

## Prayers of Intercession

Come Holy Spirit  
as the people first knew you in fire and rushing wind.  
May we receive from you the life and power we need  
to live in the world with faith, hope and love.  
Come, breath of heaven

**All: fill us with the love of God.**

Come gathering and unifying Spirit of God.  
Come to break down our barriers.  
Come to gather us from all ages and stages of life;  
from every place and speaking many languages.  
Come to unite us though we are so different.  
We pray for an end to false divisions based on culture, language and class;  
of insiders and outsiders; of gender, ethnicity, race or sexuality.  
We pray for love that crosses divides and sees our common humanity;  
for love that does not speak of 'us' and 'them'  
but finds your image in all people whatever their status.  
And for the gift of love that is the beginning and end of all we do.

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Come inspiring and in-between Spirit.  
Come to the 'not yet' where reconciliation seems a distant dream.  
Come to parts of our world where people are not yet able to live together in peace.  
Come to the 'not yet' of our hopes of creating a better world.  
Come to the 'not yet' of our search for equality, justice and freedom for all,  
remembering all who fight the powerful for justice,  
including campaigners for victims of abuse  
and those who have campaigned on behalf of the victims and survivors  
of the Grenfell fire as they finally get news of prosecutions for the tragedy.  
We pray that we would build communities where everyone is accepted  
and ask for unity where slogans divide us and the rights of minorities are under threat.  
We pray for the gifts of hope and patience  
as we look for your kingdom to come on earth.

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Come gentle and sustaining Spirit of God.  
Come and breathe your peace on our hurrying and rushing and calm our minds.  
Come to relationships that are fractured and friendships that are broken.  
Come to our uncertainties and our fears to breathe your peace.  
We pray for the love we need to serve other people and to welcome everyone,  
even people we do not like.  
We pray for patience in our church when there is conflict  
and the determination to work for unity  
and to truly listen to people with whom we disagree.  
Give us the gifts of respect and tolerance as you weave together our differences and make us one.  
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## Sunday 24 May 2026

## Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Acts 2: 17-18

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy."

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 24 May 2026

Pentecost Sunday / Church Anniversary

### Services and Meetings this week

**Sunday – 9.30am** – Our service will be led by Debra Spinks. This will be our Church Anniversary service.

**Monday – 4.00 – 5.00pm** – [Monday Club](#) is not meeting this week as it's Bank Holiday and Half Term break.

**– 7.00 to 7.15pm** – **Rochford Prayer** will not be meeting this week.

**Tuesday – 7.30pm** – **Bible Study**. You are welcome to join us on [Zoom](#). Meeting ID: 948 2779 0660. Passcode: 425539. We are studying Philipians.

**Wednesday – 8.00pm** – Our **House Group** will be meeting at the home of Heather and Mike. You are very welcome to join us and if you need further information, please speak to them/another Steward.

**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** for 0-5 year olds and their carers will be closed on Friday 29th May. We re-open on Friday 5 June.

### Forward Notices

**Next Sunday – 11.15am** – Our service will be a **United Service** at [Hockley Methodist Church](#). Please note that there will be **no service at Rochford next week**.

**27 June – 6.00 to 8.00pm** – **Pizza for Thought 3** – Rev Agnes and Pastor Mike will be leading another in the series for people to ask questions about the Christian faith. More details to follow closer to the time.

**4 July – Summer Party**. Pastor Mike is starting to plan this and will be very grateful for volunteers to assist on the day. This event is aimed at reaching out to the families that we have links with, eg through JAM and Monday Club. We are seeking to welcome them all into the church family!

### Other Information

**Church income** was £276.50, which comprises collections, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

**Christian Aid Week** – So far we have raised a total of £170 – thank you very much to everyone who so generously contributed! Please put in any final contributions this week. This money will be used to support the many people in need. At our recent service we learned about the great work being undertaken by Christian Aid partners such as “Beacon of Hope”, supporting an urban farming scheme in Dagoretti, Nairobi.

**Community Outreach Pastor update** – Thanks to those who helped out at Lego Club this week, we had a lovely time making craft and playing in the garden. We will be back on June 1st. If you would like to help out at Lego Club once in a while, please do get in touch.

Plans are underway for our next Pizza for Thought night, more details to follow soon. Plans are also underway for our summer party, to be held on July 4th. Thanks, Mike Webb

**Baptism of Max Pullum** – We have received thanks from Heather's sister, Gillian, on behalf of all of the family for the lovely baptism service performed by Rev Agnes last week. Gillian also wanted to thank the people who so kindly assisted with the refreshments, and clearing up in the hall following the service. There were around 50 people in the congregation and it was a lovely atmosphere! Rev Agnes enlisted the help of Max's 4 older siblings during the service. We were also blessed with the reading that Holly gave - she did brilliantly! We plan to continue to make use of our young people in forthcoming All Age Worship services.

**Collect** – God, who at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour 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.

### Other Events

**7 June – 4.00pm – Rev Steve Mayo's Testimony Service.** [Rayleigh Methodist Church](#). Preacher will be Deacon Sarah McDowall. If you are free to come along, it will be lovely to see a good contingent from Rochford to celebrate Steve's transition into presbyteral ministry.

### [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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