

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

18th January 2026
Second Sunday of Epiphany

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



The Bible Readings

**1 Corinthians 1. 1-9.
John 1. 29-42.**

CHURCH CONTACTS

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The Gospel John 1. 29-42

The Lamb of God

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

The First Disciples of Jesus

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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, know the name of anyone who you would like to be added or anyone who can now be taken off the prayers.

Thank you.

*** NOTICES ***

Reflecting on the Christmas Angels.

When I read the very well deserved thank you on the Pew Sheet to Peter, Jennifer, Robert, Heather, Jim and Jill for their organisation of the Christmas Angels, I thought back ten years. As it was that long ago when Peter and Jennifer just suggested that offering people the opportunity to write personal messages on little white plastic angels and hanging them on our fir tree, might bring comfort to many people who do feel sad at Christmas having lost loved ones. The idea was born.

It was never intended to be a fund raiser. The voluntary contributions were really to cover the cost of the plastic. However, we have never had to pay for it as Peter's brother owns the factory Project Plastics Ltd and he has very generously provided the plastic for all of these years. People who contribute are happy to do so as they know it goes into Church Funds.

In those ten years nearly £6000.00 has been raised, so our many grateful thanks do go to the team for supporting the Church financially but most importantly bringing comfort to many people at Christmas time.

Thank you.

FUNDRAISING FOR CHURCH MUSIC AND ORGAN FUND

Do you have an Anniversary or Special Occasion happening this year?

Would you like to dedicate a hymn or Organ Voluntary at the end of the 11am Sunday service?

All you have to do is to let Tony or Sunny know and they will make this happen for you!

All we ask for is a small donation to the Church Music and Organ Fund and you will receive a mention on the weekly Pew Sheet.



THE SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

www.trusselltrust.org

Please do keep donating items for the Clacton Food Bank. All donations are always gratefully received, but please make a note of their specific requests below.

- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned/packet Custard
- Long Life Milk
- UHT Fruit Juice
- Instant Mash
- Tinned Sponge Puddings
- Small Jar/packet Instant Coffee
- Hot Chocolate Powder



An Act of Kindness.

In the run up to Christmas, the thoughts of the Pastoral Team in Church turned to George. He had not been able to attend Church for many weeks after a stay in hospital and the availability of buses to bring him. Thanks to our small Pastoral Fund, given in the memory of Sue Baker, we were able to contact a local taxi firm to ask if they would bring George to Church. It was arranged and he attended a Communion Service on the week before Christmas. It was very good to see George in his usual seat again and he was pleased to be there.

When we offered payment to Sandra, who runs a taxi service, she would not accept it. She said she was happy to do it 'for a lovely gentleman'. How very kind of her and completely unexpected.

She also offered to take George to Church on a Sunday each month. He will now be able on every third Sunday to join with us all in a service. Such a lovely kind act of charity.

Thank you Sandra.

It should be mentioned that she does support the Church by advertising in the magazine under Compass Taxis.



Church family and Pastoral Care

Please keep an eye open for any regular member of our congregation who have not attended church for more than two weeks, allowing of course for any holidays. If you feel concerned then please speak to

Dianne (820843),
Sonia (820648) or
Anne (821661)

so they can investigate and make contact on behalf of the church family.

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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Pew Notices & Diary

Notices – Emma Charnock info@stosythparishchurch.co.uk by latest Wednesday 5pm

Anything for the Church Diary – Emma Charnock info@stosythparishchurch.co.uk

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

www.stosythparishchurch.co.uk

St. Osyth Parish Church

Diary for Week Beginning Sunday 11th January 2026 – 18th January 2026

Sunday Second Sunday of Epiphany	18th	11am	Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest Sunday Club Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service
Monday	19 th		
Tuesday	20 th	10am-12noon	CCS Course led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest in the Church Room
Wednesday	21 st		Church <u>CLOSED</u> for cleaning
Thursday	22 nd	10am	Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest
Friday	23 rd	10am	Funeral led by Wendy King
Saturday	24 th	10am-11.30am	Pop-In
Sunday Third Sunday of Epiphany	25th	11am	Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Laurie Bond Sunday Club Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service

UPCOMING SERVICES

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