

Prayers of Intercession

Tradition. Change. These two words do not always sit comfortably together.

We pray, Living Lord, for all who you call to minister to your Church today; for all you are leading in new pioneering ways, while still adhering to the tradition of your Word. We pray that you will help fresh ideas sit alongside the old, marrying the two and thus enabling your Church to grow and flourish. We pray for your Church worldwide. May your hand be upon those embracing faith despite the dangers of imprisonment and death.

Living Lord, we pray for your Church. Soften hearts and allow the message of salvation to be received and accepted today. Fling the arms of the Church wide open, drawing young and old alike to live, learn and grow in your Word. Free hearts, Living Lord, as only you can. Grow and strengthen your Church we pray.

We pray for all those who sacrifice their lives for you, Living Lord, and for the many who gave their lives for this country. We pray for the armed forces, their families, and all who have paid the ultimate price for peace.

Accompany those today taking aid to those in need to countries affected by war, famine, disease and extreme weather and geological events. We think in particular of Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, Myanmar, Yemen, Jamaica and sub-Saharan Africa. We ask that corruption plays no part in hindering aid reaching all in need.

We pray also for those you are using to smuggle bibles to people hungry for your Word in countries such as North Korea, China, and Iran.

Living Lord, we pray for your courage to strengthen those coping with adversity. May your love bring about changes in these places. We pray for peace where peace is needed: in lives torn apart by war, in families living with the consequences, and veterans still adapting. Help rebuild lives in every way, we pray.

We pray for our government and the Royal family. Traditions and controversy abound in both. But only your loving traditions of truth and justice can uphold a healthy rule. May both find fresh perspectives that sit alongside the old.

Living Lord, breathe new life and fresh vision into this nation. Guide our government and monarchy so that all lives can reflect you and your loving presence.

As the cost of living continues to bite in this country, we pray for our communities, especially for people helping those in need. We think of the people running and visiting foodbanks, and of those offering warm spaces for people to enjoy and receive a hot meal. We pray for the recent victims of knife crime and the people speaking out and attempting to eradicate such crime.

Living Lord, we pray for our communities. Bring healing where healing is needed. Help us all to reach out in your name and show your life-enhancing love to those in need. Draw us together as one in your name, we pray.

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Sunday 9 November 2025

Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Matthew 5: 9

“Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children 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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Remembrance Sunday

Services and Meetings this week

Sunday – 9.30am – Our service will be led by the Worship leaders and will include a special commemoration for Remembrance Sunday.

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. Rev Teresa will be leading us in a study on Job 1: 18-22 and Job 2: 7-10.

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

Sunday – 9.30am – 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.

19 November – 8.00pm – House Group will be meeting at the home of Heather and Mike. If you would like to attend, please see a steward for more information.

29 November – 7.00 to 9.00pm – Beetle Drive – This will be held at the church and we will be running our "Dry" (ie non-alcoholic) bar again at this event, so you can purchase

any drinks/snacks on the evening. There will also be a raffle in aid of church funds. If you would like to donate any prizes for the raffle, we will be very grateful. Please just bring them on the evening. There will be no entrance fee for this event, but all donations will be gratefully received.

6 December – 7.00 to 8.30pm – “[Pizza for thought](#)” - This is a special event which will be a follow-up to the Gospel Choir concert on 25 October. Rev Agnes and Pastor Mike are planning this at the moment. The evening is going to involve pizza, followed by a Panel discussion (including Rev Agnes, Rev Norman, Pastor Mike) where they will answer any questions of faith from anyone present, who wants to submit one. This is an evangelistic evening that we want as many people as possible to attend.

13 December – 5.00pm – Christmas Memorial Service. An opportunity to take time out to remember those who we miss the most at Christmas. This will take the form of a short service of reflection to honour those who have meant so much to us. Tea and coffee will be served at the end of the service.

Other Information

Church income was £213.00, 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 those who helped out at the Light Party last Saturday. We had a lovely time, with 12 families joining us. The church hall was lit up in a whole range of bright colours and children were able to play games, dance and hear that Jesus is the light of the world. Lots of pumpkins were also carved and some lovely food was eaten.

As you may know, sadly Heather Glynn recently passed away. Heather was a much loved member of the community and will be missed. Her funeral details are given under “Other Events” lower down in the notices.

Revive community supermarket continues to grow as a place where the community can access food at a reduced price. Since they started, nearly 10,000 items of food have been sold and 163 households have gone along. They continue to look for funding to continue next year, with various options being explored and I am involved in helping them in this.

The Bar n Bus AGM will be taking place on 19th November at 7.30 PM at Rayleigh Methodist Church.

We welcomed our families back to Lego Club this week, where we managed to get into the garden and also carve some pumpkins.

As part of the Fairshare scheme, I often collect food that is just about out of date on a Friday night from Waitrose. This is then given out to local families on a Saturday. If you know a family that could do with a crate of food once in a while, please do let me know. Thanks, Mike Webb

Carol singing - We are looking forward to singing carols at various residential homes again this year. Dates to be confirmed. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know. Val.

First Aid - We are hoping to arrange a short First Aid course. It will be either a Wednesday or Thursday morning and last approx. 2hrs. A certificate of attendance will be issued. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested. Val

Collect - Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

Holy God,
You chose to walk with us in the messiness of the world,
sharing our vulnerability.
We pray for all those deployed on operations:
Where they face danger, protect them;
Where they face unimaginable responsibility and pressure,
sustain them;
Where they face the pain of separation from loved ones,
comfort them.
Remind us all of our responsibilities to those who do difficult things
in pursuit of a peaceful, stable world.
And challenge us to play our part in building a world in which all
your precious people can live without fear.
Amen.

The Revd Hannah Bucke (Army chaplain)

Our Elderly Friends - Please remember – Shirley, Sylvia, Pat, Gwen and Maureen.

[Other Events](#)

11 November – 6.30pm - Dementia Awareness and Friends training session. [Thundersley Methodist Church](#). What you'll learn: What Dementia is and how it affects people; How to communicate and support people living with Dementia; Practical ways to make your community more dementia friendly. By becoming a Dementia Friend, you'll help create a kinder, more understanding community for people living with Dementia. **Register by calling Jeanette 07956290221 or email jeanette.spenner@outlook.com**

25 November – 1.00pm – Heather Glynn's funeral at St Andrew's Church, Rochford.

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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