

**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

**8<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Second Sunday before Lent**

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



**The Bible Readings**

**Romans 8. 18-25  
Matthew 6. 25-end.**

**CHURCH CONTACTS**

**General enquiries, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals** please contact  
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## The Gospel Matthew 6. 25-end.

### **Do Not Worry**

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

### 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](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 \*\*\*

## 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 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.

## *Pre-Wedding Pop-In With Refreshments*

10am-11.30am  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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

All are Welcome

## 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.



## **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)

Email: [churchwarden@stosythparishchurch.co.uk](mailto:churchwarden@stosythparishchurch.co.uk)

Mobile no: 07730 956414

### **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.

### **Contacting Sunny**

Sunny is experiencing problems accessing her emails at the moment. Please be patient if you are waiting for a reply, she will get back to you as soon as she can.

If you need to contact Sunny urgently, please call 07719 689051.

Thank you, Sunny 

### **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 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026

<b>Sunday Second Sunday before Lent</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest Organ played by Peter Clayton</b>
		<b>2pm</b>	<b>Sunday Club</b>
		<b>Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service</b>	
		<b>2pm</b>	<b>Wedding Rehearsal</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Wedding Rehearsal</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am-12noon</b>	<b>CCS Course led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest in the Church Room</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Suffolk University Bell Ringing Club</b>
		<b>7.30pm-9pm</b>	<b>Bellringing Cluster Group at St. Osyth</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am-11.30am</b>	<b>Pre-Wedding Pop-In</b>
		<b>12noon</b>	<b>Wedding of Danny and Judy</b>
		<b>2pm</b>	<b>Marriage Blessing</b>
<b>Sunday Sunday Next 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>	

### UPCOMING SERVICES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service led by</u>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> February	11am Holy Communion Service with Baptisms led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest
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