

**St Peter and Paul**  
**The Parish Church of**  
**St. Osyth**

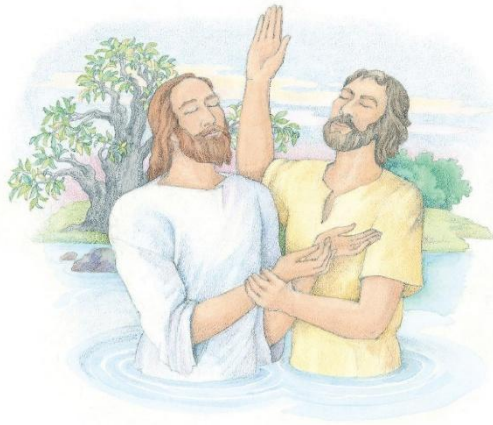
**In the Priory Benefice of  
St. Osyth, Great Bentley, Weeley and Little Clacton**

***“SERVING GOD THROUGH  
LOVE, WORSHIP AND WITNESS”***

**Registered Charity Number: 1215560**

**11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**  
**The Baptism of Christ**

**There will be a 11am Sunday Service.  
Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service.**



**The Bible Readings**

**Acts 10. 34-43.  
Matthew 3. 13-end.**

**CHURCH CONTACTS**

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## **The Gospel Matthew 3. 13-end.**

### **The Baptism of Jesus**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptised, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

### **Prayers**

- † Pray for the worldwide Church; for persecuted Christians and those imprisoned for their faith.
- † Ask for God's blessing on our benefice with unwavering faith that guides our steps, illuminates our path, and fills our hearts with hope and strength throughout the year ahead.
- † In our war-torn world, pray for help and protection for the innocent, marginalised and vulnerable asking God to replace warmongers with peacemakers.
- † Pray for all affected by adverse weather conditions and natural disasters.
- † Pray for our parish, especially the staff and pupils of St. Osyth School and Pre School, the residents and visitors of Five Stacks and Vyntoner House, our local businesses and for the many social groups.
- † Pray for those in need of healing and long-term prayerful support including: George, Ray, Maureen,
- † David, Nina Hatchett, Dominee, Jane Eade, Tiny Harding, Joy and John.
- † Pray for all who have recently passed away and those who mourn them.
- † For the year ahead asking God to give you the grace and strength to navigate the journey He has planned for you.

Please let Chris Pile, email [pile.chris@gmail.com](mailto:pile.chris@gmail.com), know the name of anyone who you would like to be added or anyone who can now be taken off the prayers.

Thank you.

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## \*\*\* NOTICES \*\*\*

### Christmas Angels

Many thanks to Peter, Jenny, Robert, Heather, Jim and Jill who organised the Christmas Angels again in December 2025. Nearly £800 was raised for Church funds-a splendid effort.

The tree at the front of the Church was full of Angels remembering loved ones who are no longer with us. This is a very special part of St. Osyth Christmas.



### Christmas in SS Peter and Paul 2025

During December 2025 we had a very busy time with various services and events, including the Deanery Choir Service, Pre-School Nativity, St. Osyth Primary School KS1 and KS2 events, Nine Lessons and Carols, the Village Carol Service, Christingle Service, Midnight Mass and Christmas Day Service. During this period, we welcomed 1151 adults and 374 children into Church.

A BIG thank you to all those who helped and supported these events in anyway, especially those who are responsible for the Christmas decorations, the Christmas Tree and the Refreshments Team. Without this support Christmas would not have been so successful and joyful. We had lots of lovely comments regarding how festive and welcoming the Church felt.

### VACANCY

Martin has decided it is time to step away from his role as Treasurer for St. Osyth Church.

We would like to Thank Martin for his support and time over the last 12 years.

This means that the Parochial Church Council is now looking for a new treasurer.

Could you fulfil this role and support us with maintaining our financial and banking as well as attending PCC meetings?

Further information available from  
Tony Page (Church Warden)  
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### BBC SOUNDS RECOMMENDATION

After car issues and being unable to attend a service in Church, Danny and Judy would like to recommend a Sunday Worship radio programme available on the BBC Sounds website or using the link below.

[Sunday Worship - Tyndale's Testament - BBC Sounds](#)

### **Pew Notices & Diary**

**Notices** – Emma Charnock [info@stosythparishchurch.co.uk](mailto:info@stosythparishchurch.co.uk) by latest Wednesday 5pm  
**Anything for the Church Diary** – Emma Charnock [info@stosythparishchurch.co.uk](mailto:info@stosythparishchurch.co.uk)

Don't forget, you can always find out more by visiting the  
CHURCH WEBSITE:

[www.stosythparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.stosythparishchurch.co.uk)

## St. Osyth Parish Church

### Diary for Week Beginning Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026

<b>Sunday</b> <b>The Baptism of Christ</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Paul Greenland</b>  <b>Sunday Club</b>  <b>Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service</b>
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup>		
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12noon	CCS Course led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest in the Church Room
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	From 9.15am  7.30pm-9pm	Children from the Reception Classes at St. Osyth Primary School will be visiting the Church, Dianne Pile attending  Bell Ringing Cluster Group at St. Osyth
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>		
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup>	10am-11.30am	Pop-In
<b>Sunday</b> <b>Second Sunday of Epiphany</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest</b>  <b>Sunday Club</b>  <b>Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service</b>

### UPCOMING SERVICES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service led by</u>
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	11am Holy Communion Service, led by Rev'd. Laurie Bond
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	8am Holy Communion Service
	10am Priory Benefice Holy Communion Service. Held at St. Andrews Church, Little Clacton. Led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest