

### **Collect for the Day**

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world. Our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

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### **1st Reading;**

### **Genesis 45.3-11 & 15**

Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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**RURAL QUIET DAY** organised by Revd Janet Nicholls, Rural Advisor and Agricultural Chaplain. Saturday 16th March 10.30-3.30, at St Andrew's Church, Shalford. Janet will reflect on the parables Jesus used and the beauty of the countryside.

### **Gospel Reading**

### **Luke 6..27-38**

But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

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**CONCERT FOR CLIC SERGEANT** at Great Notley church, organised by Rayne members with Great Dunmow Wind band, Notley Green school Choir, Great Dunmow Community Big Voices. Sat 16th March, 6pm. Adults £10, children free.  
[whitesidedi@btinternet.com](mailto:whitesidedi@btinternet.com)

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**CONFIRMATION** When we are baptised as a child, our parents and godparents make promises on our behalf. Confirmation is making those promises for ourselves. There is a confirmation service on Wednesday 13th March at the Church in Great Notley, 7.30pm. Speak to Beth if you are interested in being confirmed then.

**Sunday Fun Club** will meet on the first Sunday of the month at 9-15am in the Old Schoolroom before joining the church congregation for Holy Communion. If you know any families who may be interested in attending please let Claire know, All children over 3 welcome.

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### Coffee Spot

Meet Old Friends                      Make New Friends  
Refreshments   Bring and Buy Stall   Scrabble   Hobbies  
Every Tuesday in The Old Schoolroom from 10-00am

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**Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Vestry Meeting– Sunday 7th April** . These meetings will elect both PCC members and Churchwardens for the forthcoming year. If you would like more information on being a PCC member or indeed a churchwarden please speak to Beth or Colin

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**Men's Fellowship Breakfast - Saturday 9th March** in the Old Schoolroom 8-30am. Enjoy a Full English Breakfast, and "lively debates" on "worldly matters" All welcome, please let Graham know if you are coming  
All men who like good food and a good chat most warmly welcomed



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**Church Electoral Roll**– The Church electoral roll is to be completely revised this year. Membership of the roll entitles you to vote at the Annual Church Meeting. Everyone will need to re-apply for membership this year, Beryl Whiteside has forms available today!.

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**Postage Stamps** - Please save your postage stamps. Beryl Whiteside is collecting used postage stamps for the Cancer Charity CLIC Sargent



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**Braintree Food Bank** Please continue to support this very important part of our ministry in the community. Please see the **Shopping List** at the back of church, Stocks are good but there are some specific items that are required. The food bank is extremely grateful for our continued support. *Thank You.*



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Any items for inclusion in this news sheet to be handed to Colin Miles by Friday evening please, . **01376-801884** or [crmiles@sky.com](mailto:crmiles@sky.com)

# Weekly News Sheet

## The Parish Church of All Saints' Rayne

([www.allsaintsrayne.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsrayne.org.uk))

### Sunday 17th February 2019

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**We extend a very warm welcome to our services today.** We invite you to join us after the service for tea, coffee, squash and biscuits to continue to share in fellowship together.



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**Today 3rd Sunday before Lent)**

**9-30am** Holy Communion

**7-0pm** Prayer and Praise at Gt Notley

**Wednesday 20th February 9-0am** Morning Prayer (said)

**Sunday 24th February**

**9-30am** Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 27th February 9-00am** Morning Prayer (said)

**Sunday 3rd March**

**9-30am** Holy Communion

**Wednesday 6th March (Ash Wednesday)**

**9-00am** Morning Prayer (said)

**7-30pm** Holy Communion an imposition of Ashes

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**Bible Study** Bible Study Group

Meets on Wednesdays in the Old Schoolroom at 8-00pm,  
A special Lent Study will commence on 13th March  
Film preview evening on Friday 1st March



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**Caring for our Community** To arrange a visit or to let us know of any pastoral issues, please contact our Community Team administrator: Yvonne Marsden, 01376 348656.

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**Home Communion** - to arrange for communion for those who cannot get to church. Please contact Colin Miles 01376 801884

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