

Prayers of Intercession

Almighty God, you have called us and blessed us and in faith and with trust in you, we bring ourselves and our prayers for others.

In a world where values seem to shift almost daily we pray for the marginalised and excluded, and the nameless, homeless, stateless people who seem endlessly to slip through the net of care and respect.

Almighty God, may someone show them love and offer them good news, that they may know they are cared for in life and in death.

We pray for the Church worldwide that it may hold fast to the gospel message to love one another as God has loved us. May the Church seek and strive and yearn to speak of the love of God, proclaiming only God and not our own self-importance. We pray for both the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches as they seek to appoint new leaders to lead them in the present age (or if a new Pope has been appointed: We pray for the new Pope, that he may be visionary and faithful and we pray for the Church of England as they seek to discern the best person to lead them in the present age)

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After a week in which we marked 80 years since VE day, we pray for those affected by current day conflicts. We pray for the war-torn, war-weary nations of the world, where ordinary everyday people just seek peace and comfort, food, drink and shelter to sustain and enrich them. We remember especially the ordinary everyday folk of Ukraine, of Russia, of Sudan, of Gaza, of Israel, of Yemen, of India and Pakistan.

Almighty God, may someone show them love and offer them good news, that they may know they are cared for in life and in death.

We pray for countries of the world who teeter on the edge of poverty, hunger and thirst due to climate change. May all who have a choice and a hand in how they live choose to live carefully and tread lightly on the world's precious resources. May we and they choose sharing and caring over waste and excess.

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We pray for the ill and the dying, the grieving and the bereaved, the lonely and the lost, the frightened and fearful.

Almighty God, may someone show them love and offer them good news, that they may know they are cared for in life and in death.

Almighty God, in your steadfast, eternal presence, we trust and we entrust ourselves and these prayers to you now that, together with you, we may reach out to those in need and love and care for others as you do for us. Amen

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Sunday 11 May 2025

Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Psalms 23: 1-3

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

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 11 May 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter / Christian Aid Week

Services and Meetings this week

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

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 to 5.00pm – 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.

– **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.

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.

Saturday – 7.00 to 9.30pm – Games Night – This is run by Pastor Mike and is held in the church hall. All are welcome to attend.

Friday – 9.30 to 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 – “JAMming on the third” - Our service will be led by Youth Team and will be a local arrangement. As per previous services on the 3rd Sunday, this will be very different to our usual act of worship, specifically aimed to help those who have limited/no previous experience of church.

– **7.30pm - Testimony Service** of Revd Agnes Sam & Revd Heather Simmons at [Rayleigh Methodist Church](#).

11 – 17 May - Once again the Church will be supporting [Christian Aid Week](#). We will be handing out the donation envelopes at the service, and will request that they are returned before the end of the month, please.

29 May – 12.00 to 2.00pm – Cooking Club. This event has proven to be really popular with our young families. Pastor Mike is looking for volunteers to assist, if you are free.

29 June – Rev Agnes Ordination. Tickets are [available](#) for the Ordinations of Rev Agnes & Rev Heather at St Chads Church, Shrewsbury.

The Circuit is hoping to organise a transport to Shrewsbury but this can't be booked until numbers are confirmed. So many thanks if you have already let us know your transport/attendance arrangements but could you please let the [Circuit office](#) know:

- A) whether you are attending the ordinations
- B) whether you require transport or not.

Other Information

Church income was £195.50, which comprises collections, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

Action for Children - Lent Action for Children Lent fundraiser - if you have been 'Counting your Blessings' please give me your donations by Sunday 11th May, and I will ensure they are paid in promptly. Thanks. Val

Community Outreach Pastor update – I led an assembly in Holt Farm this week, looking at how God is described as both water and fire in the Bible. The children linked this to the story of Moses and the burning bush, which was good.

Thanks to those who are helping out at the VE day party, we have over 50 people booked in. Thanks to Rochford Parish Council for supporting this event.

Lego club is back on this week. As part of this, we will continue to build on our new garden and hope to have some vegetables to share by the summer!

Next week I will be leading assemblies in both Holt Farm and Rochford Primary school. Thanks. Mike Webb

Collect – God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, with the blood of the eternal covenant: make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord who 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 Briggs, Pat Rubidge, Gwen Smith and Maureen Whalley.

Other Forward Notices

17 May – 10.00am – 1.00pm – Church Anniversary Exhibition ‘Gift of Colour’.
[Chalkwell Park Methodist Church](#). An exhibition of crafts with light refreshments – free entry.

17 May – 7.30pm – Quiz Night - [Thorpe Bay Methodist Church](#). Tickets £5.00 each. Bring your own soft drinks (no alcohol please) and nibbles. Make up your own team of 6 – 8 or come along and join with some others

21 June – 10.00 to 2.00pm - Circuit Quiet Day – “In the Stillness” - Hadleigh Methodist Church.

21 June – 10.00am to 2.00pm – Circuit Quiet Day 2025 – In The Stillness. [Hadleigh Methodist Church](#). Tickets are free & can be booked on this [link](#). Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea & coffee will be available. Feel free to bring along a notebook or journal, pens and your bible.

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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