

Prayers of Intercession

God of light and love
may the beauty of your peace
encircle the peoples of the earth
and fill our prayer with hope.
Let your face shine upon us and upon your world.

All: Save us in your steadfast love.

God of light and love
You have called us to live together in community
sharing what we have and carrying each other's burdens.
May we walk faithfully where you lead us
and may our actions show your love in the world.
We pray for the small and big choices that lie ahead for us this week
and ask that we would honour you in the ordinary things of life,
knowing that you are with us always.
We pray that you would surround all who are struggling or feeling alone
with your presence and peace.
Let your face shine upon us and upon your world.

All: Save us in your steadfast love.

God of light and love,
we bring to you the places in our world
where the darkness of war casts its shadows over people's lives.
We pray today for Ukraine, for the Middle East, for Gaza, for South Sudan
and ask for just and lasting solutions to long-running conflict.
Give us persistence in prayer, hope in believing that peace will come
and trust in your promise that you make all things new.
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God of light and love
you hold our lives in your hand.
We pray for all who are in trouble, pain or distress.
In the quiet we name those we know who need to know your protection today.
(Silence)
Be close to all who suffer and surround them with tender care.
May we, your Church, be a protecting space for those who are battered by life
and a place of healing and hope in a troubled and divided world.
Let your face shine upon us and upon your world.

All: Save us in your steadfast love.

God of light and love
may the beauty of your peace
encircle us
and fill our homes and our hearts
today and always.
Let your face shine upon us and upon your world

All: Save us in your steadfast love.

Amen

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Sunday 3 May 2026

Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

2 Peter 2: 9 - 10

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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 3 May 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

Services and Meetings this week

Saturday - 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.

Sunday – 9.30am – Our service will be led by Rev Agnes. This service will include Holy Communion which all are very welcome to participate in.

– **9.30am – JAM - Church 4 Children Club.** This meeting is open to all children 5 – 12 years old. Jesus And Me - church for children and young families. Exploring the bible through games, craft, puppets, wacky science, play dough, toys and stories. Drinks and snacks available.

Monday – 4.00 – 5.00pm –No **Monday Club** as it's a Bank Holiday.

– **7.00 to 7.15pm** – No **Rochford Prayer** as it's a Bank Holiday.

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. This week Rev Norman leads us on Chapter 1: 9-14.

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 a local arrangement led by the Worship Leaders. This will be a special service to mark [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.

27 May – 8.00pm – Our **House Group** will be meeting at the home of Heather and Mike. You are very welcome to join us and if you need further information, please speak to them/another Steward.

Other Information

Church income was £332.00, which comprises collections, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

Community Outreach Pastor update – I led three assemblies this week, looking at the parables of Jesus. The kids enjoyed hearing about the story of the Good Samaritan and watching the video of a modern day good Samaritan, a marathon runner who helped an exhausted runner to finish the race.

Thanks to those who helped out at Lego club, we enjoyed painting stones and hiding them around the garden.

Do join us for the pizza for thought night this coming Saturday, it will be a chance to find out more about the Christian faith. Booking is not essential, but it does help to gauge how much pizza to order in :) Thanks, Mike Webb

Collect – Eternal God whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice his truth, and to share his risen life; 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

16 May – 10.00am to 1.00pm – All Creatures Great and Small – A selection of art, crafts, photos etc. [Chalkwell Park Methodist Church](#). Free entry.

16 May – 10.00am to 4.30pm – Abundant Life – A Healing Journey. The Great Hall, [Methodist Central Hall](#), Westminster. To book visit their [website](#), or call 020 7554 3809.

16 May – 7.30pm – Quiz Night – [Thorpe Bay Methodist Church](#). Tickets £5.00 each. Bring your own soft drinks and nibbles. Make up your own team of 6-8, or come along and join with others. In aid of church funds. [Email](#) to book, or call Judith 07742 705109.

21 May – 7.30 to 9.30pm – An evening with Adrian and Bridget Pluss - [Benfleet Methodist Church](#). There will be no cost for the evening, but booking is essential as

there is limited seating. To book please [email](#) your name, and anyone else coming with you.

23 May – 10.30am to 12.30pm – A Craft Fayre & Quiche/Pie Morning – [Canvey Methodist Church](#).

7 June – 4.00pm – Rev Steve Mayo's Testimony Service. [Rayleigh Methodist Church](#). Preacher will be Deacon Sarah McDowall. 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.

13 June – 3.30pm – Beetle Drive and Karaoke – [Hockley Methodist Church](#). Adults £5, Ages 5-16 £3, Group of up to 5 £15, Under 5s free. Price includes tea, coffee, squash and cake, or bring your own snacks/soft drinks. For tickets please [email](#) or call Gill 07518 027291.

[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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