

### Prayers of Intercession

Heavenly Father, on this day of Pentecost, we ask that your Church here and all over the world will know a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. May we as Christians be unafraid to tell others about Jesus.

RESPONSE: Loosen our tongues, Lord, to tell your wondrous story!

We pray that you will help us to speak in ways that those in our communities understand. May we be clear in our message of love, hope, and faith.  
Loosen our tongues, Lord, to tell your wondrous story!

We ask that your Holy Spirit will be with us, bringing down any barriers which divide us.  
Loosen our tongues, Lord, to tell your wondrous story!

May we be empowered to leave our comfort zones and tell others about our faith!  
Loosen our tongues, Lord, to tell your wondrous story! Amen

Father, we pray for a world where divisions so often lead to warfare. Today we think particularly of the Middle East, where our faith began, different yet sharing things in common with other faiths; and we pray for peace among all the descendants of Abraham.  
Lord, let there be peace.

And we pray for the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, asking that common humanity might be recognised and common ground be found.  
Lord, let there be peace.

In all places where weapons wield unholy power, may your Holy Spirit break down barriers and bring peace. Amen

We think of all the things which divide us as Christians, Lord – varying beliefs and ways of worship, different ideas on how things should be done – and we pray that we might learn to value this rich diversity for the blessing it is. As we picture in our minds all the churches within our community, we pray for empowerment in our common purpose to bear witness to you. May we be aware this day and always that our prayers rise as one to the God who listens to his children.

Therefore, hear us, O Father, as we pray for those who are unwell at this time, and for the bereaved, and for those who are vulnerable in our community; may we know how to reach out and touch them with your love, for the Holy Spirit has come among us in gentleness as well as power.

Hear our prayers, O Lord, and may the Holy Spirit open our ears as well as our lips, so that we listen to what you have to say to us in this day and age, your people ever walking onwards in the Way of Jesus. Amen

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**Sunday 8 June 2025**

## Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Acts 2: 17-18

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.”

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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Pentecost

### Services and Meetings this week

**Sunday – 9.30am** – Our preacher will be Archie McDowall.

**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** – No **Rochford Prayer** meeting on Zoom this week as there is also a CLT meeting that evening in the church. We will be looking at our Church mission plan. Please pray for us as we discern God's will for His church in Rochford.

**Tuesday – 7.30pm – Bible Study** on [Zoom](#) – Phone 020 3901 7895. Meeting ID: 993 4565 1990, Passcode: 805792. We will be continuing our studying of 1 Thessalonians from Chapter 5, verse 4 onwards.

**Wednesday – 8.00pm – House Group**. We will be meeting at the home of Val and Dave and will continue our discussion on forward plans for the church. Our last meeting was really productive, but we ran out of time with plans/ideas up to Christmas. 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.

**Saturday – 8.30am** – You are invited to the Southend and Leigh Circuit June 2025 **Circuit Prayer Meeting**. This event is held on [Zoom](#).

### Forward Notices

**Next Sunday – 9.30am** – “JAMming on the third” - Our service will be led by Rev Agnes and the Youth Team. As per previous services on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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.

**12 July – Summer Party**. Pastor Mike is starting to plan this and will be very grateful for volunteers to assist on the day. This event is aimed at reaching out to the families that we have links with, eg through JAM and Monday Club. We are seeking to welcome them into the church family.

### Other Information

**Church income** was £268, which comprises collections, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

**Action for Children - Count Your Blessings** – We raised a total of £75.00. Thank you very much to everyone who contributed.

**Community Outreach Pastor update** - We had a good week back at Lego club. It was lovely to see our garden growing and we were able to pick our first crops, which were some tasty lettuce and radishes. I attended the Rochford health and well-being board and I was able to share about our community work with a number of health organisations and to invite them along to our weekly events. I will be leading an assembly at Holt farm school this week. Thanks. Mike Webb

**Collect** – God, who at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour 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

**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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