

Prayers of Intercession

When we walk through the flood
and the world seems dangerous and unpredictable
May we not be afraid!
Help us to know that you are with us and will never leave us.
Strengthen your people, O Lord.
All: Surround us with your peace.

When social media spreads misinformation, mistrust and hate
and where many voices compete for our loyalty and attention;
give us wisdom in choosing where we place our trust.
Help us to challenge lies with facts.
Strengthen your people, O Lord.
All: Surround us with your peace.

When the vulnerable go cold and many children live in poverty
but others enjoy luxury and plenty
and close their eyes and hearts to the need all around:
help us to hear your call to build a more equal world.
Strengthen your people, O Lord.
All: Surround us with your peace.

When conflict destroys hope and life and reduces neighbourhoods to rubble
across the Middle East, in Ukraine, in South Sudan, in Yemen;
keep us believing that a new future is possible.
Help us to restore what has been shattered by war and fear.
Strengthen your people, O Lord.
All: Surround us with your peace.

When leadership fails and there is dissatisfaction with political responses
and insurgency seems appealing in the name of change;
give us wisdom and patience for the long-term work that is needed.
Help us to pray continually for all with leadership roles in church and in society.
Strengthen your people, O Lord.
All: Surround us with your peace.

When people are in danger and homes and businesses
are destroyed by wildfire, floods or earthquakes,
may we remember our true security in you.
Give courage to emergency and rescue services, hospital staff and all who seek to mend broken bodies and
lives.
Help us to show compassion to all in need.
Strengthen your people, O Lord.
All: Surround us with your peace.

When suffering comes and we walk through the dark
not knowing if we have enough strength for tomorrow;
give us what we need to manage this day
and be close to those we know who are in need.
Help us not to lose hope.
Strengthen your people, O Lord.
All: Surround us with your peace.

When the way ahead is uncertain
go ahead of us and lead us always onwards -
deeper into the love that made us and that will bring us home.
Help us to hear you day by day calling us by name.
Strengthen your people, O Lord.
All: Surround us with your peace.

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Sunday 12 January 2025

Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Luke 3: 15-16

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. 16 John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with[b] the Holy Spirit and fire."

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.

Sunday 12 January 2025

1st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Services and Meetings this week

Sunday – 9.30am – Our service will be led by Mr Paul Saunders.

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** – **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. Revd Teresa Rutterford will be leading our discussions on the parables – the Mustard Seed and Yeast. Matthew 13:31-33 and Mark 4:26-29.

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.

Saturday - 7.00 – 9.00pm – **House Group Party**. Judy has very kindly agreed to host our party this year. Current House group attendees, and those who are interested in coming to future meetings, will be very welcome. Please ask Judy, or a Steward for more information.

Forward Notices

Next Sunday – 9.30am – Revd Agnes will be leading this **All Age Worship service**. This will be in a new style, so be prepared for something different this week! Please attend as usual and join us in warmly welcoming everyone. Let us encourage one another to experience our Christian faith differently.

24 January – 1.00pm – **Marian Webb's Funeral** – Please see below for full details of Marian's funeral arrangements.

Other Information

Church income was £426.00, which comprises Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

Action for Children – The total collected over the Christmas period from the church was £83.00. This included donations from the Christmas card box. Thank you very much to all who contributed.

Community Outreach Pastor update – I attended the community supermarket steering group this week. The pilot went well and three more trial dates have been set. The supermarket will be open at St Marks Hall on Tuesday 14th, 21st and 28th Jan from 10.00 - 12.00. It is open to all and sells a range of food and household items at a reduced price. I also led assemblies at both Holt Farm and Rochford Primary school this week, looking at the theme of New Year and being kind to one another. Mike Webb

Marian Webb – Funeral - Friday 24 January 2025

1pm - Funeral Service at Rochford Methodist Church

2pm - Committal Service at Southend Crematorium (West Chapel)

3pm - Wake to be held at the Cherry Tree public house

It would be great if as many of Marian's friends at the church could attend any / all of the above.

There is a tribute page to Marian on F P Guiver's website. This includes a [link](#) to make a donation to [Little Havens Children's Hospice](#) for anyone wishing to do so. From the link you can also leave a tribute.

Notices Distribution by Email – A reminder that if the weekly notices do not appear in your In Box on Friday evenings, you can pull up the latest version from the church website. For ease, all previous versions have a hot link to the page on our website where you can find the notices. You can always pick them up from [here](#).

Collect - God our Redeemer, through Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism made us one with him. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in Christ; for he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Our Elderly Friends - Please remember – Shirley Beadle, Sylvia Brigs, Pat Rubidge, Gwen Smith 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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