

Prayers of Intercession

Faithful God,
You created a beautiful world for us to enjoy and treasure
and you surround us with Earth's gifts to sustain us
Though our planet is damaged by greed and our destructive choices
and the resources meant for everyone to share are exploited by a few;
your healing is seen in the small steps we make towards more equal sharing.
Forgive our short-term thinking and Inspire us in the work needed to renew the Earth
and fill us with gifts of compassion, bravery, joy and love for your world
as we seek to challenge the deep structural injustices
and build a fairer and more sustainable future.

We are hungry for hope
and so we call to you:

All: Feed us with the bread of life.

Faithful God,
Your forgiveness towards us is limitless
and though we often fail you, you give us strength to start again.
We pray for a world in which we hold on to the things that unite us
and where we seek the best for other people.
We pray for our communities to be places of radical inclusion,
where we look not on appearances but on the heart.
May we show the same loving kindness to others that you have shown to us.
May we be slow to judge other people
and generous in our opinions of them.
We are hungry for hope
and so we call to you:

All: Feed us with the bread of life.

Faithful God,
Your generosity to us is endless
and you give us much more than we need or deserve.
We cry to you on behalf of all who do not know where their next meal is coming from;
we cry for victims of a massacre claimed to have been carried out by Syrian forces at a hospital in Suweida city;
we cry for the seemingly endless deaths of civilians, especially children, at food aid sites in Gaza
and for the horror of people being killed there as they seek the essentials for survival.
We pray for urgency in ending this war;
we pray for Palestinians risking their lives daily just to find food;
we pray for strength to carry on for all aid workers and medical staff in Gaza
and for humanitarian aid to be swift and generous.
May there be justice for earth's suffering and starving peoples.
We are hungry for hope
and so we call to you:

All: Feed us with the bread of life.

Faithful God,
Your love for us is unending
and you are with us every step of life's journey.
Though we walk through life's troubles
you give us the strength we need to face each day's challenges.
We pray for all in our community who are suffering in body or mind
asking that you would surround them with your peace.
In the quiet we name to you the people we know who are in particular need today
and ask for courage and peace as they face illness or adversity.
We are hungry for hope
and so we call to you:

All: Feed us with the bread of life.

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Sunday 27 July 2025

Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Colossians 1: 15-16

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him

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 27 July 2025

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Services and Meetings this week

Sunday – 9.30am – Our service will be led by Rev Agnes Sam and will include the celebration of Holy Communion.

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. Now closed until September.

– 7.00 to 7.15pm – Rochford Prayer via Zoom. Meeting ID 768 0376 1257
Passcode: 8yTeDH. Please note that we will **not** be meeting this week.

– 7.30pm – Neurodiversity Awareness – A presentation by Hannah Ashton from Shoeburyness & Thorpe Bay Baptist Church. This is being held by our friends at Rayleigh Methodist Church. To help with setting up, it would be helpful (but not essential) if you could let Keith Norman know by phone or email, if you would like to attend.

Tuesday – 7.30pm – Bible Study. You are welcome to join us on Zoom. Meeting ID: 948 2779 0660. Passcode: 425539. We are currently studying the “I am” statements of Jesus. As usual, this is shared with our friends from Rayleigh and Hockley.

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 to 11.30am – Happy Cup Breakfast Club. Now closed until September.

Forward Notices

Next Sunday – 9.30am – Our service will be led by Rev Agnes Sam and will include the celebration of Holy Communion.

4 August – Church Leadership Team (CLT) meeting. The CLT will be meeting via Zoom and if you have any points that you would like to be discussed, please let Rev Agnes, or one of the Stewards know. Please pray for us in this meeting as we are so dependent upon God’s blessing, and discerning His will for us.

Other Information

Church income was £370.10, which comprises collections, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

Community Outreach Pastor update – We are running a summer cooking club, with three dates booked in for the summer. Each of these dates is now fully booked, with 12 families on each session. If you would like to be added to the reserve list, please ask Mike. Our first cooking club will take place on July 31st. 11.00 - 1.00. Then 7th Aug and 28th Aug at the same time.

Although Lego club has closed for the summer, we will be back in Sep on Mondays. We could still do with an extra pair of hands at set up (3.30 - 3.45) and set down (5.00 - 6.00). I will be meeting Sanctuary Housing later this month to give feedback on how Lego club has been working and to discuss any future funding opportunities.

With changes to staff, please pray that I continue to be able to lead assemblies in the various schools that I currently do. Rochford Primary have already indicated that this will be the case. Mike Webb

JMA Boxes - It is that time of year again so if you have a JMA collecting box please can you let Judy have it for our annual accounts. Please note I will not be at church 27th July. Many thanks Judy

Collect – Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those things which last for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Other Events

1 August - 10.00am to 12noon - Book Sale & Coffee Morning - Chalkwell Park Methodist Church. Join us for a chat and refreshment with books, jigsaws and gifts, plus homemade cakes.

2 August – 4.00 to 6.00pm - Loving Through a Broken Heart – Palestine and Israel in the Shadow of Gaza and Iran. The South Essex Methodist Circuit is hosting the event at Trinity Methodist Church, 481 Clay Hill Rd, Basildon SS16 4NN. This will be an illustrated talk with real stories and images from the West Bank and Israel. Led by Rev David Hardman. If you would like to attend, please email.

17 August – 6pm – Sunday evening service at [St Peter's Chapel, Bradwell on Sea](#). There will be [series of summer Sunday evening services](#) over July and August, and our own District Chair, Rev David Chapman will be leading this particular one.

13 September - The **Autumn Synod of the Bedfordshire, Essex & Hertfordshire District** is taking place at [Belfairs Academy](#). The Circuit is hosting this meeting and we need **volunteers** to ensure the day runs smoothly. The roles will involve assisting in the car park, stewarding/ acting as a point of help to attendees & overseeing the serving of refreshments (you do not need to provide refreshments).

The main Synod meeting times are 10-3pm but volunteers are required outside of these hours. We have 3 main volunteer shifts: 9-12:30pm, 12:30-4pm, 9-4pm.

If you are able to volunteer on the 13th September, could you please [email](#) the office with the times you are available.

Church Winter Night Shelter - Southend City Baptist Church is planning to open its doors this winter to provide a safe, warm, and welcoming space for those experiencing homelessness through the Church Winter Night Shelter initiative. They are seeking volunteers from all churches who are willing to offer their time and compassion during the colder months. Roles vary from setting up and getting to know people over a meal, offering overnight supervision or packing away in the morning (evening, overnight and morning shifts).

Volunteers will be invited to an information and training session this autumn, where full details will be shared and any questions can be answered. The shelter will be organised by SCBC, following their church policies, and will be managed by their Volunteer & Premises Co-ordinator, Julie McEvoy. To express interest, supply your name, contact number, and email address to Julie at mailto:coordinator@scbchurch.org.uk

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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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