

Prayers of Intercession

Living God, we ask for a generous spirit to pray for our world with passion, with persistence and with your heart of love.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, receive our prayer.

We pray for a generous spirit for the leaders of the world, that their decisions would be shaped by wisdom, justice and courage. We pray for those who are hugely impacted by these decisions; those who feel helpless, those who feel afraid, angry or betrayed; those who are affected financially and those whose lives are endangered. We remember especially the people of Ukraine and Russia, of Israel and Palestine, and we pray for those people suffering in places of extreme violence, especially those in DR Congo.

Living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, receive our prayer.

We pray for a generous spirit for the faith leaders of the world, for integrity, prayerfulness and action, and particularly for those who guide and shape our worship and life together in this place. We pray for a passion to serve, a willingness to listen, a commitment to change and a dependence on you to live as your kingdom people.

Living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, receive our prayer.

We pray for a generous spirit for those in the media: journalists, film makers and influencers, that their headlines, stories and images would be truthful, challenging but fair. We pray for those whose lives have been ruined by the press, but give thanks and also pray for those who risk their lives to bring hidden suffering and injustices to the eyes of the world. We pray for those killed in war zones and those silenced by imprisonment.

Living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, receive our prayer.

And we pray for all those in need of receiving your generous spirit of hope, healing and love: those under great stress at work, at home; those surviving on minimal resources; those battling trauma and anxiety; those we know and name now.... and those with no-one to name them in prayer.

Living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, receive our prayer.

Amen.

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Sunday 23 February 2025

Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Psalm 37: 3-4

Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

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 23 February 2025

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Services and Meetings this week

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

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. Rev Agnes will be leading us and we will be studying the parables Of The Wheat and the Tares – Matthew 13:24-30.

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 to 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 Holy Communion will be celebrated during this service.

16 March – 10.30am – We will be holding our **Annual Church Meeting** following the morning service. Further details will follow closer to the time.

Other Information

Please note that **Rev Agnes is away from Monday to Thursday this week**. If you have an urgent pastoral need during this period, please contact our Superintendent Minister, Rev Pete Moorhouse, either by [email](#), or phone 07500 508542.

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

Community Outreach Pastor update – Thanks to those who helped out at our Valentines Cooking Club this week. We were joined by 12 families and had a lovely time making omelettes and short bread biscuits. We have already had requests to run an Easter cooking club!

Lego Club is back on Monday, we look forward to welcoming our families back.

Our first board games club takes place this Saturday, with drinks from 6.30 and we aim to start playing some games by 7.00. Do come along if you would like a game!
Thanks. Mike Webb

Bingo evening – We are pleased to announce that we raised a total (following the deduction of expenses) of £191.02 on last Saturday's bingo evening. Thank you very much to all who supported this evening, and also to those kind souls who provided a dessert, and yet others who donated raffle prizes. There was a really friendly atmosphere with many sharing conversations during the evening. The sausages that Heather cooked went down very well, it appeared!

JAMming on the Third – Very well done to Pastor Mike and the Youth team for leading last Sunday morning's informal service. We had 30 people (including 5 young people) attending. Mike led on the theme of "The Prodigal Son", and this included a video of the story (played by puppets!), as well as Pastor Mike's very interesting talk, thinking particularly of the Pharisees' view of this parable. Rachael gave a lovely testimony during the service, also. We also had some interesting fun science on magnetism for people to join in with. Many thanks to all those who came along to support this service. The next one will be 16 March.

Collect – God of infinite mercy, grant that we who know your pity may rejoice in your forgiveness and gladly forgive others, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

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

Other Forward Notices

9 March – 6pm – Annual Lent Lecture 2025 – The Bible and People of Other Faiths: A Personal and Theological Journey with Dr Elizabeth J Harris. The Annual Lent Lecture aims to kickstart the journey of Lent by bringing people together from across Billericay, Wickford, Basildon and beyond to share an experience of learning together. It aims to make cutting-edge scholarship accessible to lay people by bridging academia and church/faith and learning to inspire fresh thinking and enable the people of God to

encounter afresh the transforming power of the cross of the living and active Jesus.
This will be held at [Billericay Methodist Church](#).

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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