

Prayers of Intercession

This Easter, we again celebrate that you, our God, sent your Son to save us. We celebrate that, despite all his suffering, he defeated death and took all the wrong of the world to the cross with him. We celebrate that the darkness of the sky when Jesus cried 'It is finished' was replaced by the light of hope. We celebrate that the tomb was empty, and with those followers who met the resurrected Christ, we celebrate that he lives again.

Christ has been raised from the dead:
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

This Easter, we think of how much the gift of life and salvation we are offered means to us. We think of the joy and hope that you, our God offer us, and the purpose you give to our lives. We think of your Son Jesus who faced pain, torture and humiliation, and did it all for us. We think of how we can follow his example of care, love and service to others, and obey your call on our lives. We think of our calling to bring change and share his love at home, at school, at work, where we volunteer or wherever we are.

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This Easter, we look around the world at the pain and suffering that continues. We look to you, our God, to bring light into darkness and replace despair with hope. We look for talks and desires for ceasefires and ultimately for peace in Gaza, Ukraine and Sudan. We look for leaders to think of humanity and to value every life as equal and precious. We look for comfort for those who have lost homes, belongings, family, friends and hope as a result of war and conflict.

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This Easter, we pray for all those who are suffering in our own nation. We pray for those who have been injured in incidents and accidents on our roads and in our communities, and whose holidays have turned into times of sadness. We pray for those who face financial challenges and the fear of losing their jobs. We pray for those held in the grip of addiction and substance abuse, and those who are sliding back into reliance on drugs and alcohol. We pray for those facing tough decisions and all who are ill and in pain. We ask that you speak into peoples' lives and show them ways to cope and to thrive.

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This Easter, we reflect on the need for quiet and peace in our busy lives. We reflect on all that we do in our churches to serve our communities, and the need for rest. As we spend a few moments in peace and silence now, help us to reflect personally on all your goodness to us, and the many blessings we have.....

Help us to reflect on the times and moments when we have felt you close to us, and to seek those moments again. God, give us peace in our communities, churches, families, and lives.

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Sunday 20 April 2025

Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Matthew 28:5-6

The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.'

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 April 2025

Easter Sunday

Services and Meetings this week

Sunday – 9.30am – Our service will be an **Easter celebration** led by JAM. Whilst it's advertised as Kids' Easter Christingle with an Easter egg hunt and crafts, the service will be for all ages. Please come along and celebrate Easter with us!

– **6.30pm** – **Circuit Service "Prayer & Praise Celebration"** at [Belfairs Methodist Church](#). Led by the 'Worship Band' and others from the circuit. Come and share with us in the joy of Christ's Resurrection. We look forward to seeing you there.

Monday – 2 to 3.30pm – **No Cake and Kindness meeting this week** as it's a Bank Holiday.

– **4.00 to 5.00pm** – **No Monday Club meeting this week** as it's Easter holidays.

– **7.00 to 7.15pm** – **No Rochford Prayer meeting this week.**

Tuesday – 7.30pm – **Bible Study** will resume on 29 April.

Wednesday – 8.00pm – **House Group** – We will be meeting at Heather and Mike's home and this time we will be having an in depth discussion on the work of the church and forward planning potential events and activities over the next 18-24 months. We have a master plan with all known major events and we want to see how we as a church can better prepare to outreach into our community. If you would like more details, or need a lift, please speak to a Steward.

– **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 – **No Happy Cup Breakfast Club meeting this week** as it's Easter holidays.

Forward Notices

Next Sunday – 9.30am – Our service will be led by Rev Agnes Sam and Holy Communion will be celebrated during this service.

30 April – 8.00pm – **Church Council Meeting** – this will be at the Church building. All church members are entitled to attend and vote as we are all entitled to be members of the Church Council, due to the size of our membership.

Other Information

Church income was £312.50, which comprises collections, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

Community Outreach Pastor update – we are looking forward to our Easter service this week, which is focused towards families and those who do not normally attend church. As a church family, we have chosen to do something different once a month and this means that some of the things that we are used to doing will not always happen on this Sunday. That is ok as they will happen on the other Sundays! This third Sunday is about reaching out to those who do not normally attend church and allowing them to experience something of God's love in a way that is relevant to them.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Easter! Thanks. Mike Webb

Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity Fund Raiser – George Harris has walked 1 mile each day in March in order to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital. This is a brilliant effort and we heartily congratulate George for this! If anyone would like to donate, please would they see Robert or Kathy. Thank you.

Connection magazine – A new edition is now available in the rack by the heater in the main worship area. These quarterly magazines give news about Methodists across the country and are very interesting and informative.

Please take home to read and return, to do the same.

Collect – God of glory, you have filled this night with the radiance of Christ. Renew in us our baptism, and bring us through the waters to the promised land; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Other Forward Notices

18 May – 7.30pm - **Testimony Service** of Revd Agnes Sam & Revd Heather Simmons at [Rayleigh Methodist Church](#).

21 June – 10.00 to 2.00pm - Circuit Quiet Day – “In the Stillness” - Hadleigh Methodist Church. [Hadleigh 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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