' vintage afternoon tea in April. A good time was had by all.

Bereavements &

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

- 26th April: Helen Govia

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 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 at Rainham and Wennington as they step into their roles.
- For those being baptised this month:
Ethan Ashiru
Veronica Igwe
Arlo DeLucia
Henley Maidment

Family News

Small Groups

Putting the Community in Touch with Jesus.



*Sharing
God's
Love in
Wennington.*



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Every day except Saturdays

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David & Jan

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

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As we are currently
in interregnum, all
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Pat Sanders &
Tim Stock [WPC]

Associate Minister

Revd David Stainer

Youth Minister

Nick Pucenot