

Prayers of Intercession

Loving God in our divided world we pray for unity
among families, among communities, among faiths, among the nations.
We pray for peace in the Middle East, in Ukraine,
and ask your blessing on all the volatile places in the world,
places where those who speak truth are silenced,
and for those who are killed and injured going about their daily lives.
Lord, may those who live in fear cling on to hope
and may we all work together for a safer world.

We pray for all displaced people around the world.
For those living in abject poverty and for those in refugee camps.
We pray for an end to the exploitation of the vulnerable by people smugglers
and for those whose desperation leads them to climb into small boats to try and cross seas and oceans.
We pray for wisdom and compassion for those who have to make difficult decisions about immigration
and for policies that are sustainable and fair for all countries who give refuge to families and those seeking
better lives.
We pray for those communities overwhelmed by the number of people coming to their shores
and for those communities whose resources are stretched
and for all places where there is tension and mistrust.
Lord, may those who are desperate cling on to hope
and may we all work together for a safer world.

We continue to pray for all people and wildlife that have lost their lives,
their livelihoods and their habitats in wildfires.
For places where drought has devastated crops and where animals are dying.
We pray for our farmers and all who work on the land.
Lord may those who are grieving cling on to hope
and may we all work together for a safer world.

We pray for those who have been victims of crime and those who feel justice hasn't been served and their
voices not heard.
We pray for those in prison, for prison chaplains and all who to seek to help offenders turn their lives
around.
We pray for those entrusted with the responsibility of sentencing and releasing those who have committed
crimes.
We pray for the families of victims whose killers have never been brought to justice
and we pray for the families of those in prison.
Lord may those who feel overwhelmed cling on to hope
and may we all work together for a safer world.

And finally we entrust to you those we love:
those who are ill, those who feel lost, those who carry heavy burdens and those we are estranged from.
Lord may those who are struggling cling to hope
and may we all work together for a safer world.
In Jesus name
Amen.

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Sunday 9 August 2026

Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Romans 10:15

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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 9 August 2026

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Services and Meetings this week

Sunday – 9.30am – Local Arrangement – Songs of Praise – This service will include a number of people from the congregation sharing a favourite hymn, song, Bible passage, reading or poem. Many thanks to everyone who will be taking part!

Monday – 4.00 to 5.00pm – [Monday Club](#). This will restart in September.

– 7.00 to 7.15pm – Rochford Prayer via [Zoom](#). Meeting ID 768 0376 1257
Passcode: 8yTeDH.

Tuesday – 7.30pm – Bible Study. This will restart 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. This will restart in September.

Forward Notices

Next Sunday – 9.30am – Our preacher will be Mike Fogg.

Gift Fortnight – It's not too late if you still haven't contributed, but would like to. Our Treasurer is holding off announcing the total until later this month, for any late-comers. These donations will be specifically to refurbish the Benson Room by buying new comfortable chairs to replace the low ones that we currently have.

25 August – 11.00am to 1.00pm – [Teddy Bears' Picnic](#) - Lunchtime cooking club for children and teddy bears. For tickets use this [link](#). A responsible adult will need to stay at all times. Places are limited. Please book one ticket per family.

Other Information

Church income was £289.00, which comprises collections, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

JMA Boxes - It is that time of year again so if you have a JMA collecting box please can you let Judy have it for our annual accounts. Many thanks Judy

Caring for our environment - Did you know that bread is one of the most wasted food items in UK households? Throwing away food doesn't just waste money—it wastes all the energy, water, and transport used to produce it, while adding to landfill emissions.

This week, try a simple habit shift to cut down on food waste:

- Freeze half: Slice and freeze fresh bread straight away so you only thaw what you need.
- Get creative with leftovers: Turn stale crusts into breadcrumbs, croutons, or a traditional bread pudding.
- Rescue surplus: Try downloading apps like [Too Good To Go](#) or [Olio](#) to collect unsold food from local bakeries and supermarkets before it goes to waste.

Small changes in our kitchens make a big difference to God's creation!

Collect – Living God, you have placed in the hearts of your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that in believing in the One whom you have sent, we may know him to be the true bread of heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Elderly Friends - Please remember – Sylvia, Pat, Gwen and Maureen.

Other Forward Notices

9 August – 7.30pm - Sunday Gospel Vespers - Fishermen's Chapel goes outside. They will be meeting on Marine Parade opposite the new Beauleigh Court Care home (postcode SS9 2NA). Please bring chairs/rug and a drink. Cakes will be shared! Everyone welcome.

(Gospel Vespers is an evening worship service that blends traditional Christian vespers (evening prayer) with Black gospel music, spirituals, and contemporary soul-infused music.)

12 September – 7.00pm – Folk concert - "'OUR ATLANTIC ROOTS' fuse together poetic lyrics and cinematic instrumentation, creatively presenting a blend of the cultures they are individually from, by merging genres characterized by their country and folk roots". [Highlands Methodist Church](#). Tickets: £5.00 per head, available from: [We Got Tickets](#). Profits will go to the charity [Aspirations in Southend](#).

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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