

Prayers of Intercession

We know you are God, and you have created and love your creation:

How many are your works, Lord.

Lord, you have made us and all people across the world. So now we pray for the people of the Middle East, faced with the terror of war, attack, injury or death. We pray for all those who are fleeing their homes to find safety, and those working for peace, striving to bring comfort, and praying for hope. We pray also for all those intent on causing harm across the region, .

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Lord, you have made the trees and plants grow, the animals roar and squeak, and the birds fly and sing. So now we pray for the wonderful creation we have around us. We pray for all those whose work is to protect and care for your creation, and those who campaign to protect what we have and challenge progress that causes damage. We pray that we would value and appreciate all the variety and greatness of your creative work.

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Lord, you give us light each day as the seasons change. You give us people to support us and a plan for our lives. So now we pray for all those who, as Job did, feel lost and alone at this time. We pray for those who fear the darkness of autumn and winter, those who do not feel the warmth of your love and those who have lost all hope. We pray that those who are lost and in despair may look for you and find you, and you would show us how we can share your hope.

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Lord, you give people skills and talents, responsibilities and purpose. So now we pray for our leaders as they work to grow our nations, seek fairness and justice, and work with businesses to bring hope. We pray for you to pour out your wisdom on all those who make decisions that change nations and lives. We pray that all leaders would work for the best for everyone and look to you for help and guidance.

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Lord, you give people trust and hope in true justice, balanced with mercy and forgiveness. So now we pray for all those caught up in the justice system: for prisoners and the accused, for judges and magistrates, and for all who work to bring change in a system that is struggling. We pray for those who are working for change, that they would have strength and determination. We pray that you would bring hope and that your justice and compassion would be seen in practice.

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So, forgive us for the times when we forget who you are and all that you have created for us. Forgive us when we fail to see your plan in our lives and in the lives of others. We know you are God.

Amen

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Sunday 20 October 2024

Weekly Notices and Prayers (0.2)

Bible reading for the week

Mark 10: 43b-44

Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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 20 October 2024

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Services and Meetings this week

Sunday – 9.30am – Our service will be led by our own minister, Rev Agnes. This will be an All Age Worship service.

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 768 0376 1257
Passcode: 8yTeDH.

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. Rev Norman Hooks will be leading this study.

Wednesday – 8pm – Our **House Group** will be meeting at the home of Margaret and Colin and our guest speaker will be their daughter Claire. She will be sharing about her life in America. If you would like to come, please ask one of the Stewards for more details.

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 – Our service will be led by Archie McDowell.

– **4.30 – 6.30pm** - "[Light Party](#)" – This event is aimed at children (5-12 years), and their carers, as an alternative to Halloween. [Pastor Mike](#) will be looking for volunteers to help run this event, so if you are available please let him know.

31 October - 11am - 1pm - [Half Term Family Lunch Cooking Club](#). Cooking ingredients and equipment will be provided. Ages 4-12. A responsible adult will need to stay. Limited spaces. To book, please call [Pastor Mike](#), or you can email.

6 November – 7pm (meal), 8pm (talk) – Worship Academy. What is the Methodist Connexion offering for Christmas? Richard Armiger. This will be held at Benfleet Methodist Church. All are very welcome to attend. It's not just for Local Preachers and Worship leaders. Anyone interested in worship is invited! There is a poster on the notice board in the lobby with dates and topics.

Other Events

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 are 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 £385.50, 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 I led an assembly on Harvest at Holt Farm Infants school and an assembly on emotions at Rochford Primary School.

I also attended the Community Supermarket meeting this week at Life Church. This is a new district wide initiative that will start in Rochford and is a way to provide local families with low cost, good quality, food. They are looking for support and volunteers to help out with this. Some of the set up costs still need to be covered and a venue to be confirmed.

The light party is now 99% fully booked, if you are able to help out or can provide sweets to give to the children, please do let me know. Mike Webb.

Collect – Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you. Give us the will to be servants of others as you

were the servant of all; for you gave up your life and died for us, but live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Our Elderly Friends - Please remember – Shirley Beadle, Sylvia Brigs, Pat Rubidge, Gwen Smith, Marian Webb, and Maureen Whalley.

[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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