

Prayers of Intercession

God of truth and justice, we pray for all those living in war zones around the world, in places of extreme violence and fear. We remember especially the people of Gaza, of Yemen, of Sudan, of Ukraine and pray for all who are killed and maimed by those who have made a god of power.

Holy God of honour and love, **hear our prayer and be with all who are suffering.**

We pray for our world leaders that they would honour all that is good, right and just and be given humility, wisdom and integrity in their dealings with one another and in the decisions which impact the lives of so many...

We pray for more positive relationships between nations of different faiths and different cultures and for all who stand up for peace and freedom in nations where both these things are stifled...

Holy God of honour and love, **hear our prayer and be with all who are suffering.**

We pray for everyone who has been exploited by those who have made a god of money and material possessions. We pray especially for the victims of scams and theft, for those who have given their money away in moments of vulnerability, and for all who are struggling with debt.

Holy God of honour and love, **hear our prayer and be with all who are suffering.**

We pray for all those who have been dishonoured by others, publicly in the media or privately, in relationships, at work, or school or college... We pray for those who are abused or discriminated against because of their faith, their appearance, or their sexuality...

We pray for our church communities and those who guide and lead us. We pray for those we know who are struggling today and those who are struggling behind closed doors, for those who are ill or isolated or who feel lost. We pray for one another, for grace that we would not dishonour you by our life choices or by disrespecting those around us.

Holy God of honour and love, **hear our prayer and be with all who are suffering.**

And on this Animal Welfare Sunday as we pray for our earth and all the climatic challenges we are facing, we pray especially for the animals we share this planet with... We pray for those companion animals who bring us so much joy and those animals around the world who are losing their natural habitat, those that are being trafficked, hunted, exploited and killed...

Holy God of honour and love, **hear our prayer and be with all who are suffering.**

We ask this in Jesus name,

Amen.

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Sunday 4 October 2026

Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Psalm 19:14

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer."

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 4 October 2026

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We now have the full contact details for Rev Kwane. His phone number is 07467 128052 and we were previously advised of his [email address](#). Please note that Rev Kwane's non-working day is currently Saturdays.

Services and Meetings this week

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

– **9.30am** - [JAM - Church 4 Children Club](#) for children 5 to 12 years old. Games, drawing, craft, puppets, play tent, fiddle toys, Lego, Playdough, wacky science & Bible-themed stories. Just turn up, or for further information, email [Joan](#).

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** – **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 are going through the study course [Worship's Beautiful Mystery](#). This week Rev Kwane will be leading us in the session "Attractive worship".

Wednesday – 7.00pm (meal), 8.00pm (meeting) – [Worship Academy](#) – [Benfleet Methodist Church](#). This month will be an interview with our outgoing Circuit chair, Rev Dr David Chapman. This meeting is open to *everyone*, not just local preachers and worship leaders. Usually at least 2 of our worship leaders attend.

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

Next Sunday (11th) – 9.30am – Our service will be led by Rev Kwane. Holy Communion will be celebrated during this service.

14 October – 8pm – Our **Church Council Meeting** will be held in the Benson Room at the church. Everyone is very welcome to attend to hear the reports and discussions on the life of the church in Rochford, but please note that only church members may participate in any votes that may be held during this meeting. As part of this meeting we will be progressing our discussion on the future of the church that we started at the "Vision Day" held on 1 August. If you have any items that you would like to be included, please let [Val Dobbin](#) or [Rev Kwane](#) know.

28 October – 8.00pm – **House Group** – This meeting will be at Carole and Bruce's home and you will be very welcome to join us for this evening of fellowship together. If you need more details, please speak with a Steward.

18 November – 8.00pm – **House Group – Rev Kwane's Testimony** – Put this in your diary now! The home in which we will be meeting is to be confirmed.

Other Information

Church income was £556.50, which comprises collections, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

News of Agnes's Baby – We have just received this message from Rev Agnes. "Our hearts are overflowing as we introduce our beautiful baby boy, Elijah Jireh Sam-Kyei  Born on 25 September 2026 at 7.20am, weighing 8lb 6oz — perfect in every way. It's taken us a little over a week to settle on his name, but these first days with him have been nothing short of precious. We're loving every moment of becoming a family of four. Samuel is completely enchanted by his baby brother. He wants to be involved in everything — cuddles, nappy changes, outfit choices — and he's already embracing his big-brother role with such tenderness. Watching them together has been one of the most beautiful parts of this journey. Welcome to the world, Elijah. You are loved beyond measure."

Harvest Thanksgiving Donations Many thanks to all who generously donated dried goods for [HARP](#) and returned envelopes in support of [All We Can](#). The final total will be announced next week, so if you haven't returned your envelope yet, please do so this week.

Church Gift Fortnight – Benson Room Seating - Next steps. Following the generous donations for new seating in the Benson Room, we are bringing an update to the next Church Council meeting.

We are aiming for maximum flexibility without overcrowding the room, which may mean a mix of seating styles. We've been considering how the room will be used, how many chairs are needed, and which styles fit best.

Please join us at the next Church Council meeting to hear our progress and share your views!

Collect – Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are those who observe and keep your law. Help us to seek you with our whole heart, to delight in your commandments and to walk in the glorious liberty given us by your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we make our prayer. Amen.

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

Caring for our environment – One of the simplest ways to care for God's earth is to look closer to home. Choosing locally grown produce or supporting local repair shops cuts down on long-distance transport emissions and reduces unnecessary packaging. This week, try making one small switch: buy a few seasonal items from a local market or green-grocer, or choose a fair-trade product that supports ethical farming abroad. Every mindful purchase is an act of care for creation.

Other Forward Notices

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.

24 October – 6.00 to 8.00pm – [Christianity Explored](#) – We will be running the next session of the study on "The Resurrection". The bible passages that will be explored together are Mark 15:42-16:8. After the cross, Jesus' followers are scattered and grieving. It looked like the end. But as guests read the closing chapters of the Gospel of Mark, they see that Jesus' death was not a failure and not a surprise. It was part of his plan all along. Jane Fulford will be leading this session for us. You don't have to have attended the previous sessions to come along, and there is pizza to start the evening!

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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