

Prayers of Intercession

Almighty and all-knowing God, your world and all its people are in your hand. You alone see the big picture. You alone know your plans, plans to prosper and not to harm us. And yet it is hard not to feel anxious and uncertain when we look around us and see so much need for prayer.

Yours is a path of generosity, grace and peace, but your children are led astray with greed, intolerance and violence. We ask your blessing on the peace-makers - those seeking to mediate between warring nations and factions and individuals.

Encourage and strengthen them, giving them the right words to say. May your Holy Spirit infuse the hearts of those who wield power and influence, that they may prioritise justice, safety and wellbeing for all. May we use our votes prayerfully and our voices wisely, unafraid to speak truth to power.

Help us trust your love and your leading, as we journey on together.

God, who led your people to safety in treacherous times, we pray for those who are in danger at this time; those who make the news such as the victims of the floods in Nepal and China, the volcano in Indonesia or the collapsed building in Delhi, and those whose situation goes unnoticed by others. We pray for those who put their lives at risk to seek sanctuary in another country due to danger at home, not knowing what kind of welcome they will receive. Bless all who work to support those in danger and in need, and may our hearts be filled with compassion and understanding.

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Creator and carer of all, you see the needs of each individual and long to lead them from all that holds them back from living life in all its fullness. We pray for those whose mental health is affected by their situation, those who are limited by anxiety or lack of understanding of how to navigate the circumstances they find themselves in. We bring before you all whose quality of life is marred by poverty, unemployment, homelessness, and lack of opportunity. We pray for those who are sick or who feel held back by weakness or impairment, and for those who mourn. May your love and comfort envelop them, your strength infuse them, your spirit encourage them. Strengthen and equip those who work amongst them and move us with compassion to help where we can, whether it be practically, emotionally or financially.

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Sunday 13 September 2026

Weekly Notices and Prayers (v1.0)

Bible reading for the week

Romans 14:8

For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

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 13 September 2026

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to Rev Kwane Russell! - We give a very warm welcome to Rev Kwane Russell, who is joining us to provide maternity leave cover for Rev Agnes. Some members of the Church Leadership Team met Rev Kwane briefly at the recent Circuit Meeting, and we have moved our next Leadership Team meeting to Monday, 21 September so he can attend. Rev Kwane will be preaching at Rochford at the end of the month—please keep him in your prayers as he begins his ministry among us.

Please note that pending the Circuit assigning Rev Kwane an email and phone number, Rev Pete Moorhouse remains as our ministerial contact. Hopefully this will be rectified soon.

Services and Meetings this week

Sunday – 9.30am – Our service will be a local arrangement led by the worship leaders.

Monday – 3.45 to 4.45pm – **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.

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 on Fridays in term time and is for parents/carers with children aged 0 to 5 years. There is a suggested donation of £2 per family.

Saturday – 6.00 to 8.00pm – **Christianity Explored**. This will be the next session in our course of study together. The session will be discussing "The Cross". If you haven't been along before and would like to find out more, please speak with [Mike Sims](#).

Forward Notices

Next Sunday – 9.30am – We will be celebrating our annual **Harvest Festival** and this service will be led by Jane Fulford. A special collection will be taken for [All We Can](#) (previously the Methodist Relief and Development Fund). Please also bring along your donations of packet/tinned food to this service and these will be passed on to HARP.

Other Information

Church income was £281.00, which comprises collections, Standing Orders paid directly into the Church account, plus other donations received over the last week.

Rev Agnes Extension – We are delighted to report that the Circuit Meeting has voted to extend Rev Agnes' appointment for a further five years! This decision follows an intensive summer of consultations, and we offer a huge thank you to everyone in our own fellowship who gave their time and invaluable input into the Circuit committee recommendation.

Rev Kwane will be serving as our minister during Rev Agnes' maternity leave, and she will then return to guide us through to 2032. Please keep both ministers and our church family in your prayers.

Treasurer's Talk - Our church year ended on 31 August so all treasurers in the Circuit are busy getting their year-end accounts together ready to be submitted to the Circuit. At this church we always aim to have the accounts ready (and independently examined) so that they can be presented complete, to our next church council meeting on 14 October.

We are in a new season with all the changes that have taken place over the last few weeks. It will be interesting to see how these changes affect our finances. We no longer employ a Mission and Outreach worker and some of the groups have new leadership who may have different ideas as to how to spend their budget.

We heard at the Circuit meeting on Wednesday that the Model Trust Fund has a large amount of money in it available for grants for Mission work. Please consider this prayerfully and if you have a great Mission outreach idea, please let us know and we could consider applying for a grant. (It's always best to get in early while there is still money available!)

As always, God bless you all for your faithful financial support of the work of this church and may we continue to be a beacon of light in our community. Heather

Church Leadership Team Meeting - Please note that the next CLT meeting has moved from 14 to 21 September. This is to accommodate the Local Preachers' meeting and Worship Leaders Forum which is also scheduled for this coming

Monday evening. If you have any items that you would like to be discussed at CLT (our first with Rev Kwane!), please pass these on to one of the Stewards.

Collect – God our Redeemer, who called your church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us so to proclaim the good news of your love that all who hear it may be reconciled to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Caring for our environment – Rainwater Harvesting - Collecting rainwater is an easy way to steward creation. Naturally soft and chemical-free, rainwater is better for plants than treated tap water while reducing pressure on local water supplies. Clean out gutters and water butt connectors before autumn, or consider connecting an extra water butt to capture seasonal downpours.

Other Forward Notices

10 October – 10.00am to 2.00pm - Circuit Quiet Day. [Belfairs Methodist Church](#).

Theme “Speak O Lord, as we come to You”. Guided meditations. Worship. A time to pause in our busy lives. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea/coffee 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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