

Prayers of Intercession

God of peace, we remember the events of two years ago that brought about the war in the Middle East, the destruction of Gaza, the thousands of lost lives in Palestine and Israel, and the imprisonment and death of hostages. We keep in mind the people of Ukraine who continue to face occupation and conflict. We look in confusion and despair at the images of suffering and desperation that fill our news, and we see no human end. We pray for those leading negotiations for peace, we pray that those homeless wandering would find rest and shelter, and those mourning or in despair to find some comfort. God of peace, we hand this to you as we are powerless, and we know you bring a good future.

God brings freedom, hope and peace.

God's word is not chained.

God of justice, we pray for all those who are given power or elected to powerful positions, and we think of our own country and our political leaders. We pray for a sense of calm and balance in all that they say and do, and for compassion in policies and attitudes. We ask that they would have the wisdom and grace to use words that bring unity rather than division, and words of love and care for others rather than of selfishness and unnecessary fear. We pray for words of honesty and truth to be at the centre of reporting, and that all would be free to live in peace and safety. God of justice, we hand this to you as we are powerless, and we know you bring grace and fairness.

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God of freedom, we pray for those who feel chained by things of the world. We think of those in our own community who have no money despite hard work and dedication, and feel the never-ending sense of the burden of debt and desperation of never having enough. We pray for those chained by addiction to drink or drugs, whose lives seem to be going nowhere and who do desperate and cruel things to feed their addiction. We pray for those who suffer quietly, with little support and few friends, and live lives of isolation and sadness far from your plan for your people. We pray for those who have run out of hope, and think about the value of their own lives. God of freedom, we hand this to you as we are powerless, and we know you bring freedom.

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God of hope, you have called us to be part of your community here, and to bring hope into the lives of others. We think of those who serve us in our church, including the leaders who teach and lead us in worship, the practical people who make things happen and do the unseen work, and all the people who serve quietly without anyone really noticing. We pray for those who serve us in our schools, colleges, shops, surgeries and all other places that build this area. We ask that you would show each of us and us as a fellowship of believers what we can do to bring your light and hope to others. God of hope, on our own we are powerless, but with you we know we can be people of hope.

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Sunday 12 October 2025

Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Matthew 25: 31-32

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

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 12 October 2025

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Services and Meetings this week

Sunday – 9.30am – [HARP](#) Gift service. Local Arrangement led by the Worship Leaders. This gift service is for us to focus on homelessness and to take the opportunity to donate towards Christmas luxuries and warm/ practical clothing. (Please do not include alcohol.) These will be given to HARP for best use with the people they support. Please consider adding an item to your shopping list if you are able. Many thanks. Val

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. This session our theme is "[Talking Jesus](#)". Each evening there will be a 30 minute video, followed by 30 minutes of discussion. The reading is Colossians 4:2-3.

Wednesday – 8.00pm - Church Council Meeting – Please attend, if you possibly can. Due to the size of our membership, all church members are allowed to vote at the meeting. Everyone (ie those who are not actual church members) are very welcome to attend to see what goes on at these meetings.

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

Next Sunday – 9.30am - Our service will be led by the JAM Youth Team – "**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.

22 October – 8.00pm – House Group – Our house group will meet at the home of Margaret and Colin. If you would like more details, please speak to a Steward.

25 October – 7.30 to 9.30pm – [Gospel Choir Concert at Rochford](#). Free tickets are available on [Eventbrite](#), or if you don't have access to a computer, or have any queries, please speak with Val, or leave a message on 01702 544096 giving your name, the number of tickets you want, and a contact number.

We are getting the drinks in for the "dry" bar. If you have any non-alcoholic drinks that you would like to donate, please speak with [Heather](#) as she will be delighted to accept these.

If you are able to volunteer on the evening, the commitment is to be at the church by around 6.30 to 6.45pm, and (if possible) remain for a short while following the concert. We will need help with: putting out chairs; welcoming guests; showing people to seats; serving drinks at the "dry" bar in the hall; putting seats away at the end. Please let a Steward know if you can help. We are requesting that all our volunteers dress in a white top/shirt and black bottoms/trousers (and could the men wear a black bow tie, if possible)? We want this to feel like a really special evening for those who attend, plus it will be easy for everyone to see who the stewards on the evening are.

The church building will be open from 6.00pm for Rev Heather and her choir to set up.

1 November – 4.30 to 6.30pm – [Light Party](#) – Pastor Mike will be running this event for the families associated with our church. Join us for a fun-filled evening! Get ready for an evening of games, music, and laughter. Come dressed in your brightest clothes and be prepared to shine! This is a great opportunity to make new friends and create lasting memories. Don't miss out on this exciting event - see you there! Free tickets must be obtained from [Eventbrite](#). As there are limited places, booking is essential.

29 November – 7.00 to 9.00pm – Beetle Drive – Please keep this date free in your diaries and further information will follow.

Other Information

Church income was £179.00, which comprises collections, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

New Prayer Initiative – [Heather](#) is still hoping to receive more names to add to her list of people you would love to come to faith. Please take a few moments to consider this and get your list to Heather as soon as possible. The prayer warriors are committing to praying for these people for an entire year. If you would love to be a prayer warrior, please let Heather know. We are excited to see what God is going to do.

Community Outreach Pastor update – This week has been busier than usual, with three assemblies led. I led two in Rochford Primary school and one in Holt Farm school, looking at friendship and love. I also had the chance to meet the new Holt Farm headteacher and to talk with her about the school.

I met Diane and Jamie from the Bar n bus and we talked about outreach ideas, with the new skatepark at Clements Hall a focal point for future work. Work in King Edmund and Greensward were also talked about, with a consultation one possible way to determine what would work best with the young people.

I also attended the launch of the Megacentre Community Hub, based in Rayleigh Methodist Church. I had the chance to meet a local youth worker and to talk about outreach ideas as well as to catch up with the Megacentre CEO. I also spoke with members of the Revive community supermarket team and advised them on some external funding.

Next week I will be starting the first part of a three-part residential training course in Coventry, looking at community leadership. The first section is on understanding your own leadership style and to improve your leadership capabilities. Although led by the Local Government Association, I am sure that I will learn a lot applicable to this role as well. I am also hoping to visit the Christian Resources Exhibition.

And finally, 55 (soon to be 59) tickets have been sold for the Gospel choir, so please do keep inviting people along. Thanks, Mike Webb

Collect – Lord, in your goodness, open our eyes to your light, and so fill our hearts with your glory that we may always acknowledge Jesus as Saviour, and hold fast to his word in sincerity and truth. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Other Events

17 October – 2.00 to 4.00pm - Traditional Afternoon Tea at [UMC Great Woking](#). £7.50 per person. Please book a place by calling the office on 07752 859296. Or Email: office@umcsouthend.org.uk

11 December – 7.00pm - Modern Christmas Songs of Worship at [Belfairs Methodist Church](#). Led by the Circuit worship band and others from across the Circuit. All are welcome to join us, refreshments to follow.

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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