

Prayers of Intercession

Kind God,
you are our kind of God and we entrust to you those on our hearts.
Those we know and who we share our lives with. And those whose stories we glimpse on our screens and in our papers.
We pray especially for our world, its leaders and all in power.
We pray for our government as they seek to implement policies that support those they serve...
and as they seek to work with the leaders of other nations amidst threats of violence, aggression and economic turmoil...
Lord, may they know your presence with them, **and may our hearts be as your heart that we might support them prayerfully and practically.**

We pray for the people of France and Spain amidst protests and disruption, for all seeking change, for all entrusted with keeping order and for good conversations not violent confrontations...
We pray against brutal regimes who silence the voices of those who challenge them. We remember especially the people of Iran, those in prison and those awaiting execution... for their families and for all who live in fear of arrest...
We pray too for the people of Afghanistan; for all places where there is little or no democracy and where the suffering of so many goes unseen and unreported.
Lord, may they know your presence with them, **and may our hearts be as your heart that we might support them prayerfully and practically.**

We pray for those who are worried about the rising costs of food and fuel especially as winter approaches...
For all who lack basic resources, and for those who are never invited to feast at anyone's table...
Those whose homelessness robs them of a sense of self worth, those whose situations rob them of opportunities, those whose displacement robs them of dignity and for all who feel forgotten and unloved...
Lord, may they know your presence with them, **and may our hearts be as your heart that we might support them prayerfully and practically.**

We pray for our churches and faith communities. That we would be places of welcome and beacons of light and healing in a world so darkened by despair and sadness...
We pray for those who have lost their faith in a loving God in a world of so much suffering...
We pray for one another that we would reflect Gospel hope, and lead others to Jesus' love and The Holy Spirit's comfort.
Lord, may they know your presence with them, **and may our hearts be as your heart that we might support them prayerfully and practically.**

And we pray for those who are ill. Those awaiting operations. Those debilitated by long-term conditions and those who know they are in their last days. We pray for those who journey with them, for all carers, doctors, nurses and health care assistants. We pray for those in our families and communities who are going through challenging times.
Lord, may they know your presence with them, **and may our hearts be as your heart that we might support them prayerfully and practically.**
Today and everyday,
In Jesus' name,
Amen.

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Sunday 11 October 2026

Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Philippians 4:6–7

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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 11 October 2026

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Services and Meetings this week

Sunday – 9.30am – Our service will be led by Rev Kwane. Holy Communion will be celebrated during this service.

Monday – 3.45 to 5.10pm – **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. This session includes a cooking activity and is extended to approx. 5.10pm to include eating pizzas together at the end. Then the club is closes for half term and reopens on 9th November 3.45 - 4.45pm.

– 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](#).

Wednesday – 8.00pm – 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.

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.
Happy Cup meets on Friday 16 October, then is closed 2 weeks for half term and reopens on Friday 6th November.

Forward Notices

Next Sunday (18th) – 10.00am – Our service will be an All Age Worship service that will be led by the JAM Children's team. Tea and coffee will be available from 9.30am.

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!

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** – The home in which we will be meeting will be confirmed closer to the time.

Other Information

Church income was £260.00, which comprises collections, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

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 now be announced next week, so if you haven't returned your envelope yet, you have one final week to do so.

Collect – Lord, in your goodness, open our eyes to your light, and so fill our hearts with your glory that we may always acknowledge Jesus as Saviour, and hold fast to his word in sincerity and truth. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Caring for our environment – Welcoming Wildlife This Autumn. As the weather cools and we turn up the heating, consider lowering your thermostat by just 1°C to save energy and reduce carbon emissions. Outside, leave fallen autumn leaves in flower beds or pile deadwood in a quiet corner of the garden—these provide essential winter shelter for hibernating hedgehogs and beneficial insects. For more

practical ways to enjoy and nurture nature, explore A Rocha UK's resources at arocha.org.uk/wild-christian.

Other Information/Forward Notices

Outreach Worker – Billericay Methodist Church are looking to recruit someone with a passion for sharing God's love and welcome to all. We have been asked to advertise this and full details are [here](#).

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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