

NEWS

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

**DATES FOR THE DIARY
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SEPTEMBER 2019



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Harvest Festival

IN THE CHRISTIAN calendar, Harvest time is a time for giving thanks to the Lord for all that He has provided us with, and to remember that all good gifts come from God. It is also another great opportunity to remember and give to those who are in need. This year, our services of Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 22nd September at both Rainham and Wennington Churches.

There are also a number of other special events related to Harvest happening around this time:

On Saturday 21st we will be holding a special Harvest Supper in St Helen's Hall from 6:30pm. Tickets for this event will cost £5 per adult; children go free, and any leftover money will be donated to Christian Hope International (CHI), a charity that is well known to us in Rainham and Wennington, and from whom we heard a talk on one of the Sundays in August. Please contact The Ship for more information.

There will also be a MacMillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 28th September in St Helen's Hall from 10am, followed by a Harvest Lunch in aid of CHI from 12:30pm at Trish Nelson's house.

Please do come and support these events and the worthy causes they are raising funds for

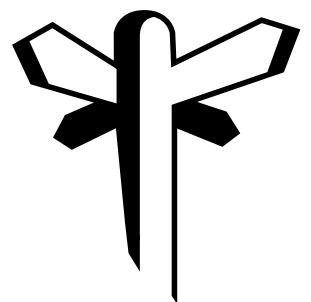


Autumn Cream Tea

JUST SOME ADVANCED notice that there will be an "Autumn Cream Tea & Auction held on Saturday 26th October from 3pm in St Helen's Hall. This will be a ticketed event, and tickets will cost £6 per person. If you've been to one of our cream teas in the hall before, you'll know the lovely time and delicious cakes you can expect. All are welcome to come to this event, and watch this space for ticket availability.

Prayer Night

OUR NEXT PRAYER NIGHT event will be taking place on Monday 30th September from 7:30pm at Rainham Parish Church. We will be praying generally for our church. Please come and support; it's always good and fruitful when God's people come and join together in corporate prayer.





Open House London 2019

The world's biggest architecture festival.

ON SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER, Rainham Parish Church will once again be opening for visitors from 10am–4pm as part of Open City's Open House London 2019 showcase. Rainham Parish Church of St Helen & St Giles sits right at the very centre of our community in Rainham, and being the oldest building in Havering, it is fantastic to be able to welcome new visitors who have come for the history, and encourage them to stay for the fellowship!

Open House London is just one part of the work of Open City, a charity set up over

20 years ago with a passion to open eyes and minds to the power of good design, and championing the value of well-designed places and spaces in making a livable and vibrant city, and the role everyone plays in it.

If you can spare any time from 10am–5pm to come to the church and support, it would be greatly appreciated. Please see Valerie Hernes if you would like to help out.

Services at WPC

DUE TO AN emergency situation which has happened just before the publication of this Newsletter, there will be **no services or morning prayer times at Wennington Parish Church until further notice**. This is by order of the Archdeacon of Barking. Your Churchwardens are doing all they can to get everything back to normal as soon as possible, so please bear with us in the meantime. Those who would normally attend WPC are, of course, most welcome to attend Sunday Services at Rainham.

A Glowing Report

COUNCILLOR JUDITH HOLT, Member Champion for the Historic Environment and teacher at Gidea Park College, has written a report all about Rainham and the other wards, and has kindly shared this with us, as we have hosted class visits to RPC for her. It's an interesting read, and it will be available for you to have a look at on the noticeboard at the back of church.



The Ship also continues to need any new unwanted small gifts for resale. 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.

Dates for the Diary September/October

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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 1	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 2	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 3	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship Mothers' Union 2pm St Helen's Hall 4	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 5	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 6	7
Sunday Services 8	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 9	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship Together 12pm St Helen's Hall 10	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 11	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 12	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 13	14
Sunday Services 15	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship Men's Night 7:30pm The Ship 16	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 17	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 18	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 19	Prayer Time 9:30am The Ship 20	Open House London 10am RPC Harvest Supper 7pm St Helen's Hall 21

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22	23	24	25	26	27
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19	20	21	22	23	24

Family Matters

News from across our church family.

September Birthdays

Pauline Hills
Everet Bailey
Belinda Pavitt

And to all those who have not yet divulged their birthdays to us. Wishing you all of God's blessings for a special day.

Prayer Points

At our last Rainham PCC meeting we discussed the following topics:

- Interviews and the Vacancy.
- The sale of 260 Upminster Road North.
- The AV system.
- RPC Fire Policy.
- The Ship Flat.
- The upcoming Harvest Supper.
- The upcoming Church Picnic at RPC.
- The youth ministry and Youth Worker position.
- Admin support and extra help for the Treasurer.
- The plaque for the list of Vicars.
- File clearing in the Parish Office.

Please hold these items in your prayers as we work through them.

For those getting baptised this month:

- Jason, Shaun and Gabriella Christopher
- Annarose Serafin Antal

For the emergency situation at Wennington Parish Church to be resolved quickly so that normal service can resume.



Eprays & Epraise

If there is anything that you would like the church family to pray or praise God for, please send your prayer 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.

Please also feel free to write your requests in our prayer book in church and, at Wennington, check the noticeboard at the back of church for updates.

We aim to include prayer requests in at least one of our Sunday Services. 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

Funerals

We have not taken any funerals in August. If you know someone who is recently bereaved please do hold them and their family in your prayers.

Services and Themes for September

Sunday 1st

What a Christian Has

James 1:1–18 & Matthew 4:1–11

No Service at Wennington

10:30am RPC Baptism Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 8th

What a Christian Does

James 2:14–26 & Matthew 5:13–20

No Service at Wennington

10:30am RPC Holy Communion

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 15th

What a Christian Says

James 3:1–12 & Matthew 12:33–37

10:00am WPC ???

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 22nd Harvest Sunday

What a Christian Gives

James 5:1–12 & Matthew 6:19–24 [Morning]

Amos 8:4–7 & Luke 16:1–13 [Evening]

10:00am WPC ???

10:30am RPC All-Age Service

6:30pm RPC Holy Communion

Sunday 29th

What a Christian Feels

James 4:1–12 & Matthew 22:27–40

10:00am WPC ???

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

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.

Practical Christian Living

Having had a time of rest and reflection during August, we return to our over-arching theme for the year which is taken from Romans 12:1 about the giving of the whole of our lives as an offering to the Lord.

We will be looking at some guidelines for practical Christian living taken from the book of James: James was respected for the wise advice that he gave and the way in which he helped the community of believers in making their decisions [see Acts 15: 13-21]. What we now call the Letter of James is actually an edited work consisting of his best teaching and advice to send to the elders in the churches who were scattered throughout the Roman Empire. It is quite distinct from other letters in the New Testament, more conversational in style and like a collection of short sayings concentrating on questions of daily living: No other New Testament book contains as many allusions to the teaching of Jesus. The letter is, therefore, like a pastoral application of Jesus teaching: Practical issues like concern for the poor; the use of wealth; control of the tongue; purity of life; unity amongst fellow believers and, most of all, patience and endurance in times of trial. These are some of the things which are on James' heart and which he shares in this practical letter—this is as relevant for us today as it was for believers when James first shared it centuries ago.

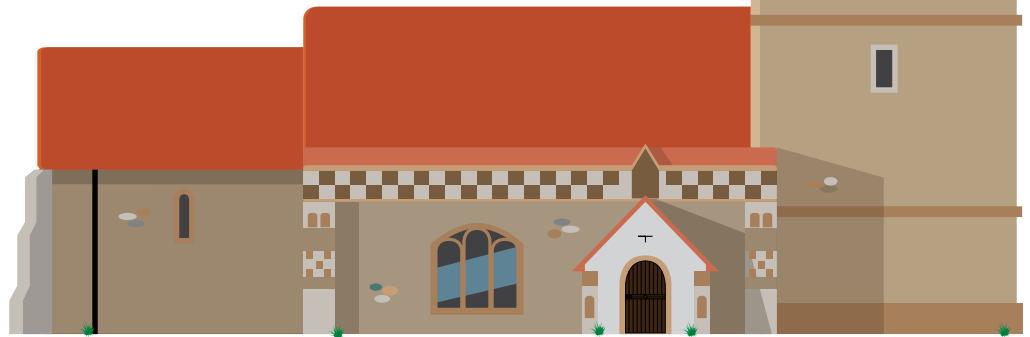
A Thought from Wennington Problems

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

Putting the Community in Touch with Jesus.



*Sharing
God's
Love in
Wennington.*



Staff Contact Times

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Please respect the worship times
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Vicar

As we are currently
in interregnum, all
queries to go to
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Associate Minister

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