

Prayers of Intercession

We have heard God,
and now we see God.

We see God in the opportunity for children and schools to take a break and rest. We see God in the opportunities to relax, do different things and use our creativity. We give thanks.
We see God in the changing seasons, the sun and rain, and the colours of the autumn leaves. We see God in the light at dawn and the autumn fruits. We give thanks.

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We see God in the light of our world, the places of good news and joy and the people who bring light to us. We see God in the new creations that he breathes life into every day. We give thanks.
We see God in the saints of the past – those well-known, and those who were saints for us. We see God in the example they give us, and the hope they shared. We give thanks.

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We see God in the amazing advances and discoveries in science that help us understand the created world. We give thanks for things that are used to help people heal. We give thanks.
We see God in the happiness of birthdays, celebrations and anniversaries. We give thanks for opportunities to gather with others and share good things. We give thanks.

We have heard and seen,
and now we pray to God.

We pray for our own church, town and community. We pray for the challenges faced by people who have difficult decisions to make and who face the unknown. We pray for the sick and the lonely, and all who feel unloved or abandoned. We pray for those who have life-limiting illnesses, that they may face them with strength and trust in you.

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We pray for the needs of the world, and again we think of the conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine. We pray for those who are too young to understand the trauma that surrounds them and those who are too distressed to see any future. We pray for those who have the power to bring pain, death and horror to an end, and those that seem to have no understanding of the chaos being caused.

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We pray for all those who work for justice, including the police, probation services and all those who work in the criminal justice system. As offending against others and causing harm seems to be on the rise, we pray for those who are sent to and who work in prisons, and those who are released and hope to change, and we ask that justice and mercy would be balanced in our society.

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We pray for this time of the year, when it can seem that fun is being made out of things that are sacred and special. We pray for those disturbed and upset by the darkness and horror. We pray for those who hide in their homes, worried about 'trick or treat'. We pray that all people will look beyond the darkness and see the light of those who have gone before, whose light shines on us.
Amen

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Sunday 27 October 2024

Weekly Notices and Prayers (1.0)

Remember that the clocks will go back by 1 hour on Saturday night!

Bible reading for the week

Psalm 34: 1-3

I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

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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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Services and Meetings this week

Sunday – 9.30am – Our service will be led by Archie McDowell.

– **4.30 – 6.30pm** - “**Light Party**” – This event is aimed at children (5-12 years), and their carers, as an alternative to Halloween. [Pastor Mike](#) will be looking for volunteers to help run this event, so if you are available please let him know.

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!

– **4.00 – 5.00pm** – [Monday Club](#). Ages 4-12. Crafts, Lego, snacks, games, and it's free! A responsible adult will need to stay at all times.

– **7.00 to 7.15pm** – No **Rochford Prayers** this week as we have a face to face **Church Leadership Meeting at 7.30pm**. The CLT will be meeting with the children's and young people's helpers and we would really appreciate your prayers for this discussion together.

Tuesday – 7.30pm – **Bible Study**. You are welcome to join us on [Zoom](#). Meeting ID: 948 2779 0660. Passcode: 425539. We will continue our study of the Beatitudes from Matthew 5.

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 – 11.30am – **Happy Cup Breakfast Club**. Runs every Friday in term time and is for parents/carers with children aged 0 to 5 years. £2 per family.

Forward Notices

Next Sunday – 9.30am – Our service will be a Local Arrangement.

– **3pm** - **United Methodist Church Shoeburyness - Service of Farewell and Thanksgiving**. Celebrating after 100 years of worship and praise in the community. St Andrew's Road, Shoeburyness, SS3 9HX. If you are planning on going or are needing a lift, please let Carole know as they are seeking to confirm numbers.

31 October - 11am - 1pm - [Half Term Family Lunch Cooking Club](#). Cooking ingredients and equipment will be provided. Ages 4-12. A responsible adult will need to stay. Limited spaces. To book, please call [Pastor Mike](#), or you can email.

6 November – 7pm (meal), 8pm (talk) – Worship Academy. What is the Methodist Connexion offering for Christmas? Richard Armiger. This will be held at Benfleet Methodist Church. All are very welcome to attend. It's not just for Local Preachers and Worship leaders. Anyone interested in worship is invited! There is a poster on the notice board in the lobby with dates and topics.

Other Events

3 November – 3pm - **United Methodist Church Shoeburyness - Service of Farewell and Thanksgiving**. Celebrating after 100 years of worship and praise in the community. St Andrew's Road, Shoeburyness, SS3 9HX. If you are planning on going or are needing a lift, please let Carole know as they are seeking to confirm numbers.

11 November - 11am - 4pm - **Westerley Care Home 75th Anniversary**. We invite you to celebrate 75 years of Christian Care at Westerley, 1 Winton Avenue, Westcliff on Sea, SS0 7QU. Including: a service led by the Methodist President of Conference; entertainment and refreshments.

Other Information

Church income was £358.00, which comprises the collection, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

Community Outreach Pastor update – This week has a busy last Monday club of term, thanks to all who helped out. We made lego lanterns and enjoyed lots of cake :) I have also led a Harvest Assembly at Holt Farm Infants School and attended a Bar n Bus trustee meeting. Thanks to those who have said they will help with the Light Party, we now have 33 kids signed up. We will be giving out sweets at the end of the party, if you would like to donate some sweets then please bring them to church by Sunday. Many thanks, Mike.

Prayer Handbook – We will be putting in an order for the [Methodist Prayer Handbook](#). They cost £4.50 each, and if you would like to buy one, please let [Mike Sims](#) know by 3 November. A large print edition is available for the same price, so please confirm which version you require.

Collect - Eternal God, giver of love and peace, you call your children together to live as one family. Give us grace to learn your ways and to do your will, that we may bring justice and peace to all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Elderly Friends - Please remember – Shirley Beadle, Sylvia Brigs, Pat Rubidge, Gwen Smith, Marian Webb, and Maureen Whalley.

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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