

Prayers of Intercession

Lord of hope, we come with our joys and sorrows, our testing moments and touching moments. As we reflect on the week that's just passed, fix our thoughts on where we saw glimpses of hope. As we focus on those images, help us to see where you were at work.

We thank you for good news this week, particularly remembering...

See, he is doing a new thing among us.

Lord, bring in your kingdom and renew our hope.

Lord of hope, sometimes our world feels hope-less. We hear of wars and rumours of wars, especially in Ukraine and the Middle East. Our world seems a place of confusion and unrest, especially in Venezuela and other parts of the western hemisphere. Leaders seem to grasp their power tightly and neglect justice; their words seem to be either black or white, love or hate; there seems to be no desire to compromise or understand each other. Lord of hope, you see all this and you weep. Yet, you also whisper a new way of living: the bruised and broken are tended to, justice is proclaimed, the sick are healed and the captives freed. Lord, you came to set us free. Help us to walk in that way of freedom, following your lead and bringing your justice and love to everyone we meet.

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Lord of hope, we focus now on signs of hope within our community. We thank you for places of nurture and education, for our health services and places of recreation. We think of a particular part of our community that needs new life and hope and we wonder: Are you calling us to be the answer to our prayers? Take us out from here to be your servants, sowing seeds of hope into every place we go this week.

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Lord of hope, we pray for our nation. We pray for those in government, that they may be people of integrity, honesty and peace. We thank you that you came in humility to be our King. May our earthly leaders follow your way of justice and love. We bring to mind a particular area of need in our country right now: give our leaders the courage and diligence to make change happen to the benefit of those who have little chance of making changes for themselves.

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Lord of hope, at your baptism your Father declared his love and delight in you. We pray for our families now. We thank you for those who bring us joy and name them out loud or in our hearts. We pray for those family members who are causing us concern at the moment, through illness or trouble of some sort. Lord, enable us to be bringers of hope to them. We pray for those from whom we might be estranged. Lord, bring hope into our distance and bring us closer. We pray for those who have no family and long to be close to others. Give us eyes to see where there is need and to bring hope and friendship into their loneliness. And we remember those for whom family life is painful and scary.

Lord, speak hope into their situations and bring them to places of safety.

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Lord of hope, send us out into a new week refreshed by having spent time worshipping you, renewed in our zeal to bring your kingdom into every situation, startled by the joy that we glimpse unexpectedly and ready to serve you in the good times and the hard. Fill us with the hope that does not disappoint as we welcome you daily into our hearts. **Amen.**

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Sunday 11 January 2026

Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Isaiah 42: 6-7

“I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles,
7 to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.”

If you have any items that you would like to be added, or suggestions for inclusion, please advise [Mike Sims](#).



HEARING LOOP INSTALLED

Switch hearing aid to T-coil

Sunday 11 January 2026

1st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Services and Meetings this week

Sunday – 9.30am – Our service will be led by Pam Smith.

Monday – 4.00 – 5.00pm – **Monday Club**. Ages 4-12. 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. We will be continuing our "Talking Jesus" course.

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.

Forward Notices

Next Sunday – 9.30 for 10.00am – Our service will be led by Rev Agnes Sam, with 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.

The church will be open for refreshments from our usual time of 9.30, but the service will not start until 10am.

– **3.00pm** - **Accreditation service of Anne Briant**. [United Methodist Church, Great Wakering](#). Bright coloured clothes are encouraged.

21 January – 7.00pm – **House Group Party** – We will be meeting at the home of Val and Dave. Please speak to a steward if you would like further information.

Other Information

Church income was £364.00, which comprises collections, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

Community Outreach Pastor update – This week I have been sorting out assemblies at Holt Farm Infant school and I am now booked in at the school several times leading up to the Easter holidays.

Lego club will start again on Monday and we look forward to welcoming all our families back.

Ideas are being discussed for a short Christianity explored course, please pray for wisdom as we work out the best way to run it.

Next week I will also be at a Trustee's meeting with Bar n Bus. Thanks, Mike Webb

Notices Distribution by Email – A reminder that if the weekly notices do not appear in your In Box on Friday evenings, you can pull up the latest version from the church website. For ease, all previous versions have a hot link to the page on our website where you can find the notices. You can always pick them up from [here](#).

Collect - God our Redeemer, through Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism made us one with him. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in Christ; for he 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, Sylvia, Pat, Gwen and Maureen.

Other Events

28 January – 7.45pm - **Wholeness and Wellbeing Service**. This is held via Zoom. Please contact the [Circuit Office](#), if you would like further details.

6 February – 7.15pm (for 8.00pm start) – Radio 4 - Any Questions. [Highlands Methodist Church](#). Join us and put your questions in person to panellists from politics, media and beyond.

A panel of 4 will answer a selection of questions from the audience, hosted by Alex Forsyth. Highlands Church is a disabled friendly venue but with very limited parking.

Doors will open at 6.30 pm for refreshments and **you need to be seated by 7.15**. Recording starts at 8pm. Entry to the event is free on a first come, first served basis, by ticket only. There are no pre-allocated seats. You can book a place at [Eventbrite](#).

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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