

## Prayers of Intercession

So we pray to our saviour. For those of us who are struggling to understand your almighty plan for the world. For those of us who, like the disciples walking with Jesus, failed to see him with them. For those of us who are losing our faith, and losing our way. For those of us who are feeling lost and do not know your presence close to them.

Lord, walk alongside.

You walked alongside your disciples, sharing the Scriptures.

**And your glory was revealed, and they returned to live for you.**

So we pray to our saviour. For those who have important tests and exams in the next few weeks and months. For those facing the fear of not understanding or remembering all that they need to. For those who feel that their best will never be good enough. For those feeling unfairly pressured by family or friends to do well.

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So we pray to our saviour. For those who make decisions and live their lives to help people and change others for the better. For all those involved in the health service who may feel overwhelmed and under pressure. For those who set an example and encourage aspirations as teachers and educators. For social workers, those working in courts, and those working for agencies that help anyone in need. For those in our church community who in little but vital ways set an example to others.

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So we pray to our saviour. For the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Israel, the leaders of Iran and other middle-east countries, our Prime Minister and other leaders. For caution, wisdom and a desire for peace to be present in all of their thinking and saying. For care to be taken in what is made public to avoid an escalation of death and destruction. For calm and caution to replace aggression and threatening words. For peace to reign.

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So we pray to our saviour. For those who have suffered the loss of someone close to them. For those lost in the darkness of sadness and depression. For those gripped by addiction, and those who are sick and ill and needing healing and peace. For those in our own community who need to know your presence alongside them right now.

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So we pray to our saviour. For those who are facing a busy and challenging week with pressure at work, college or school. For those who have tough decisions to make. For those who would dearly love to be in friendship and harmony with people they have fallen out with. For all of us as we live this coming week as God's servants and people who are listening and learning from Jesus.

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## Sunday 19 April 2026

## Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

### Luke 24: 30-32

When he (Jesus) was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

If you have any items that you would like to be added, or suggestions for inclusion, please advise [Mike Sims](mailto:Mike.Sims@rochfordmethodist.org.uk).



HEARING LOOP INSTALLED

Switch hearing aid to T-coil

Sunday 19 April 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter

### Services and Meetings this week

**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.

**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 are studying the book of Philippians Chapter 16 and Rev Norman Hooks will be leading our study.

**Wednesday – 8.00pm** – **Church Council Meeting** – this will be at the Church building. All church members are entitled to attend and vote, due to the size of our membership. If you are not a church member, you are still very welcome to come along and give your view on the items discussed.

**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 Pete Moorhouse.

**2 May - 6.00 to 8.00pm** – **Pizza for Thought** – Rev Agnes and Pastor Mike will be leading us in another of the open discussion evenings for those enquiring about the Christian faith. All are welcome to attend and we especially want to encourage those who are not church members/regular attenders to come along.

**10 – 16 May** - **Christian Aid Week** – As usual, we will be giving out envelopes at the beginning of Christian Aid Week, which we would be very grateful if you could fill, and

return the following Sunday. Our service on the 10<sup>th</sup> will be focussing on the excellent work of Christian Aid.

### Other Information

**Church income** was £327.80, which comprises collections, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

**Congratulations to Rev Agnes and Francis** – At last Sunday's service Rev Agnes announced that she is going to be having another baby in October. This is wonderful news and we wish her every blessing and good health through the pregnancy.

**Community Outreach Pastor update** - This week Lego club started back up again and we welcomed returning families as well as new families. Please do pray for us as we continue to pray for wisdom for the future.

I have been in touch with Holt Farm Infants school and Rochford Primary school and have been invited back to lead a number of assemblies this term, 15 in total. I will be looking at the parables of Jesus, please pray that they go well.

Our next Pizza for Thought night will take place on Sat 2nd May, from 6.00 - 8.00. Pizza will be provided. To help with catering and tastes, please do let me know if you will be joining us and what pizza you would like. Please do invite friends along, as this is an event aimed at those who are not yet Christians. Thanks, Mike Webb

**Church Leadership Team meeting – 20 April** – We will be meeting as a CLT on Monday. If you have any items that you would like to be raised for discussion, please let Rev Agnes or Val know so that they can be added to the agenda.

**Collect** – God of life and love, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open our eyes that we may see him in his redeeming work; 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, Sylvia, Pat, Gwen and Maureen.

### Other Events

**9 May – 10.00am to 3.00pm** – **Ladies Day** – [Hawkwell Baptist Church](#). Speakers: Sue Iles Speaking About Sarah; Mim Schramm Speaking About Miriam; Claire Blatchford

Speaking About Mary (Jesus' mother). Tickets £5. [Register](#) to reserve spaces and provide any allergy information. Lunch is included.

**7 June – 4.00pm – Rev Steve Mayo's Testimony Service.** Rayleigh Methodist Church. Preacher will be Deacon Sarah McDowall. Steve was originally employed within the Circuit as a Pastor and was 50% assigned to Rochford Methodist Church. We really appreciated the many talents that he brought to the church, not least his accomplished playing of brass band instruments! If you are free to come along, it will be lovely to see a good contingent from Rochford to celebrate Steve's transition into presbyteral ministry.

### [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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