

Prayers of Intercession

Gracious God we bring to you the people, places and issues of the Middle East in all its pain and confusion. We pray for the leaders of Lebanon, Israel and all the nations and factions that they may have compassion for each other and wisdom to find a peaceful way forward. Be especially close to those who have lost loved ones, those who have been injured, those who have lost their homes and those who live in fear.

We pray for the peace which the world cannot give

Show us the practical and spiritual ways

To share your love with those who need it.

Gracious God our prayers continue for Gaza and for all the trouble spots of the world. We commend to you the United Nations and all world leaders as they seek to promote harmony between the nations. We pray for the coming of your kingdom when women, men, boys and girls will no longer have to live in fear of bullet and bomb.

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Gracious God we remember those in our own country and throughout Europe who have been afflicted by floods and extreme weather. We commend to you those who are engaged in the clean up process; those who are seeking to return to their homes; those offering comfort and support.

We pray that all may see the rainbow of hope and be enabled to know the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

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Gracious God we commend to you our government, parliament and all political parties as they seek to discern the best way forward for our nation. May they be guided by kingdom values of righteousness, justice and mercy.

May we all walk justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you our God.

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Gracious God, you gave your Son to be our saviour and to show us how to live by his words and actions. You gave us an example of love and compassion. We pray for our churches that we may have the vision and imagination to serve you creatively and to offer comfort and support to those in need.

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Gracious God, so many people in your world are suffering in so many ways. There are those who live in fuel poverty; those who are dependent on food banks; those whose lives are crippled by debt. We commend them to you.

We remember all who are sick, those awaiting treatment, those anxiously waiting for the results of tests for themselves or for those whom they love. We especially pray for... may our prayers of faith bring healing and relief.

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May we know what to do; may we know what to say; may we know how to pray. We ask it in Jesus' name.

Amen

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Sunday 29 September 2024

Weekly Notices and Prayers (1.0)

Bible reading for the week

James 5:16

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

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 29 September 2024

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Services and Meetings this week

Sunday – 10.45am – We will be having a **United service at Hockley Methodist Church** with friends from Hockley, Rayleigh and United Methodist Church Great Wakering. Refreshments will be served in their hall from 10am. Parking in the church car park is reserved on these occasions for those with mobility issues and the ministers, others to please use the library car park and walk gently up the hill. There will be an offertory, as yet they do not have a card reader.

Please note that there will be **no service at Rochford this week.**

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!

– 4.00 – 5.00pm – Monday Club. Ages 4-12. Crafts, Lego, snacks, games, and it's free! A responsible adult will need to stay at all times.

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

Tuesday – 7.30pm – Bible Study. You are welcome to join us on [Zoom](#). Meeting ID: 948 2779 0660. Passcode: 425539. We will continue our study of the Beatitudes from Matthew 5.

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.

Friday – 9.30 – 11.30am – Happy Cup Breakfast Club. Runs every Friday in term time and is for parents/carers with children aged 0 to 5 years. £2 per family.

Forward Notices

Next Sunday – 9.30am – The service will be led by our own minister, Rev Agnes. Holy Communion will be celebrated during this service.

16 October – 8pm – Church Council – We will be meeting in the church building.

27 October – 4.30 – 6.30pm - "Light Party" – This event is aimed at children (5-12 years), and their carers, as an alternative to Halloween. More details and publicity will

follow, but [Pastor Mike](#) will be looking for volunteers to help run this event, so if you are available please let him know.

Other Events

5 October – 10am - Harvest Coffee Morning & Cake Sale with Autumn/Harvest themed activities for children. Hadleigh Methodist Church.

12 October – 10am - Model Railway Exhibition. Entrance: Adults £4 Seniors/Students £3 Children Free. Features: 6 layouts including 16mm N.G. Live Steam, Trade support (Plus Daughters) and light refreshments. Exhibition in aid of Church funds, and its Community & Charities support, with help from friends, Local clubs and Societies to whom our thanks go. Thundersley Methodist Church.

3 November – 3pm - United Methodist Church Shoeburyness - Service of Farewell and Thanksgiving. Celebrating after 100 years of worship and praise in the community. St Andrew's Road, Shoeburyness, SS3 9HX. If you are planning on going or a needing a lift, please let Carole know as they are seeking to confirm numbers.

11 November - 11am - 4pm - Westerley Care Home 75th Anniversary. We invite you to celebrate 75 years of Christian Care at Westerley, 1 Winton Avenue, Westcliff on Sea, SS0 7QU. Including a service led by the Methodist President of Conference, entertainment and refreshments.

Other Information

Church income was £506.30, which comprises the collection, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

Community Outreach Pastor update – I met with Jamie from the Bar n Bus Trust this week, we spoke about future joint working in Rochford and if we could find funding for an outreach worker to go into the King Edmund School. I also led a fun assembly at Holt Farm Infants school this week. Thanks to those who helped out at Lego Club this week, we had a lovely time together. The Light Party will now be held on Sunday 27th Oct, 4.30 - 6.30. Please do help out if you can. Mike Webb.

Pat Rubidge – We wish Pat and her family our sincere condolences on the passing of her son Jon this week. Please do remember Pat and all her family especially during this sad time.

Collect – Gracious God, you give the water of eternal life through Jesus Christ your Son. May we always turn to you, the spring of life and source of goodness; through the same Jesus 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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