

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

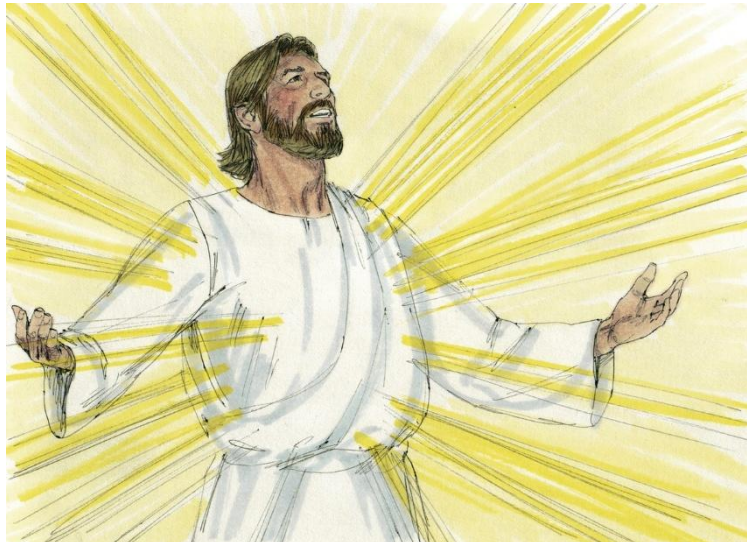
**In the Priory Benefice of  
St. Osyth, Great Bentley, Weeley and Little Clacton**

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

**Registered Charity Number: 1215560**

**15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**  
**Sunday next before Lent**

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



**The Bible Readings**

**2 Peter 1. 16 -end.  
Matthew 17. 1-9**

**CHURCH CONTACTS**

**General enquiries, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals** please contact

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## **The Gospel**

### **Matthew 17. 1-9**

#### **The Transfiguration**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

#### **Prayers**

- † Pray for the worldwide Church; for persecuted Christians and those imprisoned for their faiths.
- † Continue to pray for peace in our war-torn world, asking God to help and protect the innocent, marginalised and vulnerable.
- † Pray that our nation turns to God, so that His kingdom may come to our land, knowing that 'righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people'.
- † Pray for all affected by adverse weather conditions and natural disasters remembering those affected by the continuous wet weather in this country.
- † 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 God, help me to spend more time praising you and focusing on walking by faith, not only by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7).
- † Pray for Danny and Judy; for their wedding this Saturday and their future married life together.

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 \*\*\*

### CONGRATULATIONS

*Many Congratulations to Danny and Judy on  
their Wedding this Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February.*

#### ASH WEDNESDAY

The Ash Wednesday service will take place in St. Mary's Church, Great Bentley this year.

The service will be led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest and Wendy King and will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm.

Everyone is welcome to join.



#### 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.  
From 11.30am – 1pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### 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

Lyn Gordon

[linda.bear@sky.com](mailto:linda.bear@sky.com)

07304051529 or 01206 681884

## 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.

## 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.



## THE SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

[www.trusselltrust.org](http://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



## 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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

<b>Sunday</b> <b>Sunday next</b> <b>before Lent</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Judith Gibbons</b>  <b>Sunday Club</b>  <b>Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service</b>
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>		
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>		
Wednesday <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	18 <sup>th</sup>	6am-2pm  6.30pm  7pm	Church <b><u>CLOSED</u></b> for cleaning  Suffolk University Bell Ringing Club  Holy Communion service with Ashes held at St. Mary's Church, Great Bentley
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>		
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup>	10am-11.30am	Pop-In
<b>Sunday</b> <b>First Sunday of</b> <b>Lent</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Service with Baptisms 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 1 <sup>st</sup> March	8am Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest
	10am Priory Benefice Holy Communion Service held at St. Osyth. Led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	11am Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Paul Greenland