

Prayers of Intercession

For the places where you are already at work to bring transformation in people's lives.
For the sharing of many gifts to build up our church communities.
For the surprise of promises fulfilled beyond what we imagined.
For the signs of your glory in the ordinary things of life
All: Give us thankful hearts and hear our prayers.

For the amazing beauty of creation and the fantastic abundance of living things.
For recognition of our dependence on nature and for the work needed to protect the delicate balance of ecosystems.
For flowers, fauna and fish; for animals and birds; reptiles and insects and all creatures in all their diversity and uniqueness.
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For restrained and simple living that honours the earth's finite resources and the determination to change our lives.
For all who confront the vested interests of fossil fuel companies and challenge climate science denial.
For the political will to control our emissions and end our ceaseless consumption, and for healthy debate in Parliament on the Climate and Nature Bill.
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For the lost and lonely; for the sick; the disturbed and the despairing; that all will know your light and your life.
For ourselves, that our longing to see the kingdom you promise would lead us to action.
For the bright hope of a world where all find safety, home and security, and for renewed commitment to bring it closer to reality.
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For people who pour out their love or place themselves in danger to make our lives better.
For the people we know whose gifts quietly transform lives and serve the need in our communities.
For the dreamers, poets, protesters and prophets of our world and their challenge to us to live more faithfully and generously for you.
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For fragile signs of peace in the Middle East amongst old hatreds and years of mistrust.
For all delicate negotiations that build bridges between communities and make peace possible; and for the ability to resolve conflict and live in peace where we are.
For the persistence of hope in the midst of devastation and for the renewal of the fire-scorched, war-torn and famine-ravaged areas of our world.
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For moments of beauty that fill us with gratitude and hope, and for the first snowdrop of spring in the midst of frozen earth.
For life that pushes its way into the light in spite of the struggle.
For signs of growth in our communities and for people who encourage us in our day-to-day faith.
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For the feast of love to which all are invited and the taste of your goodness in the here and now.
For the water of life you offer us and the promise that you will satisfy our thirst.
For your love that calls us daily and fills our hands with more gifts than we can hold.
For the signs of your glory in the ordinary things of life
All: Give us thankful hearts and hear our prayers. Amen

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Sunday 19 January 2025

Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Psalm 36: 7-8

How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.

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 19 January 2025

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Services and Meetings this week

Sunday – 9.30am – Revd Agnes will be leading this **All Age Worship service**. This will be in a new style, so be prepared for something different this week! Please attend as usual and join us in warmly welcoming everyone. Let us encourage one another to experience our Christian faith differently. We shall be **Jamming on the third!**

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 be studying The Parable Of The Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37.

Wednesday – 7.30pm – **Wholeness and Wellbeing** service on **Zoom**. Meeting ID: 968 2830 0843. Passcode: 394046. This will be led by Bob and Anne Briant.

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.

– **1.00pm** – **Marian Webb's Funeral**

1pm - Funeral Service at Rochford Methodist Church

2pm - Committal Service at Southend Crematorium (West Chapel)

3pm - Wake to be held at the Cherry Tree public house

Forward Notices

Next Sunday – 9.30am – Our service will be a Local Arrangement.

15 February – 6 to 8pm – Bingo - This is a return of the very popular bingo evening that we have held the last 2 years, for church funds. The evening will comprise a meal (sausage and chips, plus dessert), followed by the bingo, and will end with a raffle. All of this for only £5 per person! For catering purposes, tickets *must* be purchased in advance of the evening, from **Heather**. Donations of bingo or raffle prizes would be appreciated.

Lent – starting 5 March - There are resources on the Methodist Church website. This year's theme is "**Soul Food**". We will be following this during our regular Tuesday evening Bible studies over Lent. Further details will follow.

Other Information

Church income was £318, which comprises Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

Action for Children - A further £350 has been sent from home collection boxes held by some of our members. They just pop in donations or loose change during the year. If you would like to do this please see Val.

Community Outreach Pastor update – Lego club went well this week, we welcomed 10 families for some games and Lego building. The kids made some brilliant igloos. The community supermarket is on for the next two Tuesdays, 10.00 - 12.00 at St Marks Hall, Rochford. It is open to all. I'm leading assemblies at both Holt Farm and Rochford schools next week, please pray that they both go well. Thanks, Mike Webb

Collect - Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Church Leadership Team Meeting – Our CLT (comprising Rev Agnes, Pastor Mike, the Stewards, and our Treasurer) will be meeting next on Monday (20 January). If you have any items that you would like to be included for discussion in this meeting, please let **Rev Agnes** know.

Eco Church item - **TreeApp** – Plant trees and make a real impact. You can do this completely **for free** by watching ads from sustainable brands, or choose to fund trees. You can download the app onto your smartphone from the **Apple Store** or **Google Play**.

[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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