

Prayers of Intercession

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Help us to keep going, with our eyes fixed on you.

Lord, we come to you today from different homes, different stages of life, different situations. We come with the memories of the week just passed and our thoughts about the week ahead. We come with our joys and our sorrows, our good days and bad, our hopes and our fears. We come, knowing that you listen, you care and you long for us to pour out our hearts to you.

We pause to think of a time this week that made us smile, even if only for a moment... Thank you for those times of positivity, of happiness, humour or joy. Thank you that you smile with us. We pause to think of something good that you have given us this week: a kind word, some lovely food, the sound of a child's laughter, welcome rain... Thank you that you are the giver of good gifts. Help us to treasure everything good that comes from your hands.

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Lord, we know that there have also been some difficult moments in our lives this week. Times when we were confused, sad, in pain, lonely or lost... we name them in our hearts now.

Lord, we know in our heads that you are with us in those times, but sometimes our hearts feel as if you are looking the other way. Give us the confidence, like Abraham and Sarah, to know that, despite everything, you are there and you do care. Help us not to give up on you because you never give up on us.

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We turn our prayers away from ourselves now to those around us: the people sitting near us here, our families, our neighbours and friends. We lift to you those who have had good news to celebrate this week: maybe exam results, a birth, a good diagnosis, a new job... as they rejoice, let us rejoice with them.

But we are also aware of those who have had bad news this week: a difficult diagnosis, a bereavement, sickness, plans that have gone very wrong... Lord, we ask you to help us be the caring presence in these difficult times, bringing the touch of your love into every situation of pain. Breathe your comfort onto those who are hurting, we pray. May they be assured that you never leave or forsake them.

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Lord, we focus now on the bigger picture: our communities and country. We pray for all young people expecting exam results this week. Give them your peace, whatever the outcome.

We pray for Christian camps and holiday clubs and missions, seeking to bring the good news of your love to our young people. We thank you for your Word that has been preached down the centuries. We thank you for its truth. May it be read afresh by young and old this week and may your goodness speak clearly from its pages.

We think of our communities: we pray for our shopkeepers, office workers, healthcare professionals, cleaners and drivers. Those who work long hours... may they find time to rest in you ...

We pray for our leaders when government is on recess. May they still be alert to any needs that require attention. We pray that there will not be any unrest in regard to those seeking asylum. We pray for migrants travelling in unsafe boats. Show us how, as people of justice, we can stop the people smugglers who treat others as commodities rather than people made in your image.

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Sunday 10 August 2025

Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Hebrews 11:1-3

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

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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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Services and Meetings this week

Sunday – 9.30am – Our service will be a local arrangement led by the worship leaders and will be a “songs of praise” style service with various people sharing their favourite hymn/song. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to participate.

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](#). Resumes in September.

– **7.00 to 7.15pm** – **Rochford Prayer** via [Zoom](#). Meeting ID 768 0376 1257
Passcode: 8yTeDH.

Tuesday – 7.30pm – **Bible Study** will resume in September.

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**. Resumes in September.

Forward Notices

Next Sunday – 9.30am – Our service will be led by Rev Agnes – “JAMming on the Third”. 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.

17 to 24 August – Gift Fortnight – See below for further details.

25 October – 7.30pm – **Gospel Choir Concert at Rochford**. Please keep this date free in your diaries. Rev Heather Simmons has kindly agreed to come along with her choir to entertain us and we also plan for this to be an outreach event to the local community/those affiliated to the church.

Other Information

Church income was £297.00, which comprises collections, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

Community Outreach Pastor update – We had a lovely time making pizza and Cous Cous at cooking club this week. Judy also made a giant butterfly cake, which was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Judy, Heather and Val for all helping out.

An initial date for a light party has been set on Sat 1st Nov, more details to follow.

Lego Club will start up again in Sep, if you could lend a hand at either set up (3.00 - 4.00) or set down, (5.00 - 6.00) please do let me know. Mike Webb

Gift Fortnight - The CLT has decided to hold our annual Gift Fortnight on the Sundays of 17 and 24 August.

As you are aware, we have had a very expensive year again. In this current year we have paid the last £9,800 owing for our church redecoration, we have replaced our sound system at a cost of £3,500 and the cost of heater repairs totalled £1,200.

We would love to replenish our funds through this Gift Fortnight so that we can more comfortably continue the work for which we exist, that of bringing the good news to the people of Rochford.

Your kind donations can be made via the normal church collection (but please place it in a separate envelope marked Gift Fortnight). Donations can also be made via bank transfer or the PayPal Giving Fund.

As Treasurer, I am fully aware of the generosity of the congregation at this church and wish to thank you in advance for your support. God bless you. Heather Sims

Methodist Prayer Handbooks – Our friends from Rayleigh are putting in an order and if you would like one, please let [Mike Sims](#) know. The cost is £5, which includes postage. The theme for this year is “Our Story, Our Song”. Please pay our Treasurer as the church makes a direct payment back to Rayleigh.

Collect – Living God, you have placed in the hearts of your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that in believing in the One whom you have sent, we may know him to be the true bread of heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Other Events

17 August – 6pm – Sunday evening service at [St Peter's Chapel, Bradwell on Sea](#). There will be [series of summer Sunday evening services](#) over July and August, and our own District Chair, Rev David Chapman will be leading this particular one.

13 September - The **Autumn Synod of the Bedfordshire, Essex & Hertfordshire District** is taking place at [Belfairs Academy](#). The Circuit is hosting this meeting and we need **volunteers** to ensure the day runs smoothly. The roles will involve assisting in the car park, stewarding/ acting as a point of help to attendees & overseeing the serving of refreshments (you do not need to provide refreshments).

The main Synod meeting times are 10-3pm but volunteers are required outside of these hours. We have 3 main volunteer shifts: 9-12:30pm, 12:30-4pm, 9-4pm.

If you are able to volunteer on the 13th September, could you please [email](#) the office with the times you are available.

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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