

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 March 2026
Second Sunday of Lent

**There will be an 8am Service and a 10am Priory Benefice Service held at St.
Osyth.**

Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service.



The Bible Readings

Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17
John 3. 1-17

CHURCH CONTACTS

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The Gospel John 3. 1-17

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you¹¹ do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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).
- † Father God, may my sacrifice during Lent remind me of my dependence on You for all the blessings I enjoy. Amen.

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 ***



PCC MEMBERS

There will be a PCC Meeting on Wednesday 4th March at 7pm, in the Church Room.

Please do attend.

If you are unable to attend, please can you let Belinda, the PCC Secretary, know.



LENT COURSE

Starting *NEXT* Week 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.

EASTER FLOWERS

Looking forward to Easter we will be arranging flowers in the Church on Friday 3rd April, after the 10am Last Hours on the Cross Service.

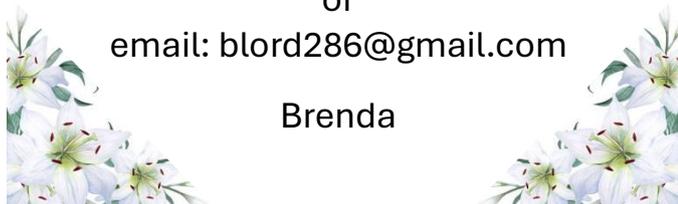
If you would like to donate, in memory, towards the Easter Lily's or flower arrangements please write your name, telephone number and the names of those you would like to be remembered on an envelope, it can be handed to Tony Page, Sunny Bissenden, Sonia Grantham or a side's person on Sundays.

I will require these names by Saturday 25th March in time for the names to be included on the Easter pew sheet.

If you require more information, please call me on 07855914064
or

email: blord286@gmail.com

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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.



DAY OUT AT PLESHEY HOUSE RETREAT

Proposed date 27th June

Would you be interested in a one-day visit to Pleshey House Retreat.

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. The more people who come along the lower the cost of the retreat.

If you would like to provisionally book, please contact
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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

ALF's BOX & THE LARGE GREEN GLASS JAR

If you call in to the church any time
during the day, please just glance into
Alf's donations box & the glass jar and
if there is any money in them would you
kindly put it in the wall safe located in
the wall by the internal notice board in
the welcome area.

DID YOU KNOW?

The weekly Pew Sheet is available as a
PDF email, paper copies in both
standard and large print and now also
available on the Church website and
updated weekly.

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 March 2026 – 8th March 2026

Sunday Second Sunday of Lent	1st	8am <u>10am</u>	Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest Priory Benefice Holy Communion Service at St. Osyth Parish Church, led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest Sunday Club Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service
Monday	2 nd		
Tuesday	3 rd	10am-12noon	CCS Course led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest in the Church Room
Wednesday	4 th	6.30pm 7pm	Suffolk University Bell Ringing Club PCC Meeting in the Church Room
Thursday	5 th	10am	Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest
Friday	6 th		
Saturday	7 th	9.30am-10.15am 10am-11.30am	Great Totham Bell Ringers Ringing Tour Pop-In
Sunday Third Sunday of Lent	8th	11am	Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Paul Greenland Sunday Club Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service

UPCOMING SERVICES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service led by</u>
Sunday 15 th March Mothering Sunday	11am Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Judith Gibbons
Sunday 22 nd March Passion Sunday	11am Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Laurie Bond

AROUND THE BENEFICE

FLOWER ARRANGING DEMONSTRATION

by

MARIA VAUGHAN

Friday 20th March at 7pm

Maria Vaughan, an Award-Winning Florist, will be demonstrating Flower Arrangements at home using Supermarket flowers and easily accessible greenery.

Should we be using floral foam? Hotly dated subject! Maria will demonstrate how to use this beloved aid and also show us how to use alternatives.

There will be Jugs, Easter ribbons and Sundries available to purchase on the night.

St Mary's Church Hall, Great Bentley

Tea/Coffee/Biscuits Included

Raffle

Tickets cost £10

Sales are limited so book early to avoid disappointment!

Contact Mary Maskell

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