

From Ascension to Pentecost



The period between the Ascension and Pentecost is the 10-day interval when the Apostles, following Jesus' ascent to heaven 40 days after Easter, waited in Jerusalem in prayer for the promised Holy Spirit. It is a time of anticipation, prayer, and reflection that concludes on Pentecost (50 days after Easter), marking the birth of the Church through the descent of the Holy Spirit.

Key Aspects of the Period:

- **Duration:** 10 days, spanning from Ascension Day (Thursday 14th May 2026) to Pentecost Sunday (24th May 2026).
- **Scriptural Context:** Jesus instructed the disciples not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4).
- **The Waiting Period:** The disciples, along with Mary, waited and prayed, bridging the gap between Christ's departure and the empowerment of the Church.
- **Significance:** It prepares the disciples for their mission to "make disciples of all nations"

Let us likewise wait expectantly upon the Lord, and know that our hope, strength and futures are rooted in him



Rochford Congregational Church

Church Website – www.rochfordcong.org.uk

NOTICE SHEET

SUNDAY 17th MAY 2026

11.00am – Morning Service – **Speaker** – Dave Berrington

SUNDAY 24th MAY 2026

11.00am – Morning Service - **Speaker** – Rev D Redbond

SUNDAY 31st MAY 2026

11.00am – All Age Service – **Speaker** – Ray Trendell

SUNDAY 7th JUNE 2026

11.00am – Morning Service – **Speaker** – Mike Webb
Followed by Communion & Membership of Mrs J Green

SUNDAY 14th JUNE 2026

11.00am – Morning Service – **Speaker** – Rev G Evans

SUNDAY 21st JUNE 2026

11.00am – Morning Service – **Speaker** – Chris Hutchinson

Induction Loop Here





**All of them were
filled with
the Holy Spirit!**
Acts 2.4

NEXT BULLETIN

Sunday 21st June

Please give any items for the
next bulletin to
Caroline Starling
by **Thursday 18th June**
Many Thanks

GO SOCIAL



If you would like to be added to
the group please speak to
Caroline Starling

WEEKLY PROGRAMME

*Please listen to the weekly notices in
the services for any changes
Unless otherwise announced all
meetings will be in the
Creche Room*

TUESDAY 19th MAY

11am Coffee & Chat
7.30pm Fellowship & Prayer

TUESDAY 26th MAY

11am Coffee & Chat
7.30pm Fellowship & Prayer

TUESDAY 2nd JUNE

11am Coffee & Chat
7.30pm Fellowship & Prayer

WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE

7.30pm Deacons Meeting
(IN THE MINISTER'S VESTRY)

TUESDAY 9th JUNE

11am Coffee & Chat
7.30pm Church Members Meeting
(IN THE CHURCH)

TUESDAY 16th JUNE

11am Coffee & Chat
7.30pm Fellowship & Prayer

HEAR IT AGAIN

Please note that our sermons are
recorded and placed online on our
website –

<https://rochfordcong.org.uk/sermons>

TEARFUND

We would like to say thank you
to all who donated money
following the fellowship meal
which will go to the TEAR fund
Middle East Emergency Appeal –
the amount raised was £70

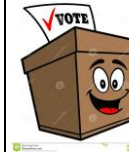
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ITEMS FOR PRAYER

- Please pray for Grace's son –
and his family following her
home call this week – and
give thanks for her long life
and strong faith in the Lord
- Please pray for those in the
fellowship who are
experiencing health problems
- Please pray for all those who
will be preaching for us over
the coming month – giving
thanks for their willingness to
share what the Lord has laid
upon their hearts

DEACON ELECTIONS

Voting for the diaconate took
place on Tuesday 12th May



**Mr Chris Hutchinson
Mr Roland Keyes
Miss Caroline Starling
Mr Ray Trendell**

were elected to serve on the
diaconate

Please pray for Chris, Roland,
Caroline and Ray T as they serve
the Lord & our church during the
next three years

Ascension Day

After he said this,
he was taken up
before their very eyes,
and a cloud hid him from their sight.
"Men of Galilee," they said,
"why do you stand here looking into the sky?
This same Jesus,
who has been taken from you
into heaven,
WILL come back
in the same way
you have seen him go into heaven."
Acts 1:9, 11