

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, each day we make a variety of choices – what to eat, what to wear, where to go. Most of the time we don't even notice the choices we are making. But we call to mind a choice we had to make this week that was more important. We think about how we came to our decision.

Lord, if we made a bad choice, forgive us. If the choice was hard, give us your peace. If we are still awaiting the consequences, give us patience.

L: Lord, as we are confronted daily by different choices

All: Help us to go your way.

We now look ahead to the week in front of us. Maybe there are hard decisions to be made. Maybe we don't know if we will be confronted by difficult choices. But, whatever happens, Lord, our deepest desire is to make the right choices – to listen for your guidance and to go your way. Help us to be attuned to your voice; not to be ashamed or afraid to seek advice, and to be prepared to change our minds if we discern you leading us in a different direction.

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Lord, we pray for those in our local communities who need to make choices and decisions this week. We think of the health service: we pray for those who may receive difficult, life-changing diagnoses. We pray for doctors and other health professionals who need to advise patients on their care options.

We pray for teachers and students, particularly at this difficult exam time. Give those taking exams your peace and focus as they decide what to write on their exam papers. Help our young people to make good choices about their next steps. Give them good guidance, we pray, so that the outcomes will be positive for their futures.

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We bring before you, Lord, all those we know who have asked for our prayers. We remember those who are sick, sorrowful, lonely, isolated and afraid. We especially remember...

We ask for your help as we seek to bring them comfort. Help us to be joy-bringers into every difficult situation.

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We pray now further afield, for our leaders. Lord, the leaders of the world need so much wisdom and strength. May they be governed by a desire for integrity and humility. Help them to put the needs of the poorest and the oppressed ahead of the wealthiest and most influential. Stay their hands when they would choose violence over peace. Give them the courage to stand up for what is right.

We particularly bring to mind the following situations....

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Lord, we remember those whose life choices have not been good and have led to painful or devastating consequences. We remember those in prison and their families; those who are in serious debt; those in situations where they no longer feel safe and loved. We pray for those who choose to leave their countries because of persecution and find themselves in refugee camps or on small, unsafe boats crossing our seas. Lord, protect them and bring good outcomes.

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We think about local businesses and our places of work. Where might we need to make decisions this week? Where might our decisions have serious consequences for others? Lord, in the quiet, we bring those situations to you, asking for your wisdom to fill us as we go forward into a new week....

In our homes and families and social situations, Lord, guide us and help us each day to make the choices that will bring harmony and peace rather than conflict and argument. Help us to be quicker to listen than to speak. Give us discerning hearts.

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Help us always to be guided by you. Give us wisdom and show us the right paths to follow.

Amen.

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Sunday 9 June 2024

Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Psalm 138: 1-2

I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise. I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.

If you have any items that you would like to be added, or suggestions for inclusion, please advise [Mike Sims](mailto:Mike.Sims@rochfordmethodist.org.uk).



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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10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Services and Meetings this week

Sunday – 9.30am - Our service will be led by Sue Hockett.

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!

– **4 to 5pm** - [Lego building club](#) for families.

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

Tuesday – 7.30pm – Please note that there will be **no Bible Study this week**. This clashes with the Circuit Meeting which Calvin will be attending.

Wednesday – 8pm – Our **House Group** meeting will be held at Judy's home and she will be leading, together with Bruce. If you would like more details, please ask Judy, or one of the Stewards.

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 - Our service will be led by Rev Calvin and this will be an All Age Worship service.

Other Forward Notices

23 June – 6.30pm – Reflections on Sri Lanka. You are invited to our **Circuit Service at Belfairs Methodist Church** to hear Pastor Steve reflect on his visit to Sri Lanka. Pastor Steve came to our House Group earlier this year to tell us of his experiences and it was fascinating. You will not be disappointed if you can make this service!

26 June – 7.45pm – **Wholeness & Wellbeing Service** at [Benfleet Methodist Church](#). For more details, please contact the [Circuit Office](#).

30 June – 6pm – **10 Year Celebration Service** - [Southend CAP Debt Advice Centre](#). [Leigh Road Baptist Church](#). Followed by tea, coffee and cake.

6 July – 10.30am – [Bradwell Pilgrimage and Gathering](#) – A day for all ages of reflection, worship, workshops, crafts and walks. Keynote Speaker will be the new Bishop of Bradwell, Rt. Rev Adam Atkinson.

Other Information

Church income was £571.00, which comprises the collection, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

Community Outreach Pastor update – Just to say a huge thankyou to all that helped at the craft party. We had 15 children along from various clubs that the church run and all enjoyed themselves. Details of the summer party will be coming soon! Last week I lead two assemblies at Holt Farm School, looking at the story of Joseph. I will be going back into Rochford Primary this week, looking at the story of Moses. Thanks for your prayers. Mike Webb.

Collect – God faithful and true, you call every generation to make a pilgrim journey. Guide our feet along the road of faith, that we may put our whole trust in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.)

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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