

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

1st February 2026
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

There will be an 8am Service and a 10am Priory Benefice Service held at St. James' Church, Little Clacton.



The Bible Readings

**Hebrews 2. 14-end.
Luke 2. 22-40**

CHURCH CONTACTS

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The Gospel Luke 2. 22-40

Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word,
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

The Return to Nazareth

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.

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.
- † Pray for those you know who need to experience the reality of God’s grace and peace in their lives.
- † Father, help me to draw back from simply doing works of service and find time, in loving obedience, to sit at your feet, read your Word and pray in your name.

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 ***

OUR SMALL CHRISTMAS GIFT TREE A Belated Thank You

Very many thanks to those who made financial gifts to our Church via the small Christmas Tree. All the little cards acknowledging the gifts were hung from the tree-ranging from reams of paper to Baptism Candles! £150.00 was raised for Church Funds. Thank you to all those who contributed. Thank you also to Pat Smith who ensured that the tree was in its place in Church, having cared for it during all of 2025!

Have you ever thought about ringing Church Bells?

There will be free Bellringing Taster Sessions running in St. Osyth Church on,

Wednesday 4th February

Sessions start at 6.30pm and will last for approximately one hour.

No experience needed-just curiosity and enthusiasm! Join us for a fun, hands on introduction to a unique activity.

Places are limited, so booking is essential.

To reserve your place, please email

northeastacr@gmail.com



DAY OUT AT PLESHEY HOUSE

RETREAT

Proposed date 27th June

We are just asking if anyone would be interested in a one-day visit to Pleshey. The house and grounds offer a chance to step away from the toil of everyday life to just rest and relax, even if for only one day.

There will be a cost for this visit, but this depends on how popular it is.

If you would like to provisionally book please contact

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LENT COURSE

Rev'd. Sharon will be leading a Lent Course at St. Mary's Church, Great Bentley throughout March.

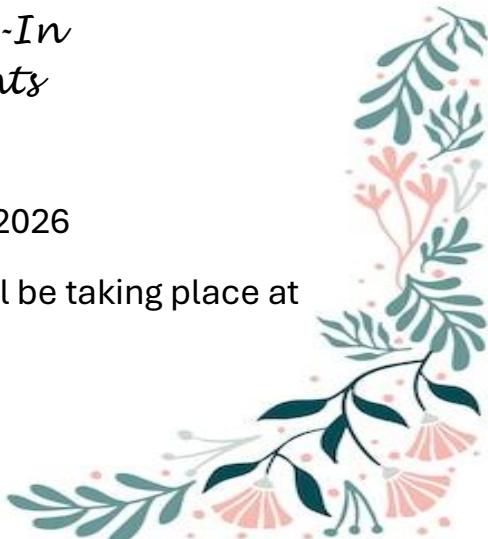
The course will take place on Thursday 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. From 11.30am – 1pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend.





Pre-Wedding Pop-In With Refreshments



10am-11.30am
Saturday 14th February 2026

Danny and Judy's Church Wedding will be taking place at
12noon.

All are Welcome

**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

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 Fiona would be very happy 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.



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 1st February 2026 – 8th February 2026

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Epiphany	1st	8am 10am	Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest Priory Benefice Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest. Held at St. James' Church, Little Clacton
Monday	2 nd		
Tuesday	3 rd	10am-12noon 3pm	CCS Course led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest in the Church Room Standing Committee Meeting in Church Room
Wednesday	4 th	6.30pm	Bellringing Taster Session
Thursday	5 th	10am	Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest
Friday	6 th		
Saturday	7 th	10am-11.30am	Pop-In
Sunday Second Sunday before Lent	8th	11am	Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest Sunday Club Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service

UPCOMING SERVICES

Date	Service led by
Sunday 15 th February	11am Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Judith Gibbons
Wednesday 18 th February (Ash Wednesday)	7pm Holy Communion Service with Ashes held at St. Mary's Church, Great Bentley. Led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest and Wendy King
Sunday 22 nd February	11am Holy Communion Service with Baptisms led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest