**Prayers of Intercession**

Lord Jesus, as we reflect on our Bible reading today, remembering that we are all one in Christ, we think about what this means. In our individual congregations, we pray for the humility to remember always that we are all equal in your sight. Nothing makes one of us any better than our neighbour.
**Response: Lord, we are all one in you.**

We pray for the many branches of your Church, worshipping you in different ways; may there be a spirit of unity among us, for we serve the same God.
**Response: Lord, we are all one in you.**

We are only human, Lord, and we often make divisions of the differences between us, building barriers where none should exist. We pray that you will help us all to change for the better, to build bridges and recognise the equal validity of each one of us.
**Response: Lord, we are all one in you.**

**Amen**

Heavenly Father, we bring before you the worsening situation in the cradle of our faith, the Middle East, where nations and religions continue to collide and bring devastation to so many. We pray for all those caught up in the conflict through no choice of their own; for innocent civilians losing loved ones, homes and livelihoods. We pray for peace, in the Middle East and Ukraine, and wherever else in the world war is being waged as we speak; please influence the hearts and minds of leaders of nations, to work for an end to warfare, and a lasting peace.

Lord, we think of the wild weather which has battered some of our communities recently, and the soaring temperatures of this week which are not good news for the frail and vulnerable, and we pray for our planet as we face the consequences of climate change. May each one of us as individuals continue to think about how we live, and what we might do to help save the wonderful world you have given us. Lord, please guide world leaders to make decisions that will give long-term protection to the many rather than short-term profits for the few.

Lord, we pray for all those known to us who are sick in body, mind, or both, whether they are at home or in hospital; we pray for your healing touch to be upon them. We pray also for the newly bereaved, that you will give them strength in their journey of grieving; may they feel your loving presence and know that they are never alone. For ourselves we pray also, that whatever our troubles may be, we will be able to cast them on you, for you are our companion on the way.

**Amen**

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**Sunday 22 June 2025**

[**Weekly Notices and Prayers**](https://www.rochfordmethodist.org.uk/weekly-notices/)(v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Galatians 3: 26-28

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

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 22 June 2025

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Services and Meetings this week**

**Sunday – 9.30am** – Our service will be a Local Arrangement led by the Worship Leaders.

**Monday – 2 to 3.30pm** - [**Cake and Kindness**](https://www.rochfordmethodist.org.uk/cake-and-kindess/cake-and-kindess.php). 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**](https://www.rochfordmethodist.org.uk/content/pages/documents/monday-club.png). 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](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76803761257?pwd=BheDmV1PEt9jsb2mljn8mzbwpsUucW.1). Meeting ID 768 0376 1257 Passcode: 8yTeDH.

**Tuesday – 7.30pm** – **Bible Study**. You are welcome to join us on [Zoom](https://zoom.us/j/94827790660?pwd=l2cnXgWqogtb4222LfdLTc13yTgQem.1). Meeting ID: 948 2779 0660. Passcode: 425539.

**Wednesday – 7.45pm – Wholeness & Wellbeing service** at Benfleet Methodist Church.

**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.

 - **12.30 to 2.00pm - Creative Companions – Arts and Crafts**. Starts this Friday, and then the last Friday of each month. Meet up for a chat and a fun afternoon of craft. Bring your own project and packed lunch. Light refreshments will be available. Free. No booking required. Just pop along.

**Forward Notices**

**Next** **Sunday – 10.30am** – Our service will be a Section Service with our friends from UMC Great Wakering, Hockley and Rayleigh Methodist Churches joining us. The main part of this will be a live-stream of the morning worship at the Telford Ordination of Rev Agnes. Please note the later time for this service. Refreshments will be served from **10am** and are available throughout the service, we will gather at **10:30am** for a brief worship time ready for a **10:45am** start of the live-stream.

**5 July - 7.00 - 9.30pm – Board Games Night.** Please do join us for some games! Further details are available from Pastor Mike.

**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.

**10 August – Local Arrangement – Songs of Praise** – This is advanced notice that our LA service in August will be a return of our sharing of favourite hymns/songs/bible passages or poems. We want this to be as interactive as possible with many people sharing a brief reason for their choice. Please have a think now as I will be seeking out volunteers to participate in this act of worship.

**Other Information**

**Church income** was £197.70, which comprises collections, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

**Community Outreach Pastor update** Hi all, thanks to those who have volunteered to help out at our summer party, if anyone else can lend a hand, that would be great.
 We enjoyed eating peas from our garden at Lego Club this week, with the Strawberries nearly ready. We welcomed a new family this week as well. From September we will be looking for a new volunteer to join the team, if you feel that you would like to join us, please do get in touch.
 Games night will be on July 5th, 7.00 - 9.30. Please come along and play some games.
 I took an assembly at Holt Farm this week, looking at our seas, oceans and creation. Next week, I will be leading assmeblies at both Holt Farm and Rochford Primary school.
 Thanks for the prayers for my council meeting. It seemed to go well and we have agreed a new grant scheme that will enable local Cllrs to support local community projects. So please do get in touch with your local Cllr over any projects that you would like to see developed in your area.
 Finally, some thoughts from a book called 'Mission with something out of the ordinary' that I am currently reading.
 In what sense, if any, does a missionary bring God into a given context? Or was God at work in the context before the missioner got there? If the mission of the church is seen as a part of the complete mission of God, then God has always been active in His world and continues to be, independently of, as well as through, the missional work of the church. Yet God choses to use us, you and me, to reach people with the message of his love for us and his desire for a relationship with us. Will you play your part in the mission of God?  Thanks. Mike Webb

**Treasurer’s Talk -** I thought you would be interested to know that our Gift Aid Repayment has been received in the church account.  From your gift aided donations to the church over the past year we have received a refund of £4093.30.  This is a fabulous amount and I wish to thank Bruce Glendenning for the work he does in this area.  The timing of this refund is perfect as we have now been able to pay for our new sound system in full without having to draw money down from our deposit account.  Thank you all for your continued support and generosity to our church. Heather Sims

**First Aid Course** - Is there anyone who has an out of date certificate they wish to renew or just wish to find out what to do in an emergency? We are hoping to run a St.Johns course in the Autumn. Generally, these last around 6 hours and a certificate is awarded for attendance. If enough people are interested, details will be arranged. Please speak to Val or George for more information.

**New Craft Group** – Creative Companions – Arts and Crafts. Starts Friday 27 June, and then the last Friday of each month from 12.30 to 2.00pm. Meet up for a chat and a fun afternoon of craft. Bring your own project and packed lunch. Light refreshments will be available. Free. No booking required. Just pop along.

**Collect** – Lord of heaven and earth, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and power of your Church. Sow in our hearts the seeds of your grace that we may bear the fruit of the Spirit, in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

**Other Forward Notices**

**28 June – 10.30 to 12.30pm** - A Craft Fayre and Summer Treats Coffee Morning at [Canvey Methodist Church](https://www.canveymethodistchurch.org.uk/).

**Donations**

If you would like to donate to the work of Rochford Methodist Church, you can do so from [here](http://paypal.com/gb/fundraiser/charity/3204147). If you want to buy something new, please remember to do so through [Easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rochfordmethodistch/?q=rochford%20meth&cat=cause-autosuggest).

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.

**You can also donate to the Church by** [**PayPal Giving Fund**](http://paypal.com/gb/fundraiser/charity/3204147)

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