

NEWS

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY SERVICES & THEMES PRAYER NIGHTS EVENTS

OCTOBER 2019

Ship News

A new monthly section updating you on the work of The Ship

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Operation Christmas Child is a go. Let's fill some shoeboxes!

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YOUR CHURCH OUTREACH, The Ship Centre, has now been open in the new form of donation giving for over four years. We thought it would be encouraging to inform everyone what's been happening, so we are going to do a monthly blog which will be in the Newsletter, in print and online. God has now grown it considerably from where we started. We now serve between 160 and 180

meals a week, and we continue to have new people coming in each day. We see many people who are struggling and continue to help them in whichever way possible. We are very blessed by being supported by committed volunteers and staff who are welcoming, kind, caring, and very hard working. However, we are always looking for new helpers because of sickness and holidays. Tesco support us with gifts of end of



day food, also the FoodBank gives us their excess food too, but we continue to need support to pay utility bills which are a monthly expense that we struggle with, so need your continued support. The overall picture is that we praise God for a heart for His people and He is blessing them though the Ship with provision, help and Christian love. We now open Monday to Friday, 10am–2:30pm, which leaves the Ship available on Saturdays to use. Please contact me if you would like to use it for any meetings or celebrations, birthdays etc....

We are also deeply saddened by the loss of our upstairs tenant, Jackie Ross, and were privileged to be able to host refreshments and fellowship in The Ship following the funeral. Our next fundraiser is our cream tea on Saturday 26th October, 3pm in the Church Hall. If you have any unwanted gift to donate they will be very welcome as we will be doing an auction after the tea. All God's blessings and love,
Shirley Phillips

Leonard Smith Christmas Cards

SRP 75p | OUR PRICE 45p each or 5 for £2

NIV Larger Print Bibles

SRP £24.99 | OUR PRICE £20

The Real Advent Calendar

[available mid October]

£3.99



Bible Reading Notes

We will be ordering Bible Reading Notes in December for 2020 from The Ship if you are interested.

We currently supply Daily Bread, Every Day with Jesus and New Daylight in standard or large print.



Out and about
in Rainham?

We'll refill your
water bottle
for free!



AUTUMN CREAM TEA & AUCTION

Saturday 26th October
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.
Men & women
welcome.



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

Dates for the Diary October/November

/05.

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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Family Matters

News from across our church family.

October Birthdays

Joshua Totten
Joan Chambers
Bill Chumbley
Alan Dell
Linda Otabor
Brian Merison
Mary Thornby
Valerie Hernes

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:

- Finances, with a view to having a dedicated finance meeting in November.
- The work at Wennington Parish Church and rotas.
- Upcoming events for the church diary, including the Christmas Fayre.
- The sale of 260 Upminster Road North, which has now completed.
- The Ship Flat.
- Feedback from recent events.
- Youth work.
- Safeguarding.
- The interregnum.
- Tithing.
- Shoebox Appeal.

For the repair work to be carried out on Wennington Church during this month.

For Delilah Ball, getting baptised this month at Rainham.

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

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

- 24th September: Jacqueline Ross
- 27th September: Iris Amelia Bird

Services and Themes for October

Sunday 6th

Apostles' Teaching

Proverbs 3:1–12 & Matthew 5:13–20

No Service at Wennington

10:30am RPC Baptism Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 13th

Fellowship

1 John 4:7–21 & John 13:1–15

No Service at Wennington

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 20th

Breaking of Bread

1 Corinthians 11:17–34 & Luke 22:7–20

No Service at Wennington

10:30am RPC Holy Communion

6:30pm RPC Holy Communion

Sunday 27th

Prayers

Philippians 4:4–9 & Luke 11:1–10

No Service at Wennington

10:30am RPC All-Age Service

6:30pm RPC Holy Communion

Acts 2:42

THE ACTS OF the Apostles, written by Luke as a sequel to his gospel, provides an eye-witness account of the birth and spread of the church. It begins with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and continues to tell the story of the proclamation of the gospel, which began in Jerusalem and Judea, but eventually spread across the entire Roman Empire. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the embryo Christian church was committed to teaching, healing and demonstrating God's love anywhere and everywhere.

What does this have to do with us?

Throughout this year, we have taken as our theme text Romans 12:1 which is about the offering of ourselves to the Lord and, as part of the Kingdom of God, it is our desire is to reach out into our own community with God's love.

The Book of Acts gives a sense of the boldness of the first century Christians and the commitment which they had to their task. As we seek to follow their example of dedication and commitment to reach into the community, one of the verses which tells us about their life together is Acts 2:42: "They devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

During the coming month, we will take the opportunity to look in more detail at the importance of these four things for the life of our church here in Rainham and Wennington.

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

Ears

Since God gave us two ears and one mouth, He must have wanted us to do twice as much listening as talking

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 during October.** 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.

Thank You

TO ALL THOSE who attended, supported and facilitated the Harvest events and service in September. Both the Lunch and Supper, as well as our Harvest Service were great successes, and a good time was had by all. Our Harvest Appeal this year was towards the work of Christian Hope International. This was taken at our Harvest Service, but the proceeds from the Lunch and Supper also went towards this charity.

With your support, we raised a total of £545.77 for CHI; which includes £100 and £100.77 respectively from Trish Nelson's Harvest Lunch, and the Harvest Supper in the Church Hall, as well as £345 through our Harvest offering in church. Well done, everyone!

We would like to pass on thanks to our PCC members at Rainham and Wennington for all they continuously work to achieve in our parishes. Most notably recently, in relation to the urgent repair works at Wennington, and the sale of 260 Upminster Road North. We would also like to wholeheartedly thank Pauline Hills for her major role in ensuring the sale went smoothly.

Getting Crafty



CALLING ALL CRAFTING ladies with scissors! Bring them along to The Ship on



Wednesday 23rd October from 3:30pm to 5pm to cut out Stars for Christmas. Thank you, Maxine, Joanna and Jackie.



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.

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 2019

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. Do not worry about the carriage charge, as we appreciate this may be prohibitive to some, and PCC have made the decision this year to cover this with our church giving.

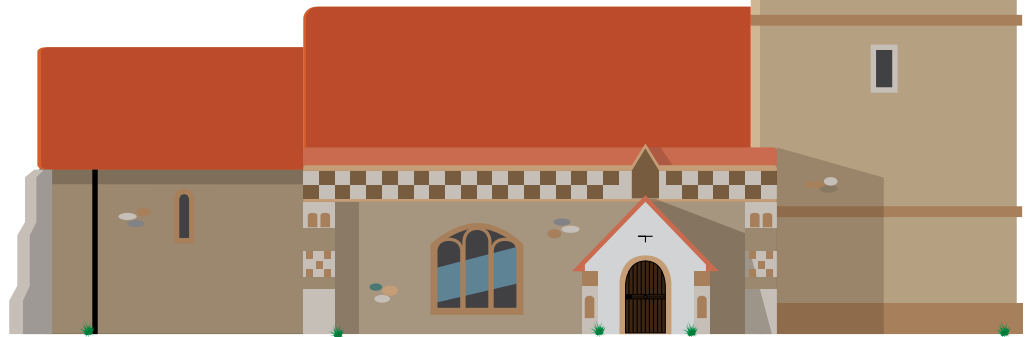
The team members at Rainham Parish Church are Janet Lill, Glenn Phillips, Margaret Hall and Betty Braakenburg. For Wennington Parish Church, please see Marion Whitmarsh. Last year we collected 96 boxes; with ever-increasing needs in our world, what can we increase that number to this year?

The boxes will be collected early November this year. 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.

Putting the Community in Touch with Jesus.



*Sharing
God's
Love in
Wennington.*



Staff Contact Times

Alan

Office hours only.
Also by email Tuesdays &
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Shirley

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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

Churchwardens:

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Stephanie Bare [RPC]
Pat Sanders &
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Associate Minister

Rev'd David Stainer