

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, help us to know what 'love' actually means in practice. Help it not to be just a theory or an emotion but a way in which we demonstrate who you are to those around us. As we recognise the need to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, help us to be prepared to be willing to love. Help us to work at loving others. Help us to get our hands dirty and our hearts broken because we are willing to serve you wherever, and in whatever way, you lead us.

Help us to actually, wholeheartedly, deeply love:
with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

Lord, as we look at the world around us, we see so much pain. We see so much sorrow. We see places torn apart by war because we have forgotten how to love our neighbours as ourselves. We pray for Ukraine and all other nations in the world torn apart by aggression, hatred and fear. We pray for an end to all hostilities. Lord, we lift the continuing crisis in the Middle East to you. We cry out to you for the hostages, that they might be freed. We weep for those whose lives have been shattered by destruction of their homes and for all those who mourn those who have died as a result of the conflict. Lord, be especially close to them, we pray. Show us what we can do to relieve some of the suffering. We continue to pray for peace and love to transform the hearts of all who seek violence. We pray that aid will still be able to reach the people of Gaza who so desperately need the basic essentials. Speak peace into the hearts of the leaders of the nations that they may see that your way of truth and love is the only true way forward. Lord, as we weep for the nations of the world:

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Lord, as the US election approaches this week, we pray for Donald Trump and Kamala Harris. Lord, may they stand up for truth, justice and a willingness to serve. We pray for a clear result that leaves no room for uncertainty among the population. May the result unite the country rather than dividing it, we pray. Lord, whoever wins, may they turn to you for their support and strength. We pray for an outpouring of your love across the USA during polling day and beyond.

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Lord, we pray for refugees and all who have to flee their homeland because of violence, famine, injustice or other pain. Lord, help your world to become a place of welcome and compassion where everyone is treated with respect and justice. We pray for all who seek to exploit the poor and oppressed, asking that you would convict them of the wrong they are doing. We pray for those who, even now, are stepping onto cramped, dangerous, inflatable boats seeking solace in another country. Keep them safe. May they be met with kindness and compassion when they land on another shore. Lord, when we meet with those who are different from us, may we be welcoming and servant-hearted, always seeking to treat them as we would like to be treated ourselves.

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Lord, you have called us to love with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. This is a hard calling, so we need your help. We pause for a moment to think of those we find it hard to love... give us grace, Lord, to see them through your eyes. And forgive us, Lord, for the times when we make ourselves unlovable... perhaps in the way we react to criticism, when we want our own way, when we are selfish or argumentative. Lord, forgive us and help us to forgive others too.

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And, Lord, we bring to you those who we love very dearly. We pause to picture them now... Thank you for people in our lives who love us and who we can love in return. Give us grace this week to show them how much we love them and rejoice that they are in our lives.

And, Lord, we pray for those we know who are sick, especially.... Help us to be your caring hands and to speak your calming words to all those we know who are suffering. We lift before you those who are sad at the death of a loved one. Bring them your comfort and peace and show us how to weep with them or sit with them in their pain.

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We consider, now, those who we meet on a day-to-day basis: our colleagues, our school friends and classmates and teachers, those who run our local shops and businesses, our bus drivers, delivery drivers, those who walk the dog past our house... Lord, show us ways that we can treat them with kindness and respect this week. Go before us into every situation so that the fragrance of your love invades our every space. Help us to bring your peace into every moment of conflict, your love into every moment of friendship, your wisdom into every moment of confusion and your joy into every moment of fun and laughter.

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As we seek to serve you and others with the love with which you served us.
Amen.

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Sunday 3 November 2024

Weekly Notices and Prayers (1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Mark 12: 28b - 31

“Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”
“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

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.

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All Saints Sunday

Services and Meetings this week

Sunday – 9.30am – Our service will be a Local Arrangement led by the Worship Leaders.

- 9.30am – JAM - Jesus And Me - church for children and young families.

9.30am - 10.30am. Exploring the bible through games, craft, puppets, wacky science, play dough, toys and stories. Drinks and snacks available.

– 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.

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 – Our service will be led by Rev Agnes and will include Holy Communion.

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.

20 November – 8pm – Our House Group will be meeting at Val and Dave's home. All are welcome to attend and if you would like further details, please ask a Steward.

Other Events

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.

29 & 30 November – 7.45pm - Wesley Theatre Group presents - **Ladies in Lavender** - Adapted for the stage by Shaun McKenna; Based on the film written and directed by Charles Dance. From a short story by William J. Locke. Wesley Hall, Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea. Tickets £7. Box office: 01702 557764. Buy [online](#).

Other Information

Church income was £148, which comprises the collection, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

Community Outreach Pastor update – Thanks to all those who helped out at the light party, we had a great time and had over 36 children join us at the event. Thanks to Mike and Heather for cooking, and Val, Judy, Rachael, Joan, Nicky and Tereasa for leading the craft. Cooking club went really well, thanks to all the volunteers and chef Judy for helping us make quiche and rock cakes. We cooked for 15 families and all enjoyed the food that they had cooked. Thanks, Mike Webb.

Outreach Course (Alpha) – The Church Leadership and Youth Teams have been considering running a course to introduce Christianity to those people who do not necessarily have a church background, or have other questions relating to faith. This may use the [Alpha](#) material and some of the group have experience of this. If you are interested in attending such a group, please let a Steward know, or [email](#).

Music Group – For the monthly All Age Worship (AAW) services we are looking to expand the music we use. Whilst we are blessed to have an organist who plays for us regularly, we are also aware that this style of music is not helpful for everyone and we would like to set up a worship group. If you are interested, and have hidden musical

talents that you would like to share with the church, please let a Steward know or [email](#), and we will discuss further. We believe that this will require a rehearsal session, then participating in the monthly AAW service.

Prayer Handbook – We will be putting in an order for the [Methodist Prayer Handbook](#). They cost £4.50 each, and if you would like to buy one, please let [Mike Sims](#) know by this Sunday (3 November). A large print edition is available for the same price, so please confirm which version you require.

Collect - Almighty God, you have knit together your chosen people in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who love you; through Christ our Lord. 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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