

## Prayers of Intercession

Lord, we come before you in prayer, sharing our concerns for our world, our church, our neighbours and friends and ourselves. We don't ask lightly; we accept you may call us as part of the answer, and we trust that you will give us strength and courage to stand up for justice and to make a difference.

Creator God, you formed this earth, with all its beauty and abundance, ensuring provision for all and charging humankind to be stewards of creation. We pray for all who go hungry or thirsty or who are impoverished through the greed of others; for those close to home needing food banks and those further away needing emergency aid. The rising cost of living, natural disaster, climate change, war, governmental policy – all may contribute to increasing poverty. We remember those who are homeless or living in unsatisfactory accommodation. We pray that those who have enough may receive your spirit of generosity. Equip us to speak out and act for a more equitable distribution of resources.

Lord, where there is injustice, **grant us courage to make a difference.**

Loving God, you created humankind in all its diversity, calling all to live in relationship with you and with one another. Nationality, ethnicity, appearance, sexuality, gender, age, economic status, mental health: there are so many ways we judge and label people as different. Lord, we pray for those who experience prejudice or persecution, hostility or isolation. We pray for places where there is division, especially where those with power or influence use the media and social media to promote distrust or hatred between neighbours. At this time we pray especially for Iran, Sudan, Gaza, America and we pray for our own country.

Lord, where there is injustice, **grant us courage to make a difference.**

Parent God, you welcome all to be part of your family, the church. Through their faith, equip people to work together to fulfill your calling to justice, mercy and love. We pray for the work of those Christians and others who take brave steps to protect the rights of others, whether at risk of ridicule or at risk to their own lives. We pray for the persecuted church in countries such as North Korea, Somalia and Iran, and for those imprisoned for their faith. Lord, where there is injustice, **grant us courage to make a difference.**

Compassionate God, who cares for each one of us and whose plans are to prosper and not to harm us, we pray for all those in need of your loving care this day. We name before you in our hearts those known to us who are in any kind of trouble (*silence*). We pray for all those whose needs are known only to themselves and to you (*silence*). And, trusting in your mercy and love, we bring before you our own needs and concerns (*silence*). We ask our prayers in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

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## Sunday 8 February 2026

## Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Isaiah Matthew 5: 14 – 16

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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



HEARING LOOP INSTALLED

Switch hearing aid to T-coil

Sunday 8 February 2026

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Services and Meetings this week

**Sunday – 9.30am** – Our service will be led by Bob Briant.

**Monday – 4.00 – 5.00pm** – **Monday Club**. Ages 4-12. 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. We will be continuing our "Talking Jesus" course. This week the short film we will be watching is called "[The Rescue](#)".

**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.

### Forward Notices

**Next Sunday – 10.00am** – Our service will be led by Rev Agnes. This will be an **All Age Worship** service, so please note the later start time. The church will be open from 09:30 as usual, for tea/coffee.

**18 February – 8.00pm** – **House Group**. We will be meeting at the home of Carole and Bruce and Rev Agnes will be leading our discussion at this meeting. If you would like to come along, you will be most welcome! Speak to a steward if you need further details.

**21 February – 6.00 to 8.00pm** – **Pizza, Faith and Questions – Part 2 – Christianity Explored** – If you would like to help on the evening, please let [Pastor Mike Webb](#) know.

### Other Information

**Church income** was £189.00, which comprises collections, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

**Community Outreach Pastor update** – We had great fun at Lego club this week making valentines gifts. Next week we shall be making pancakes, so please do join us for some cracking good fun :)

This Saturday is the start of our Christianity Explored course. Please do come along either to help out or even better bring someone with you who would like to know more about the Christian faith. Free pizza will be provided!

Next week I am leading two assemblies at Rochford Primary School, as well as having a meeting with sanctuary housing to update them on how the grant money is being used. Please pray that these events go well. Mike Webb

**Collect** - Loving God, the light of the minds that know you, the of the souls that love you, and the strength of the wills that serve you: help us to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you we may truly serve you, whom to serve is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

### Other Events

**15 February – 3.00pm** - **Organ Concert with David Stanley and Special Guests.** [Benfleet Methodist Church](#). Supporting The Music Man Project to perform their Broadway Dream. Tickets £10 or at the door. For tickets call 07402868667. Refreshments available

### 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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