

## Prayers of Intercession

God of harmony, we pray for peace throughout the world. We think of the Ukrainians after all they have suffered and for the residents of Gaza living in fear. We ask that you will give them comfort and strength. It is hard for us to pray for the aggressors in these conflicts but we commend them to you with all their needs and apprehensions.

Give us the courage and discernment  
Not to take sides in our prayers.

God of compassion, we pray for the government and all members of parliament as they make decisions about the economy of our country. At times we will rejoice; at times we will be angry. May decision makers, those in authority and those whose role is opposition be guided and inspired by compassion and the general good.

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God of healing, we pray for those who are waiting for tests or test results; for families and friends who are anxious. We think of those who will receive bad news this week and those who have to deliver bad news. We commend to you all who are ill at home and in hospital and those who look after them. Give wisdom and discernment to those who make management decisions

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God present with and within us, we pray for ourselves especially concerning any decisions we have to make this week. Grant us wisdom that we may exercise good judgment. Grant us equity in all that we say and help us to ensure that our thoughts and attitudes are not biased. May we show fairness in all our relationships and interactions.

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We ask that in the name of the one who loves all with the same boundless, immeasurable love. **Amen.**

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## Sunday 8 September 2024

## Weekly Notices and Prayers (1.0)

Bible reading for the week

James 2: 5

Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?

If you have any items that you would like to be added, or suggestions for inclusion, please advise [Mike Sims](#).



This Church has an inductive loop. Anyone attending Sunday services who has an appropriate hearing aid should switch to Channel T.

Sunday 8 September 2024

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Services and Meetings this week

**Sunday – 9.30am** – Our service will be led by our Superintendent minister, Revd Pete Moorhouse.

– **6.30pm** - **Praise and Mission Service** at [Canvey Island Methodist Church](#). This is a Southend and Leigh Methodist Church Circuit Service of Worship, poetry and fellowship in which Anna Turner is to give an update on her work in the Middle East. All are welcome. Hoping to see you there.

**Monday – 2 to 3.30pm** - [Cake and Kindness](#). Pop in for a free cup of tea/coffee and a piece of homemade cake. It is open to all!

– **7.00 to 7.15pm** – Rochford Prayer via [Zoom](#). Meeting ID 942 6123 5641  
Passcode: 331483.

**Thursday – 7.30pm** - **Table Tennis**. Please let [Colin and Margaret](#) know if you're planning to come as there are occasions when they do not meet, so it's worth checking first.

### Forward Notices

**Next Sunday – 9.30am** – Our service will be an All Age Worship Local Arrangement led by the Worship Leaders and Pastor Mike.

**18 September – 8pm** – **House Group** will be meeting at Heather and Mike's home and our speaker will be Rev Agnes. If you would like further details or a lift, please ask a Steward.

### Other Information

**Church income** was £283.51, which comprises the collection, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

**Community Outreach Pastor update** – This week we had a lovely time at JAM and are now looking forward to Games club starting on a Monday after school. This will be a mixture of Lego, Craft and Games and will run from 4.00 - 5.00. We have met as a team

and are looking forward to the New Term. I have also started my advanced Safeguarding training., Mike Webb.

**Collect** – O God, you bear your people ever on your heart and mind. Watch over us in your protecting love, that, strengthened by your grace and led by your Spirit, we may not miss your way for us but enter into your glory, made ready for all in Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Our Elderly Friends** - Please remember – Sylvia Brigs, Pat Rubidge, Gwen Smith, Marian Webb, and Maureen Whalley. Please also add Shirley Beadle to your prayers as she is unable to attend worship at the present, but would dearly love to.

### Donations

If you would like to donate to the work of Rochford Methodist Church, you can do so from [here](#). If you want to buy something new, please remember to do so through [Easyfundraising](#).

To create a **Standing Order** for Rochford Methodist Church you will need the following details: A/c Name Rochford Methodist Church; A/c No 90766712; Sort Code 20 79 73. If you are a taxpayer, please could you contact Bruce Glendenning so that a simple form can be easily filled in. We can then reclaim tax back on the donations.

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