

## Prayers of Intercession

God of all:

we pray for places where neighbouring peoples and countries are at war,  
asking that a just peace will overcome deep-seated fear and hatreds.  
May we be faithful in prayer  
for the Middle East where neighbours  
are driven by historic mistrust and deepening violence;  
for decisions that improve lives across all the nations of the United Kingdom;  
for dialogue leading to lasting peace between Russia and Ukraine;  
for co-operation between nations on the biggest challenges facing us all in our world,  
including climate change, asylum and migration.

We turn to you, O Lord.

Fill our hands with gifts to share.

All: Send us out to share your love.

God of all:

we pray for our relationships with our friends, our families and our colleagues at work  
that we would show your love in daily acts of kindness.  
May we be generous in our opinions of others.  
May we break down barriers and see beyond narrow expectations of other people  
and may we be prepared to go beyond the limits of our own patience and care,  
trusting in the resources of your Holy Spirit.

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God of all:

we pray for all on the edges of our communities: local and national;  
for people whose voices are sometimes not heard  
and whose opinions are overlooked.  
May we hear the voice of people of all ages and from every background  
and may we remember that Jesus placed a child in the midst  
showing us the upside-down values of your kingdom  
where the smallest is greatest and the outsider belongs at your table.

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God of all:

we pray that our mission would always be rooted in the basics of caring for others  
and may our plans, budgets and actions put the needs of others before our own.  
May we be renewed for more generous living  
and equipped for more open-hearted attention to those in need.  
We pray for wisdom for all in local and national government  
as they make decisions that affect people who are in need,  
especially decisions relating to child poverty  
and provision for special educational needs in schools.

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# Rochford Methodist Church



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## Sunday 13 July 2025

## Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

### Mark 10: 13 & 14

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. 14 When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

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 13 July 2025

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Services and Meetings this week

**Sunday – 9.30am** – Our service will be led by Rev Agnes Sam. This service will include the **christening** of Lauren and Darren’s 2 sons, Quinn and Tobias. We wish the family every blessing on this special day for them.

**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.

**- 7.30pm – 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.

**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**. 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 led by the JAM Youth Team – “JAMming on the Third”. As per previous services on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**25 July - 12.30 to 2.00pm - Creative Companions – Arts and Crafts**. Meet up for a chat and a fun afternoon of craft. Bring your own project and packed lunch. Light refreshments will be available. Free. No booking required. Just pop along.

**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.

**10 August – Local Arrangement – Songs of Praise** – Many thanks to those people who have volunteered to choose and share a favourite hymns/songs/bible passage or poems. There is room for more, so please contact [Mike Sims](#), if you are able to contribute to the service.

### Other Events

**28 July – 7.30pm – Neurodiversity Awareness** – A presentation by Hannah Ashton from Shoeburyness & Thorpe Bay Baptist Church. She has considerable experience and professional expertise in this field and we have been assured that this will be very informative. This is being held by our friends at [Rayleigh Methodist Church](#). In recent times we are being encouraged to be more understanding and value the natural variations in how people’s brains work – our different ways of thinking, learning and behaving. As an inclusive church we celebrate the rich diversity of God’s creation and aim to cater for each and every one of us. Rayleigh are hosting a presentation workshop led by Hannah Ashton, who has considerable understanding and professional expertise in issues surrounding neurodiversity and autism.

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.

**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.

### Other Information

**Church income** was £327.50, which comprises collections, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

**Community Outreach Pastor update** – Thanks to all those who have volunteered to help out at the summer party, we are looking forward to a fun, if slightly warm, afternoon together. All tickets have now gone. Please pray that the event goes well.

Thanks to those who came to the games night, we learnt some new games and enjoyed lots of cake!

I led an assembly this week at Holt Farm Infants school, looking at healthy eating and sport. As the head leaves this term, please pray that I am able to continue to visit the school next term. Rochford primary school also have a change in staffing, however I have now been booked in to take assemblies next term.

As we reach the last Lego Club of term this week, a huge thanks to those who have helped out this term. Thanks to those who have said they can help out during the club itself, however we could still do with a helper at set up time, from 3.00 - 4.00. Please do say if you can help out. Thanks. Mike Webb

**Receiving the Weekly Notices via email** – This is a reminder that whilst I aim to issue the notices every Friday evening, issues can arise which means that some folk don't actually receive them into their Inbox. To prevent your email server bouncing the message as "spam", you could add [mikepnsims@gmail.com](mailto:mikepnsims@gmail.com) to your address book, or whitelist me. Of course, if you no longer wish to receive these emails, simply let me know and I will remove you from the circulation.

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**Collect** – Give us we pray, gentle God, a mind forgetful of past injury, a will to seek the good of others and a heart of love, that we may learn to live in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ through whom we pray. Amen.

**[A Prayer for Today](#)** – The Methodist Church offers a prayer which changes daily. You may find this helpful to include within your own devotions.

**Our Elderly Friends** - Please remember – Shirley Beadle, Sylvia Briggs, 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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