

Prayers of Intercession

Loving Lord Jesus, we think today of those whose hearts and minds are dominated by violence and war; the victims who have lost loved ones, homes or livelihoods; those who live in fear; those who are pursuing war, and those who are seeking peace.

In their encounters this week,
may they find wisdom, love and peace.

Loving Lord Jesus, we think today of all those who are struggling financially; those whose land is poor and whose crops have failed; those without enough to pay for food and utility bills. We thank you for those who offer help through food banks, warm spaces and credit unions.

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may they find wisdom, love and peace.

Loving Lord Jesus, we pray for all those who are part of our health services, for doctors, nurses, health care assistants and administrators. We thank you for the work done in our hospitals and health centres and we think of those who use them because they are unwell physically, mentally and emotionally.

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may they find wisdom, love and peace.

Loving Lord Jesus, we thank you for all churches and communities of worshippers; for the love and support they offer and the teaching and prayer they provide. We pray for all who seek to share your good news with friend and stranger that what they say may be heard, understood and taken seriously.

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may they find wisdom, love and peace.

Loving Lord Jesus, we pray for ourselves and for all those who are part of our lives; those whom we see often and those whom we encounter only occasionally; for those we see face-to-face and those we interact with by telephone and social media; for those who help and support us, and for those whose help and support we receive.

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may they find wisdom, love and peace.

Thank you, Loving Lord, for friend and casual acquaintance, for those we know by name and those whose faces we recognise; for those who share our pilgrim journey in whatever way. Help us always to remember, that in any encounter, you are present and offer your guidance and comfort. May we grow in and through you now and always.

Amen.

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Sunday 28 April 2024

Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

John 15: 1-4

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."

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



This Church has an inductive loop. Anyone attending Sunday services who has an appropriate hearing aid should switch to Channel T.

Sunday 28 April 2024

5th Sunday of Easter

Services and Meetings this week

Sunday – 9.30am – Our service will be led by Rev Calvin and will include the baptism of Heather's great niece, Lilly Pullum.

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 – Bible Study on [Zoom](#) – Phone 020 3901 7895. Meeting ID: 993 4565 1990, Passcode: 805792. We will be studying 1 Thessalonians 4. Rev Norman Hooks will be leading our study this week.

Thursday – 7.30pm - Table Tennis will now resume following the church redecorations. 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 – 10am – 12 noon - Thundersley Methodist Church is celebrating their 100th Church Anniversary. Circuit members are invited to come and help celebrate with them at their May Coffee Morning. All welcome

Forward Notices

Next Sunday – 9.30am - Our service will be led by Rev Norman Hooks.

Other Forward Notices

12 May – Please note that this service will include Holy Communion, which is not advertised in the printed Preaching Plan. This was originally scheduled for 26 May, but as there will also be a baptism that morning, it is our agreed policy not to hold both sacraments at the same service.

12 – 18 May - Once again the Church will be supporting [Christian Aid Week](#). We will be handing out the donation envelopes at the service on 12 May, and will request that they are returned before the end of the month, please.

Other Information

Church income was £411.50, which comprises the collection, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

Community Outreach Pastor update – Lego club was back on this week and went well, thanks for all those who helped. If you do have any games that we could use please do pass them on. I will be going into Holt Farm School to lead two assemblies next week. Please pray that these go well. Thanks, Mike Webb.

Collect – Eternal God whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice his truth, and to share his risen life; 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 – 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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