

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

NOVEMBER 2019

Ship News

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GENESIS IS A Small Group that meets in The Ship. We meet on Monday afternoons between 3pm and 4pm. We look at the Bible and discuss what God's word means for our lives, and in our world. We ask questions, we share, and fellowship together. It would be lovely to have you join us. Please contact Shirley Phillips to know more, or just come along.



The Ship Centre will be open for the Rainham Winter Wonderland on Saturday 7th December. The event will take place within the car park of Rainham Tesco, and The Ship will be having a stall. There will be fairground rides, around 50 stalls and an ice-rink among other attractions. If you are able to help out with The Ship stall or in The Ship itself, please do speak to Shirley Phillips.

We are having a Ship Christmas Party for volunteers & supporters on Monday 23rd December, from 12pm to 2pm. A light lunch will be served on the day.

Thank you to all who supported and attended our recent Autumn Cream Tea & Auction. Together, we raised £794! It was a lovely afternoon with dancing, singing and the auction itself.



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

Out now!

£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.



LEST WE FORGET

ON SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER we will be commemorating Remembrance Day; remembering all those who lost their lives to the horrors of wars past and present; praying for an end to warfare, and praying for God's peace and comfort to flow over those affected. This will take place on Wennington Village Green in Wennington and at the War Memorial in Rainham.

Due to the ongoing repair works happening at Wennington, this year there will be a short service out on The Green with hymns from around 10:30am, before the usual service of commemoration. Unfortunately we will not be able to facilitate the radio feed of the Cenotaph this year.

The service at Rainham will begin as usual at the War Memorial in Rainham Village at 10:30am, and continue in Church after the Commemoration. As usual, the invitation to join us for all or part of the event is extended to all those in the Rainham and Wennington Communities.



Dates for the Diary November/December

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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
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Family Matters

News from across our church family.

Owed to Joy

Last month, St Helen's Church Hall played host once again to a MacMillan Coffee Morning, organised by Joy Setter. As always, it was a wonderful event with great cakes, and great friends. However, this year was marked by something very special. This year, MacMillan awarded Joy a lovely plaque and bouquet of flowers in recognition of her hard work and dedication to MacMillan for over 20 years. Amazing achievement, and congratulations to Joy!



Prayer Points

For the repair work to be completed on Wennington Church and for its reopening.

For the Hornchurch Passion Play which is holding weekly rehearsals from now in the run-up to Easter. For the organisers, actors, AV teams, extras and crews that go into making this quinquennial event possible.

November Birthdays

Joan Paulsen
Silma Douglas
Elizabeth Weigold
Maureen Ireson
David Hunt
Heather Totten

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

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 October 2019. Please continue to uphold the families in your prayers:

- 7th October: Patricia Crussell
- 31st October: Miriam Douglas

Services and Themes for November

Sunday 3rd

Offering our Tithes

2 Chronicles 29:10–20 & Luke 21:1–4

No Service at Wennington

10:30am RPC Holy Communion

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 10th Remembrance Sunday

Offering our Thanks

Psalms 145 & Philippians 4:4–9

No Service at Wennington

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Evening Prayer

Sunday 17th

Offering our Talents

Romans 12:1–8 & 1 Peter 4:7–11

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC Family Service

6:30pm RPC Holy Communion

Sunday 24th

Offering our Time

Ephesians 5:11–21 & Matthew 25:1–13

10:00am WPC Morning Prayer

10:30am RPC All-Age 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.

The Four Ts

DURING 2019 WE have taken as our theme text Romans 12 verse 1 which has been about the offering of ourselves to the Lord. The letter of Paul to the Romans is his great treatise about faith and everything that our Lord Jesus has done for us. Romans 12 verse 1 occurs almost half way through the letter and begins with the word “therefore”. So everything that Paul writes in the first 11 chapters of the letter contain his teaching about what Jesus has done for us, and from chapter 12 onwards, Paul tells us as Christians what we should do as a result. What should we offer to the Lord in response to His offering of Himself to us? The answer of course is everything in return:

This month is the last month during which we will take an opportunity to consider the things we have to offer the Lord: Our tithes; our thanks; our talents; our time. King David, possibly Israel's greatest King from Old Testament times, was disappointed that Yahweh would not give him permission to build The Temple. However, that did not stop him from making plans and preparing everything for his son King Solomon for the task. David recognised that God knew best, and that everything is ultimately His:

“Yours, Lord, is the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendour, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom, you are exalted as head over all... Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.” [1 Chronicles 29: 11,12,14]

A Thought from Wennington

God's Will

The will of God will not take you where the grace of God will not protect you

While Shepherds Washed Their Socks...

Christmas Services This Year

THIS YEAR AT Rainham and Wennington Parish Churches, there have been some changes made to our usual programme of Christmas events and services. As you may know, we are currently in a period of vacancy, and we are still awaiting the appointment of a new Vicar to oversee our Parishes. Naturally this period has been a challenging time for many of us, and it means that we have had to cut back on a few things we would normally do. This, coupled with, among other things, the recent departure of our Rainham Community Youth

Worker, we will unfortunately not be able to hold our Christmas Eve Nativity Service this year.

At Wennington, the Carols by Candlelight Service will not include a children's nativity pageant, and at the time of writing, we are awaiting confirmation on whether we will be doing the Carol Singing in Wennington Village this year.

RWPC Christmas Programme 2019

Subject to Change

Wednesday 4th December

Mothers' Union Carol Service
2pm | Rainham Parish Church

Saturday 7th December

Rainham Winter Wonderland
10am–4pm | Tesco Car Park,
Clocktower & Church

Thursday 12th December

Christmas Concert
7:30pm | Rainham Parish Church

Sunday 15th December

Carols By Candlelight
6:30pm | Wennington Parish Church

Sunday 22nd December

Rainham Carol Service
6:30pm | Rainham Parish Church

Monday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

Wennington Holy Communion Service
7pm | Wennington Parish Church

Rainham Holy Communion Service
11pm | Rainham Parish Church

Tuesday 25th December (Christmas Day)

Joint Christmas Morning Holy Communion
10:30am | Rainham Parish Church



Memorial Christmas Trees

As in previous years, there will be a Memorial Christmas Tree up at both Rainham Parish Church and Wennington Parish Church. Please feel free to use this facility if you find it helpful. Simply write your message on a symbol and attach it to the tree. Alternatively you can attach a blank symbol if you find that is more helpful.

Church Family Christmas Card

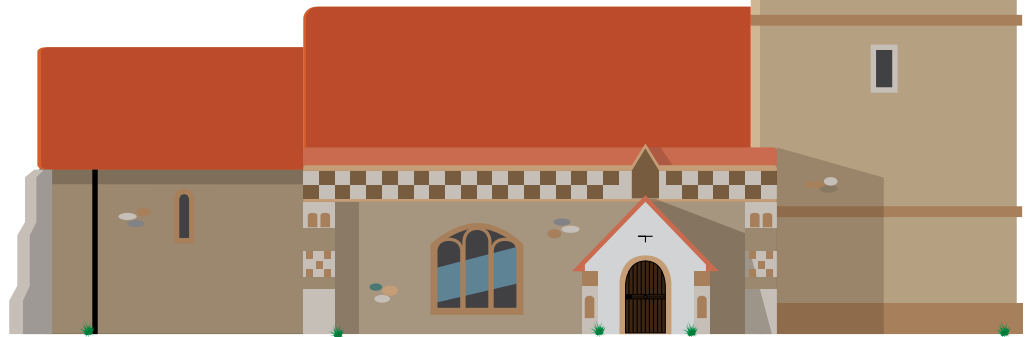
There is an invitation to place one card on the noticeboard for the whole church family and then put the money you have saved by not buying cards for everyone into the tin provided. We will then use this money to buy a "gift for life" to aid the relief of poverty in the developing world.



Putting the Community in Touch with Jesus.



*Sharing
God's
Love in
Wennington.*



Staff Contact Times

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

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Vicar

As we are currently
in interregnum, all
queries to go to
Churchwardens

Churchwardens:

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

Associate Minister

Rev'd David Stainer