

Prayers of Intercession

Loving Christ, who feeds us with the bread of life, we bring before you in our prayers all those who hunger for peace and security around the world. Where people live in fear of bombing, terrorism, hate and violence, we ask you to provide sanctuary and hope, and ultimately an end to hostilities. Strengthen the mediators, the negotiators, and all who strive for peace.

Loving Christ, who feeds us with the bread of life, **grant us our daily bread.**

Loving Christ, we pray for our earth which hungers for clean air and water and space to grow undamaged by materialistic societies. Change the hearts of those who prioritise short-term greed before the long-term future of our planet. We pray especially for those people adversely affected by the droughts and flooding and other natural disasters prompted by climate change.

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Loving Christ, we pray for all who hunger for their physical needs to be met. We pray for those children who go to bed with empty stomachs and those who sacrifice their own needs to feed their families. We pray for those seeking shelter on the streets or in short-term accommodation and hostels; those struggling to make a fresh start after a time in prison; those seeking asylum; and those for whom the pay packet barely stretches to cover the month. We ask you to provide security and reassurance, moving the hearts of ourselves and others to help meet their need. Where opportunities arise to strengthen their finances, let there be people on hand to guide and advise.

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Loving Christ, we bring before you all who hunger for comfort or healing, for those who long to be well and for those who look forward to the end of life. We ask you to provide peace of mind, strengthening of mind and body, and easy access to support from the relevant agencies. Bless those who watch and care for others, both those who love them and those who serve them, and all who mourn. Provide comfort and encouragement, we pray.

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Loving Christ, you know what it is for which we hunger. We take time now to pray in the silence for our own needs and the needs which lie heavy on our hearts...

We take time now to pray for those here beside us, to our left and to our right, whose needs may not be known to us but are known to you...

We take time to pray for this church and for the worldwide church, that you may make your will for them known and strengthen their mission and service...

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Sunday 20 September 2026

Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Isaiah 55:6

"Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near."

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 20 September 2026

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please note that pending the Circuit assigning Rev Kwane a phone number, Rev Pete Moorhouse remains as our ministerial contact. Hopefully this will be rectified next week.

Services and Meetings this week

Saturday – 6.00 to 8.00pm – [Christianity Explored](#). This will be the next session in our course of study together. The session will be discussing “The Cross”. If you haven’t been along before and would like to find out more, please speak with [Mike Sims](#).

Sunday – 9.30am – We will be celebrating our annual **Harvest Festival** and this service will be led by Jane Fulford. A special collection will be taken for [All We Can](#) (previously the Methodist Relief and Development Fund). Please also bring along your donations of packet/tinned food to this service and these will be passed on to HARP.

Monday – 3.45 to 4.45pm – [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 – Please note that the **Rochford Prayer** meeting will not be held on Zoom this week as we will be holding our **Church Leadership Team** meeting at the church with Rev Kwane a little later that evening.

Tuesday – 7.30pm – Bible Study. You are welcome to join us on [Zoom](#). Meeting ID: 948 2779 0660. Passcode: 425539. We are going through the study course [Worship’s Beautiful Mystery](#). Rev Ruth from Rayleigh will be leading our study this week on “Social Worship”.

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 on Fridays in term time and is for parents/carers with children aged 0 to 5 years. There is a suggested donation of £2 per family.

Forward Notices

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Other Information

Church income was £319.10, which comprises collections, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

Message from Rev Kwane - Rev’d Kwane Russell is a Methodist Minister who is from the Methodist Church in the Caribbean Connexion. He is Jamaican, was ordained in January 2019 and served the Duncans and Falmouth Methodist Circuits in the Jamaica District. He recently completed a Masters in Missional Theology at Cliff College and will be graduating on November 21, 2026. He recently served as a Young Adult Pastoral Support worker at the Trinity Methodist Church Long Eaton in the Nottingham Trent Valley Circuit.

It is my delight to serve the congregations and circuit during this maternity cover. May the Holy Spirit bless our time together as we serve God’s people. I am looking forward with great excitement to meet the members, friends of the church and the communities we serve.

Church Leadership Team Meeting - If you have any items that you would like to be discussed at CLT, please pass these on to one of the Stewards.

Announcement of New District Chair - The Revd Dr. David Chapman’s term as Chair will come to its end in August. He will be replaced by Rev Michael Parker from September 2027. Mike is the Chaplain-General for the British Army, the most senior Army chaplain nationally. He began his ministry in the Colchester Circuit. As an Army chaplain, he has engaged with a wide range of people within and beyond the Christian community, with specific concern to support young people and to advocate for global members of the Methodist Church.

Circuit Newsletter - The latest edition of the Southend & Leigh Circuit Newsletter is now available to read online! Catch up on updates from across our circuit, upcoming events, local mission news, and the circuit calendar and prayer diary. Click [here](#) to read the full newsletter.

Collect – God our Redeemer, who called your church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us so to proclaim the good news of your love that all who hear it may be reconciled to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Caring for our environment – As the season changes, we can all take simple, practical steps to care for God’s creation, whether we have a large garden, a small patio, or just a sunny windowsill.

For Gardeners: Leave fallen leaves in borders to decompose naturally into nutrient-rich leafmold. Keeping flower heads and hollow stems intact until spring provides seed sources for birds and vital shelter for hibernating insects.

For Patios & Balconies: Leave potted perennial stems intact over winter to offer shelter for mini-beasts. If you're tidying pots, top them up with peat-free compost or homemade mulch to protect plant roots and soil organisms from frost.

For Indoors & Windowsills: Grow winter herbs (like parsley or thyme) indoors on a windowsill to cut down on plastic-packaged shop herbs. You can also place small bird feeders on window glass or balcony railings to support local bird life through the colder months.

By making space for nature wherever we are, we nurture local wildlife, support soil health, and honor the delicate ecosystems entrusted to our care.

Other Forward Notices

23 September – 7.45pm – Healing and Wellbeing Service – [Benfleet Methodist Church](#).

All are welcome to attend this service, and for more details please contact the [Circuit office](#).

10 October – 10.00am to 2.00pm - Circuit Quiet Day. [Belfairs Methodist Church](#).

Theme “Speak O Lord, as we come to You”. Guided meditations. Worship. A time to pause in our busy lives. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea/coffee 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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