

Prayers of Intercession

Almighty God, Creator, Redeemer, Comforter, we bring our prayers for the world and all of humanity, those near and far, known and unknown.

Almighty God, with violence and quarrels, wars and disputes, fractures and breaks in so much of the world's society, across so many continents, we pray that more and more people will catch the vision that is yours, to break down the barriers of faith and culture, of race, language and ability. And that leaders of nations will catch the vision to inspire their people to live better, healthier, happier, fairer and more 'just' lives.

We pray for the new Pope, Pope Leo, that his vision and vigour for helping the poor and marginalised will spread out to engulf the world and that, together, people of faith and none will grasp the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

We pray for reconciliation for past wars and on-going wars and violence and cruelty. We pray that anger and the desire for more power can be wiped away, making all things new for peace and harmony, acceptance and love.

We pray for those who lurch from one day to the next, uncertain about homes and houses, food and medicine; uncertain about what is there for them and how they can get the help they need and how they can meet bills and pay off debts.

We pray for those who have lost sight of their place in society, lost understanding of how we each need to play our part to help and support each other as best we can, and lost the ability of give and take.

We pray for the ill and those worried about tests and diagnosis and treatment. We pray for those who are near the end of their life alone and afraid. We pray for those who mourn and grieve for love lost and hopes dashed.

May we, in the way we live out our lives, do all we can to make visible God's love for the world.

In the name of our Almighty God, Creator, Redeemer and Comforter, we offer these prayers and the unspoken prayers of our hearts.

Amen.

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Sunday 18 May 2025

Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Psalms 148: 1-2

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

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 18 May 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Services and Meetings this week

Sunday – 9.30am – “JAMming on the third” - Our service will be led by Youth Team and will be a local arrangement. As per previous services on the 3rd Sunday, this will be very different to our usual act of worship, specifically aimed to help those who have limited/no previous experience of church.

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

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 to 5.00pm – Monday Club**. Ages 4-12. Runs every Monday in term time. 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.

Wednesday – 8.00pm – House Group – We will be meeting at the home of Heather and Mike. We will be taking a forward look at the events and activities we as a church could plan for the next year, or so. If you would like further details, please approach a Steward.

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

The next edition of the **Circuit Preaching plan** for June to August is [available](#) from the Circuit website.

Next Sunday – 9.30am – Our preacher will be Bob Briant.

11 – 17 May - Once again the Church will be supporting [Christian Aid Week](#). Could you please return your donation envelope before the end of the month?

29 May – 12.00 to 2.00pm – Cooking Club. This event has proven to be really popular with our young families. Pastor Mike is looking for volunteers to assist, if you are free.

29 June – Rev Agnes Ordination. Tickets are [available](#) for the Ordinations of Rev Agnes & Rev Heather at St Chads Church, Shrewsbury.

The Circuit is hoping to organise a transport to Shrewsbury but this can't be booked until numbers are confirmed. So many thanks if you have already let us know your transport/attendance arrangements but could you please let the [Circuit office](#) know:

A) whether you are attending the ordinations

B) whether you require transport or not.

Other Information

Church income was £295.00, which comprises collections, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

Action for Children - Lent Action for Children Lent fundraiser - if you have been 'Counting your Blessings' please give me your donations as soon as possible, and I will ensure they are paid in promptly. Thanks. Val

Community Outreach Pastor update – Thanks to all who helped out at the VE day party last week, we had lovely time together, with around 50 of us celebrating the event. Thanks to Rochford Parish Council for the grant for the event.

I have led assemblies in both Holt Farm and Rochford Primary school this week, looking at the birth of the church and events that we celebrate.

Cooking club will be on over half term, running Thursday 29th May, from 11.00 - 1.00.

Next week we have Lego club on Monday and I am leading another assembly in Rochford Primary school. Do join us for some games on Saturday, 7.00 - 9.30, if you are free. Thanks. Mike Webb

Collect – Eternal God whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice his truth, and to share his risen life; 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

23 May – 7.30pm - Our hit show, '**The Hiding Place**', tells the fascinating, true story of Corrie ten Boom and her family's struggle to save Jews from the Nazis in the Second World War. This will be staged at [Rayleigh Methodist Church](#).

Seen by over 20,000 people, this production is about how hope can still prevail in desperate times. Recommended age 12+. For more details, please see [The Hiding Place - Rayleigh](#).

21 June – 10.00am to 2.00pm – Circuit Quiet Day 2025 – In The Stillness. [Hadleigh Methodist Church](#). Tickets are free & can be booked on this [link](#). Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea & coffee will be available. Feel free to bring along a notebook or journal, pens and your bible.

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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