

## Prayers of Intercession

Lord Jesus, we thank you that you care about every aspect of our lives. You're not just interested in the big, life-changing moments - everything is important to you no matter how small. So we come with confidence, knowing that you will not turn us away. We can ask for anything, pray about anything and you will listen, and you will care. Give us the courage to pray the big prayers...And help us not to be diffident about praying for the small things. And give us the confidence to acknowledge that, though our prayers may not be answered in the way we want, you are ultimately in control.

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Lord Jesus, we come with our big prayers for the world. We weep with you for those who are suffering from war and famine. We lift the people of Gaza to you, urgently praying for an end to hostilities. We pray for the Israeli hostages longing for home and for those so anxious for their release. We pray that aid may be brought to those in desperate need. And we pray for Ukraine and Russia, and all who suffer from the consequences of war. We pray for those who are seeking to negotiate a ceasefire. We pray for the leaders of the nations, asking that you will give them wisdom to speak out to bring an end to war wherever it is fought.

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Lord, after a long summer holiday, many of our children are preparing to return to school this week. We pray for those who are excited to be in new classes and those who are nervous about starting new schools. We remember that many will be very anxious, especially those who feel unable to attend school. Be close to each child, we pray, may they know your presence with them as they enter the classroom or do their lessons at home. We also pray for teachers. Give them patience, wisdom and clear heads as they go back to their classrooms this week.

And we pray for parents who may feel lonely when their children start school for the first time or whose young adults are preparing for university. Give us eyes to see those in our communities who may need some extra support over the coming days and make us quick to help.

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Lord we pray for our communities. We think of the businesses, the surgeries, schools and shops - everyone who lives and works around us. We focus our minds on one particular place... We pray for all who work there, help us to find ways of bringing your love to that place.

We pray for our neighbours and friends, the housebound and the lonely. Show us how we, as a church, can make a difference in our community. And we pray for ourselves as a congregation. Fill us with your Spirit in this place that we may go from here renewed and refreshed having met with, and been challenged by, you.

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Finally, we lift ourselves to you. Lord, you know where we are joyful and you know where we have deep sadness and worry. In the stillness, we tell you our deepest needs. Help us not to be afraid to pray but to open our souls to you because you are a God of compassion. Lead us forward into the week ahead knowing that you go before us. Help us to listen to you and be people of compassion wherever you send us.

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So we are confident that you listen and you care. Send us out, lead us on, into your world, as listening and caring people. Amen.

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## Sunday 31 August 2025

## Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Hebrews 13: 1-2

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

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 31 August 2025

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev Agnes is on annual leave from 18 to 31 August. For any urgent pastoral needs during this time, please approach the Superintendent, [Revd Pete Moorhouse](#).

### Services and Meetings this week

**Sunday – 10.30am** – There will be **no service at Rochford this week**. There will be a Section Service at [United Methodist Church, Great Wakering](#) led by Colin Turner.

Our **Church Gift Fortnight** ends *this Sunday*. Thank you very much to those who have donated so far. All 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 (A/c Name Rochford Methodist Church; A/c No 90766712; Sort Code 20 79 73) or the [PayPal Giving Fund](#).

**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**. Re-starts next week.

– **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 a Local Arrangement which Bruce Glendenning has kindly agreed to take for us.

**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 £518.83, 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 great fun making and flipping pancakes at cooking club this week. Thanks to both Judy and Heather for helping out. The garden had a lot of tomatoes ready, which the kids enjoyed picking.

Lego club starts back on Monday 8th Sep. We run from 4.00 - 5.00 and set up is from 3.15 - 4.00. If you would be able to help set up or set down, please do let me know. Set up involves preparing the food and setting up the toys and craft. We could also do with an extra pair of hands at set down, which is 5.00 - 6.00 and this includes washing up, putting lego and games away and tidying up the hall. If you could help out once in a while, please do let me know.

I have completed my evaluation for Sanctuary Housing for the grant that we received for Lego Club and the various events that we run. We have had 137 different people join us over the year and have spent the equivalent of £6080 in volunteer hours! So a huge thanks to all who have helped out. Thanks, Mike Webb

**Treasurer's Talk** - We are now at the end of our Gift Fortnight. Thank you to all of you who have so generously contributed. I am sure God will multiply it for his Kingdom. I am always amazed at what such a small church like ours can achieve. I hope to be able to report the amount received from the Gift Fortnight shortly. If you have not yet contributed, but would like to, it's not too late. The treasurer would be more than happy to receive any late donations!

We are also at the end of our church accounting year. The full accounts for the year will be completed, independently examined and submitted to the circuit. More details about our financial position will be reported at the Autumn Church Council meeting.

Thank you all again so much for your continued support. God Bless. Heather

**Collect** – O God, you bear your people ever on your heart and mind. Watch over us in your protecting love, that, strengthened by your grace and led by your Spirit, we may not miss your way for us but enter into your glory, made ready for all in Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

## Other Events

**6 September – 8.30am - Circuit Prayer Meeting.** You are invited to this event and can attend via [Zoom](#). Meeting ID: 971 7892 6244 Passcode: 047312.

**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. 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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