

Prayers of Intercession

We pray to God, who is always ready –
for those overtaken with demands.

Give rest, O Lord.

For those overburdened with anxieties.

Give rest, O Lord.

For those overcome with debt.

Give relief, O Lord.

For those oppressed by powers that despise them.

Give salvation, O Lord.

For those in situations they cannot see a way out of.

Give freedom, O Lord.

For those in need of hope.

Give hope, O Lord.

Amen.

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Sunday 19 November 2023

Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

1 Thessalonians 5.9-11

For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

If you have any items that you would like to be added, or suggestions for inclusion, please advise [Mike Sims](#).



This Church has an inductive loop. Anyone attending Sunday services who has an appropriate hearing aid should switch to Channel T.

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Services and Meetings this week

Sunday – 9.30am – This service will be an all age worship service and will be led by Rev Calvin.

Monday – 2 to 3.30pm - Cake and Kindness. Pop in for a free cup of tea/coffee and a piece of homemade cake. It is open to all!

– 7.00 to 7.15pm – Rochford Prayer via [Zoom](#). Meeting ID 942 6123 5641
Passcode: 331483.

Tuesday – 7.30pm – Bible Study on [Zoom](#) - Meeting ID: 993 4565 1990, Passcode: 805792. We will be continuing our study of Exodus from chapter 8.

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.

Forward Notices

Next Sunday – 9.30am – This service will be led by Sanya Strachan.

9 December – 6.30 for 6.45pm – We have been asked if we would sing **carols at the Holiday Inn** (by Southend airport) to the people who will be arriving for their Christmas dinners. This will be for 30 minutes, only, and we will be collecting for HARP. Please keep this date free in your diaries. For those who are able to attend, you will be welcome to come on to Heather and Mike's home afterwards for some festive hospitality.

23 December – 3pm – You will be very welcome to come and join us for **our Christingle Party** which will be hosted by our own Minister, Rev Calvin. There will be fun and games, with a buffet to follow in the Church hall. This will be suitable for all ages and promises to be a great time of fun and celebration.

24 December - 9.30am - **Carol Service** - This service will be led by Rev Calvin and will feature a selection of Christmas carols and readings to help us celebrate Christmas Eve and prepare ourselves for Christmas!

25 December - 10.00am - Our Christmas morning service will be run by our Worship Leaders. It will be approximately 30 minutes with a mix of carols, bible readings and prayers.

Other Information

Church income was £332.05, which comprises the collection, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

Community Outreach Pastor update – I will be attending the Bar n Bus AGM this week, where I am looking forward to hearing about all the great work that they are doing in our district. I am also leading an Assembly at Rochford Primary School this week on the topic of Jonah and the Whale, so prayers for a good morning would be appreciated. Thanks, Mike Webb

Collect - Eternal God, in whose perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of justice, and no strength known but the strength of love: guide and inspire all who seek your kingdom, that peoples and nations may find their security in the love which casts out fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

Our Elderly Friends - Please remember – Pat Rubidge, Gwen Smith, Marian Webb, and Maureen Whalley. All those who live alone would also appreciate phone calls. (Carole has all the phone numbers.)

Other Forward Notices

25 November – 2.30pm – **Advent Concert** at [Thorpe Bay Methodist Church](#). Come along and enjoy an afternoon of music and song. Donations accepted.

1 December – 7.30pm – Wesley Theatre Group presents “**Camelot - the Panto**”. [Wesley Hall](#). Tickets - £7; children - £5; family ticket (2A & 2C) - £20. [Booking](#) is essential. Box Office is 01702 480968. Further performances also on **Saturday 2 December – 2pm and 6pm**.

2 December – 2pm – Come and join **The Fishermen's Chapel Gospel Choir** singing at [The Peterboat](#). They will be collecting for the [Trinity Family Centre](#) who support some of our city's most vulnerable families.

3 December – 5pm – **Circuit Service** with **Modern Christmas Songs of Worship** at [Belfairs Methodist Church](#). Music will be led by the Circuit Band, with contributions from others in leading worship. Light refreshments to follow.

17 December – 4pm – Midwinter Carols with [The Famous Potatoes](#), at [The Fishermen's Chapel](#). This will be a candlelit service and is one of their most popular of the year. Be sure to arrive early to get a seat! They have lots of other events, which you can find out about [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.

You can also donate to the Church by PayPal Giving Fund

<http://paypal.com/gb/fundraiser/charity/3204147>

