

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

15th March 2026
4th Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday

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



The Bible Readings

Col. 3. 12-17

Luke 2. 33-35

CHURCH CONTACTS

**General enquiries, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact
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The Gospel **Luke 2. 33-35**

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."

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 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, may my sacrifice during Lent remind me of my dependence on You for all the blessings I receive.
- † Pray for mothers everywhere, thinking especially of those who, with their children are living with the threat of violence, domestic or from warfare.

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 ***

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 Lilies 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 07855914064
or
email: blord286@gmail.com

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ANNUAL REVISION OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

This year the revision will be from Sunday 15th March

If you are not on our current Roll and would like to consider being added to it, further information about the Roll and application forms are available on the table at the back of the church.

Completed forms can be handed to Chris Pile or left in a sealed envelope on the table.

New applications by 12th April please.

Note: If your name is on the current Roll, you need do nothing unless you wish to be removed from it or need to make any amendments to your details e.g. change of name/address

Any queries, please speak to our Electoral Roll Officer, Chris Pile

Palm Sunday

On Sunday 29th March we will be walking with the Donkey from the Village Hall, Clacton Road to the Church where we will be met by Rev'd. Sharon.



The procession will be leaving the Village Hall at 10.30am.

Please do join us if you can.

Can you help?

Pictures have been found of previous Vicars of St. Osyth dating back to 1864 but we are missing a couple. If you have a picture, preferably in Clerical Attire of any of the following Priests please could you send it to me, and I can pass onto Danny. Thank you.

Rev'd. Phillip Palmer 1967-1971, Rev'd. John Allard 1986-1995, Rev'd. Ian White 1996-2000 or Rev'd. Martin Flowerdew 2001-2009

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
Rev'd. Sharon Guest
01255 235700 or Email:
sharonguest07@btinternet.com

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

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.



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.



THE PARISH GIVING SCHEME

Please consider giving to our church through this scheme. Many of our congregation give in this way. It saves you bringing cash to services and saves time for our treasurers too. It's a simple and secure way for our church to receive gifts and donations by monthly, quarterly or annually by Direct Debit. You can give anonymously if you prefer. There is no fee payable as the diocese covers the admin costs. It's also easy to log in and make amendments if required.

If you are a UK tax payer, gift aid of 25% is added to your giving. And we get that back straight away too!
Win-win.



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



Many of you will know that I am involved with the Cursillo movement within the Anglican church and our last weekend was in May this year which was a fantastic time away together in God's presence. It is a time to share together in fellowship to draw closer to God and to deepen your own spirituality and there are many ways to do this and Cursillo is just one way to do all of these things. Coming together on a Cursillo weekend which are held in the retreat house, Pleshey in this diocese there will be plenty of opportunity to draw closer to God and each other as we share in short talks, meditations and communions together. You may be thinking what is this Cursillo? A short description of the weekend is as follows;

The word Cursillo (pronounced kur-see-yo) means short course and it began in Spain when young men were encouraged to pilgrimage together to draw close to God. Cursillo is a National and International community which encourages people in their faith and also renews and refreshes each person who comes on a weekend.

Cursillo is for those who wish to explore their faith and be open to what God is saying to them.

Cursillo runs in the diocese with the Bishop's permission and cannot run without it, the Bishop supports Cursillo which is a movement of the church.

It begins on a Thursday evening in June this year with people arriving after 5pm and ends the following Sunday afternoon with a service at 3pm.

During these three days, those attending live, work and worship together, listening to talks given by different people, both lay and ordained.

You will hear talks on the following: Grace, Obstacles to Grace, Faith, Study, Sacraments, Evangelism, and the Christian Community in Action amongst other short talks which lead to lively follow up in small groups.

Learning, praying, sharing, singing, laughing and living together is the basis for discovering what it means to say;

"We are the body of Christ"

The most recent weekend in May was very well received and the next Cursillo weekend will be:

11th-14th June 2026

If you are interested in coming along to a weekend and would like to speak to someone please contact:

Rev. Sharon Guest Tel: 01255 235700 sharonguest07@btinternet.com

As we seek to be followers of Christ may we encourage and build up our worshipping community through love and prayers, may God bless us in all that we do for Him.

Sharon
Spiritual director in Chelmsford diocese
www.chelmsfordcursillo.com

St. Osyth Parish Church

Diary for Week Beginning Sunday 15th March 2026 – 22nd March 2026

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	15th	11am	Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Judith Gibbons Sunday Club Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service
Monday	16 th	9am	GCS in Church with Chris Pile
Tuesday	17 th	10am-12noon	CCS Course led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest in the Church Room
Wednesday	18 th	6am-2pm 6.30pm	Church CLOSED for cleaning Suffolk University Bell Ringing Club
Thursday	19 th	10am	Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest
Friday	20 th		
Saturday	21 st	10am-11.30am	Pop-In
Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday	22nd	11am	Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Laurie Bond Sunday Club Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service

UPCOMING SERVICES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service led by</u>
Sunday 29 th March Palm Sunday	10.30am Walk with the Donkey from the Village Hall 11am Morning Praise Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest
Thursday 2 nd April Maundy Thursday	7pm Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest
Friday 3 rd April Good Friday	10am Last Hours at the Cross led by Rev'd. Guy Thorburn
Sunday 5 th April Easter Day	There will be NO 8am Service in April 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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