

Prayers of Intercession

Almighty God, aware that there is so much in our world today which needs your transforming love, we trust that you will hear our heartfelt prayers, even when we can't find the words to express them.

Many of us feel unsettled as we witness news reports and images recently. We see influential people involved in scandal and wrongdoing and we don't know whom to trust. We see the powerful running rough-shod over the most vulnerable in society and we don't know how to stand against them. We see international disunity, division and conflict and we wonder what will happen next. Take pity on us, Lord, and strengthen those who work for peace, for reconciliation, for compassion and for truth.

Ever-present God, **may we witness the transforming light of your love.**

We bring before you all victims of those who abuse or have abused their position of power in any way. May their voices be heard and wrongs righted. And we ask that you will fill all those in leadership with wisdom and a desire truly to follow your way with integrity.

Ever-present God, **may we witness the transforming light of your love.**

Loving God, with poverty levels in this country at just over one in five and food price inflation at almost 5%, we think of those affected by the increasing poverty in our communities and those who struggle to make ends meet. We remember those who struggle to get employment because of disability or ill health, criminal records, unpaid caring roles, homelessness, or due to discrimination. We pray for those facing redundancy or the collapse of their workplace. Bring them hope and relief from anxiety; enable those who can offer them practical and emotional support; and open up ways to change their circumstances. We pray that the most vulnerable will be prioritised in political decision making at all levels and that those with economic influence might promote a more equitable distribution of resources.

Ever-present God, **may we witness the transforming light of your love.**

God of those who mourn, we pray for those who struggle with illness of body, mind or spirit and for those who care for them, whether as professionals or as those who love them. Bring comfort and healing, patience and endurance into those lives. We pray for insight and clarity for those who work to find new ways of improving life for those who suffer or struggle in any way. We ask your blessing on those known to us who are in any kind of trouble.

Ever-present God, **may we witness the transforming light of your love.**

God of the everyday, we pray for our community, our church, our friends and families, and for ourselves. You alone know the thoughts of our hearts and the concerns we carry; the deepest need of those around us, spoken and unspoken. Where there is need, Lord, bring your transforming love, and help us to serve, not for our own wellbeing, reputation and gratification but in your name. **Amen.**

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Sunday 15 February 2026

Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Psalm 99:1-3

The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake. Great is the Lord in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations. Let them praise your great and awesome name— he is holy.

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 15 February 2026

Sunday before Lent

Services and Meetings this week

Sunday – 10.00am – Our service will be led by Rev Agnes. This will be an **All Age Worship** service, so please note the later start time. The church will be open from 09:30 as usual, for tea/coffee.

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. Next week we will start our Lent Bible studies and the resources are [available](#), but for *this* week we will have a Q&A session, after having watched the second set of the Talking Jesus course videos.

Wednesday – 8.00pm – House Group. We will be meeting at the home of Carole and Bruce, and Rev Agnes will be leading our discussion at this meeting. If you would like to come along, you will be most welcome! Speak to a steward if you need further details.

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. (As it's half term, it will not be running this week.)

Saturday – 6.00 to 8.00pm – Pizza, Faith and Questions – Part 2 – [Christianity Explored](#)
– If you would like to help on the evening, please let [Pastor Mike Webb](#) know.

Forward Notices

Next Sunday – 9.30am – Our service will be led by Mike Fogg.

22 March – 10.30am – We will be holding our **Annual Church Meeting** following the morning service. Further details will follow.

Other Information

Church income was £261.80, which comprises collections, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

Community Outreach Pastor update – It was wonderful to see so many new and familiar faces at our first "Hope Explored" session. With 10 people gathered around the table, the atmosphere was warm and the discussions were truly encouraging.

As we look toward Part 2 on **Saturday, Feb 21st**, we want to keep that momentum going! Our church is full of wonderful friendships, and this is the perfect 'plus-one' environment to share that community with others. If you know someone who is looking for a bit of hope or has questions about faith, why not invite them to come along with you? Prayerfully think who you can bring along. Please RSVP to me for pizza numbers."

I also met with Sanctuary Housing this week and gave them an update on how Lego Club is going. They were pleased with how it is going and look forward to an end of year review of the club.

My assembly at Rochford Primary School went well, the children enjoyed hearing about the concluding part of the story of Joseph.

We had a section meeting with Rayleigh this week, it was good to hear about the work that they are doing. Thanks, Mike Webb

Collect – God of life and light, you Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death on the cross. Give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to follow him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who 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.

Notices Distribution by Email – Whilst the email list I use to send out the notices does not change each week, I am aware that some people do not always receive theirs. Whilst they may disappear into the ether, on the odd occasion, you can always pick the latest version on the church website. I put the email link at the beginning of each week's issue, and you can always pick them up from [here](#).

Other Events

15 February – 3.00pm - Organ Concert with David Stanley and Special Guests.

Benfleet Methodist Church. Supporting The Music Man Project to perform their Broadway Dream. Tickets £10 or at the door. For tickets call 07402868667. Refreshments 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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