

Prayers of Intercession

God of peace,
we pray from the heart for those impacted so terribly by violence and conflict...
those places that make the headlines and those that are forgotten...
remembering especially children traumatised by all they have seen and all they have lost.
We pray for those who are displaced because of civil war
and we remember especially the people of Sudan in their desperation and their suffering...
The news reports numbers but you Lord know each person's name and the hopes of their hearts.
Loving God, hear our prayer.

God of all creation,
we pray from the heart for those impacted by severe weather and ongoing drought...
for the people of China and Colombia, for those across Europe and Canada whose lives have been
devastated by wildfires, for farmers in this country and the firefighters risking their lives day after day...
Loving God, hear our prayer.

God of the young and the old,
we pray from the heart for those waiting for exam results,
for those who will be delighted and are confident about their next steps
and those who will be devastated and feel lost...
We pray for all young people struggling to find their place in the world...
and we pray for those who feel their life is slipping away...
for those who are forgotten now they are older,
for those who have lost their independence...
and for those struggling to come to terms with diminishing mobility and declining health...
Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray from the heart for families that are estranged,
for those whose families have been torn apart by violence, deceit or betrayal...
for those who have family members struggling with addiction...
and or those struggling with debt...
We pray for those who have had someone close to them go missing,
for those who hope for news day after day...
and for those who, for whatever reason, have found themselves alone and in crisis...
Loving God, hear our prayer.

Finally we pray from the heart for our own families, our friends and all those we worship alongside and pray
with and for...
We pray for our companion animals and the natural world that enriches and inspires us...
We pray for those who guide and shape our daily lives...
and for those with the responsibility of shaping the life of our church, and our nation...
We pray for those we encounter in shops and in our local communities...
and for those who have no-one to pray for them by name.
Loving God, hear our prayer
and may the hearts of all we have prayed for be touched by
joy, hope and courage
in Jesus' name, Amen.

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Sunday 16 August 2026

Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Isaiah 56:7

**"For my house shall be called a house of
prayer for all peoples."**

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 16 August 2026

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev Pete Moorhouse has announced that Rev Agnes' maternity cover has now been confirmed as **Rev Kwane Russell** from Jamaica. Rev Kwane has been in the ministry since September 2017 and up to December 2024 was a Superintendent minister in Jamaica, at which point he was given permission to study in the UK and has just completed a MA at Cliff College. During his time there, he also worked at Trinity Methodist Church in Nottingham as a Pastoral Support worker.

Due to various issues, which now have been resolved, Rev Kwane will not be able to start with us until Monday 7 September 2026. In the meantime, Rev Pete will cover from the start of Rev Agnes' holiday/maternity leave from 23 August. This doesn't mean that he will personally be available, but will make sure that one of the ministerial team will be made available if needed.

Services and Meetings this week

Sunday – 9.30am – Our preacher will be Mike Fogg.

Monday – 4.00 to 5.00pm – **Monday Club**. Resumes in September.

– **7.00 to 7.15pm** – **Rochford Prayer** via [Zoom](#). Meeting ID 768 0376 1257
Passcode: 8yTeDH.

Tuesday – 7.30pm – **Bible Study**. Resumes in September.

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**. Resumes in September.

Saturday – 6.00 to 8.00pm – **Christianity Explored**. Pastor Mike will be running the next of the sessions for those who have been attending previously. It will be held in the Benson Room, as previously. There have been some great conversations had, plus very insightful questions raised. Please pray for all of those who will be attending/leading.

Forward Notices

Next Sunday – 9.30am – Our preacher will be Rev Pete Moorhouse. This will also be the last service that Mike Webb will be attending as our Outreach and Communities Pastor and we will be thanking Mike for his work with us over the last 3 years.

25 August – 11.00am to 1.00pm – **Teddy Bears' Picnic** - Lunchtime cooking club for children and teddy bears. For tickets use this [link](#). A responsible adult will need to stay at all times. Places are limited. Please book one ticket per family.

Other Information

Church income was £274.00, which comprises collections, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

Gift Fortnight – Our Treasurer will be announcing the final total from this year's gift fortnight next week.

JMA Boxes - It is that time of year again so if you have a JMA collecting box please can you let Judy have it for our annual accounts. Many thanks Judy

Caring for our environment - Small Changes, Big Impact: Peat-Free Gardening

Did you know that peat bogs store more carbon than all the world's forests combined? When peat is harvested for garden compost, that trapped carbon is released and fragile ecosystems are destroyed. As we tend our gardens this summer, why not commit to choosing 100% peat-free compost? It's a simple swap that protects vital habitats and helps combat climate change right from our own backyards.

Collect – God of the nations, to whose table all are invited and in whose kingdom no one is a stranger: hear the cries of the hungry and mercifully extend to all the peoples on earth the joys of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Other Forward Notices

12 September – 7.00pm – **Folk concert** - "'[OUR ATLANTIC ROOTS](#) ' fuse together poetic lyrics and cinematic instrumentation, creatively presenting a blend of the cultures they are individually from, by merging genres characterized by their country and folk roots".

[Highlands Methodist Church](#). Tickets: £5.00 per head, available from: [We Got Tickets](#). Profits will go to the charity [Aspirations in Southend](#).

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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