

Prayers of Intercession

Heavenly Father, on this Trinity Sunday which is also Father's Day, we pray for fathers everywhere, that in you they might find the perfect Father, and that in your son Jesus Christ they might see the perfect pattern of humanity. May the wisdom of your Holy Spirit guide all their ways as parents, so that they will love their children with the same love that comes from you.

We pray also for those who are about to become fathers, and for those who long to be fathers, that you will be with them in their hopes and fears for the future. And we bring before you those who have been bereaved of their fathers, for whom this day is difficult; and we pray also for those who are fathers to children who are now in your embrace rather than their own.

Heavenly Father, please help us to know how to reach out to all these kinds of fathers, and indeed all families, with the love that comes from you. We pray that we, your children here in your Church family, will always have arms open in welcome, to aid with grace and compassion all those who need support.

We pray, too, for the father-figures in our lives; for step-fathers or any who stand in the place of fathers, or those who inspire us in any aspect of our lives, who guide, support and encourage us. Please bless loving fathers whether blood relations or not, Lord, on this day when we remember the family of the Holy Trinity, and the extended family of our Church.

Lord God, we pray for your Church in changing times. For those churches with missing generations, we pray that people of all ages might find their way to the door and discover a welcome there. Please help your Church in each community to reach out and bear witness to you and your welcoming love.

Father, we live in difficult times when community has never been needed more. We pray for the needs of our communities in a world of economic, political and social upheavals, a world which is also struggling with climate change and continuing warfare. In our communities, may we be strengthened to look out for one another, and to reach out where we see need.

In particular, today we pray for all those affected by the air crash in India. We pray for all the families who have lost loved ones in India and in Britain, and we thank you that their communities have gathered around to offer comfort and support in their time of need. May our prayers join with theirs in bringing strength in the days and months ahead.

We ask healing for all who are sick in body or mind. We ask comfort for those who are grieving. We ask guidance and support for all those who struggle in any way.

Father, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, and through the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers. Amen

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Sunday 15 June 2025

Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Matthew 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we[b] boast in the hope of the glory of God.

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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Trinity Sunday

Services and Meetings this week

Sunday – 9.30am – “JAMming on the third” - Our service will be led by Youth Team and Rev Agnes. 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.

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.

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 – Our service will be a Local Arrangement led by the Worship Leaders.

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

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

5 July - 7.00 - 9.30pm – Board Games Night. Please do join us for some games! Further details are available from Pastor Mike.

12 July – Summer Party. Pastor Mike is starting to plan this and will be very grateful for volunteers to assist on the day. This event is aimed at reaching out to the families that we have links with, eg through JAM and Monday Club. We are seeking to welcome them into the church family.

10 August – Local Arrangement – Songs of Praise – This is advanced notice that our LA service in August will be a return of our sharing of favourite hymns/songs/bible passages or poems. We want this to be as interactive as possible with many people sharing a brief reason for their choice. Please have a think now as I will be seeking out volunteers to participate in this act of worship.

Other Information

Church income was £341.00, which comprises collections, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

Christian Aid Week – We raised a total of £60.00. Thank you very much to those who contributed.

Community Outreach Pastor update - We had a lovely time at Lego club this week and were able to taste our newly grown peas from the garden, which were delicious. Soon the Strawberries will be ready to eat as well.

Holt Farm had a pirate day this week, so my assembly was based around seas and pirates. It also led to a message on Caring for God's creation and the world around us. With Evolution and the big bang being taught so prominently in schools, being able to share the idea that God created the world is a privilege.

This week I am leading an assembly at Holt Farm school and also chairing Rochford Councils community and housing committee, so prayer for wisdom in both these events would be appreciated.

Lego club continues to grow and we will need extra help in September. Please do start to pray about joining the Lego Club team. More details to follow.

The bouncy castle is now booked for our summer party and thanks to those who have already volunteered. If you are able to help out at the event, please do let me know.

Lastly, the next Games Club is booked for Sat 5th July 7.00 - 9.30. Please do join us for some games! Thanks. Mike Webb

Gwen Smith – 99th Birthday! – Our Gwen reached this wonderful milestone last Tuesday, 10 June. We all hope that she had a very happy birthday. X

News of the Rev Calvin Samuel – You may be interested to hear that our previous minister, Rev Calvin, has just re-married! The ceremony took place in Malaysia to Jaclyn Victor. If you Google their names you will see lots of information, but here is a [photo](#) of the happy couple. Jaclyn did attend church here in Rochford once when Calvin was still our minister.

News of Manizhe – With our thanks to Linda Haskew for this news regarding a previous regular attender at the church - “Manizheh and her family moved to Birmingham on 31st May. I was able to meet up with her before she moved which was lovely. Please pray that they will find a school for their son Behdad and also a church and that Manizheh will find work to fit in with school. We give thanks that her husband has found work in Birmingham.”

Collect – Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son 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

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](#).

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