

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

**22nd February 2026
First Sunday of Lent**

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



The Bible Readings

Romans 5. 12-19

Matthew 4. 1-11

CHURCH CONTACTS

General enquiries, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact

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The Gospel **Matthew 4. 1-11**

The Testing of Jesus

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.' "

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on 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).
- † Pray for God's blessing on all who are being Baptised in our Church over the coming weeks and months.

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 ***



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.



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.

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
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.

EASTER FLOWERS

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

Brenda

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 22nd February 2026 – 1st March 2026

Sunday First Sunday of Lent	22nd	11am	Holy Communion Service with Baptisms led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest Sunday Club Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service
Monday	23 rd		
Tuesday	24 th	10am-12noon	CCS Course led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest in the Church Room
Wednesday	25 th	6.30pm 7.30pm-9pm	Suffolk University Bell Ringing Club Bellringing Cluster Group at St. Osyth
Thursday	26 th	10am	Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest
Friday	27 th		
Saturday	28 th	10am-11.30am	Pop-In
Sunday First 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

UPCOMING SERVICES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service led by</u>
Sunday 8 th March	11am Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Paul Greenland
Sunday 15 th March Mothering Sunday	11am Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Judith Gibbons