

Prayers of Intercession

This autumn, as the leaves change colour, we remember all those people who are facing change. We remember those getting used to being away from home at college and university, and adjusting to new lives in new places. We remember those who prefer the light and warmth of the summer, and fear the cold and darkness of this season. We remember those who are searching, displaced, lost, or feeling that they have no hope and no purpose. We remember all those for whom this is a difficult time, and we seek your help for them.

Where does our help come from?

Our help comes from the Lord.

This autumn, as the guns and sirens of the Middle East are quieter, we remember those caught up in that conflict. We remember those in Gaza who have returned to their homes to find nothing but wreckage and destruction. We remember those who mourn the death of loved ones, and those who have been subject to imprisonment and cruel handling. We remember all the pain and anguish that thousands of people have and will continue to feel. We remember this tentative ceasefire, and we seek your peace for the future.

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This autumn, as we gather as the people of God, we remember all those that help us to learn and to worship. We remember those who give their time to serve you in children's and youth work, sharing the gospel with the young. We remember our church leaders, ministers, and key volunteers who seek to make the joy of faith alive and real for our congregations. We remember all of the people who quietly serve as Martha served your son Jesus, doing practical things and helping others feel welcomed and valued. We remember that you have given us your Word to learn, to live by, and to cherish. We remember all those who serve us, and seek your strength for them in all they do.

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This autumn, as parliament has just returned after their long break, we remember all those in power and opposition. We remember those who aim to make the lives of others better, and who are motivated by their love for you. We remember those who make big and important decisions, and whose words can affect the lives of all people in our country. We remember those who seek fame and influence for the wrong reasons, and ask that they may be filled with wisdom and caution. We remember all in local and national politics, and seek your guidance for them.

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This autumn, as another season passes, we remember all those facing sadness, sickness, and fear. We remember those who have recently lost family or friends who were close to them, and feel that mourning and emptiness inside. We remember those who are struggling with their health, who are patiently waiting for treatment, or who are facing an uncertain future. We remember those who have heard life-changing news, and are coming to terms with what it means. We remember all in need, and ask for your hope and healing to fill them as we pray.

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Sunday 19 October 2025

Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

2 Timothy 3:16–17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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 19 October 2025

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Services and Meetings this week

Sunday – 9.30 for 10.00am – Our service will be led by Rev Agnes Sam, with the JAM Youth Team – “**JAMming on the Third**”. 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. This session our theme is “[Talking Jesus](#)”. Each evening there will be a 30 minute video, followed by 30 minutes of discussion. This week will be a review of the course and will be led by Rev Teresa Rutterford.

Wednesday – 8.00pm – **House Group** – Our house group will meet at the home of Margaret and Colin. If you would like more details, please speak to a Steward.

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.

Saturday – 7.30 to 9.30pm - [Gospel Choir Concert at Rochford](#). Free tickets are available on [Eventbrite](#), or if you don't have access to a computer, or have any queries, please speak with Val, or leave a message on 01702 544096 giving your name, the number of tickets you want, and a contact number.

The church building will be open from 6.00pm for Rev Heather and her choir to set

up. Please could our kind volunteers arrive anytime after this (and please remember the black and white colour scheme for clothing).

Forward Notices

Next Sunday – 9.30am - Our service will be led by Debra Spinks.

1 November – 4.30 to 6.30pm – [Light Party](#) – Pastor Mike will be running this event for the families associated with our church. Join us for a fun-filled evening! Get ready for an evening of games, music, and laughter. Come dressed in your brightest clothes and be prepared to shine! This is a great opportunity to make new friends and create lasting memories. Don't miss out on this exciting event - see you there! Free tickets must be obtained from [Eventbrite](#). As there are limited places, booking is essential.

29 November – 7.00 to 9.00pm – **Beetle Drive** – Please keep this date free in your diaries and further information will follow.

Other Information

Church income was £310.00, which comprises collections, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

New Prayer Initiative – [Heather](#) is still hoping to receive more names to add to her list of people you would love to come to faith. The prayer warriors will begin praying on 1 November so please take a few moments to consider your family and friends who you'd love to see come to faith and get your list to Heather as soon as possible. The prayer warriors are committing to praying for these people for an entire year. If you would love to be a prayer warrior, please let Heather know. We are excited to see what God is going to do.

Community Outreach Pastor update – This week I was able to attend the Christian Resources exhibition in London. I picked up some packs on how to run an Alpha course as well as a guide to messy church. I hope that we will be able to use them in the near future....

I have also been reminded this week of how different we all are when it comes to our personalities and how we like to do things. Being able to use all of our Gift's together is surely a key to seeing God's Kingdom grow and being a good witness to others.

Thanks to those who helped with Lego club this week, we made insects out of leaves which was great fun. Next week I will be leading a Harvest assembly at Holt Farm Infants school and meeting with Agnes to start to plan our grill. Christian night.

So far, 59 tickets have been sold for the Gospel concert. Thanks, Mike Webb

Collect – Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you. Give us the will to be servants of others as you were the servant of all; for you gave up your life and died for us, but live and reign with the Father and 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.

Shirley has had a fall. She is not badly injured but has been advised to not go out again until the weather is warmer, so sadly we will not be seeing her in church until next year. We send her our love and prayers.

Other Events

11 December – 7.00pm - Modern Christmas Songs of Worship at [Belfairs Methodist Church](#). Led by the Circuit worship band and others from across the Circuit. All are welcome to join us, refreshments to follow.

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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