

**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**

**29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**Palm Sunday**

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



**The Bible Readings**

**Matthew 21. 1-11**  
**Psalm 118. 1-2, 19-end**

**CHURCH CONTACTS**

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## The Gospel **Psalm 118. 1-2, 19-end.**

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!  
Let Israel say,  
“His steadfast love endures forever.”  
Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.  
This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.  
I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.  
This is the LORD’s doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!  
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.  
The LORD is God,  
and he has given us light.  
Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.  
You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.  
O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

### 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.
- † Lord Jesus Christ, grant that your Passion may be a power by which I am strengthened, protected and defended. May your wounds be my food and drink, and your blood a washing away of all my sins.

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 \*\*\*



Please note the **CLOCKS CHANGE** this Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March. Clocks will 'SPRING' forward one hour.

## Palm Sunday

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 meeting at the Village Hall at 10.30am.

## *Easter Saturday Quarter Peel in Memory of Mark Roberts 4<sup>th</sup> April - 10am*

*On behalf of my sisters and myself, I would like to offer a big thanks to Sunny, Gill and all the bell ringers for arranging a quarter peel to be rung on the 4<sup>th</sup> April in tribute to our father, Mark Roberts.*

*The 4<sup>th</sup> would have been Dad's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, so the timing is perfect. They will start ringing at 10am which also coincides with Pop-In at the Church Room so do please come along on Easter Saturday to listen whilst enjoying some refreshments. Dad was a bell ringer at St Osyth for many years so I'm sure he'll be looking down and feeling very honoured at this tribute.*

*Allison Bond*

## 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

## 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. John Allard 1986-1995

or

Rev'd. Ian White 1996-2000

## St Osyth Church

### 2026 Summer Season Recitals

St Osyth Church is delighted to be holding a series of lunchtime recitals taking place on the 3rd Friday of the month from 12.30 -1.15pm.

17<sup>th</sup> April: Sam Bristoe, Assistant Director of Music at Chelmsford Cathedral

15<sup>th</sup> May: Lizzie Gutteridge, playing a selection of Medieval and Renaissance instruments

19<sup>th</sup> June: TBC

17<sup>th</sup> July: Phil Toms and Emma Nash, A Piano Duet

14<sup>th</sup> August: Strangers (a local band)

17<sup>th</sup> September: Emma Gibbons, Director of Music at Chelmsford Cathedral

NO TICKETS REQUIRED

Donations are requested for the concert and refreshments to help fund the development of music in the Church. Cash or Card accepted.

### DAY OUT AT PLESHEY

#### HOUSE RETREAT

Proposed date 27<sup>th</sup> June

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

If you would like to provisionally book, please contact Rev'd. Sharon Guest  
01255 235700 or Email:

[sharonguest07@btinternet.com](mailto:sharonguest07@btinternet.com)

There will be a cost for the retreat but this will depend on the number of people attending.

### St. Osyth Church Summer Lunchtime Recitals



We are in need of volunteers to make cakes or savouries for Refreshments, serve drinks and wash up.

There are 6 Recitals altogether, starting on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Any help at one or more of the events would be incredibly helpful!

If you would like to help, please contact Sunny



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

### A message from Rev'd. Judith Gibbons

“We have been asked by the RE department at Colne School to help them run GSUS Live for the Year 7 to Year 9 students. The project is running from 27<sup>th</sup> April to 29<sup>th</sup> April.

Very briefly during each session and working in pairs, the students discuss scenarios that may be resolved from a faith-based stance.

Volunteers from local Churches are on hand to help the students during the scenario section of the session, and at the end to answer questions the students have arising from the work they've been doing.”

If you are interested, please speak to Rev'd. Sharon, Tony, or email [info@stosythparishchurch.co.uk](mailto:info@stosythparishchurch.co.uk)

## 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.

Thank you to Phillip who requested  
There is a Green Hill Far Away on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March.



### **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

### **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](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 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

<b>Sunday</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest</b>  <b>Sunday Club</b>  <b>Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service</b>
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup>		
Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am – 4.15pm	Youth Bell Ringing Training Day
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	6.30pm  7.30pm-9pm	Suffolk University Bell Ringing Club  Cluster Ringing Group
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>		NO 10am Holy Communion Service this week
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>		7pm	Maundy Thursday Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10am	Last Hour at the Cross Service led by Rev'd. Guy Thornburn
<b>Good Friday</b>		After the Service	Flower Team in Church arranging the Easter Flowers
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	10am  10am-11.30am	Quarter Peel in Memory of Mark Roberts  Pop-In
<b>Sunday</b> <b>Easter Day</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>There will be NO 8am Service in April</b>  <b>Easter Day – A special Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Laurie Bond</b>  <b>Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service</b>

**UPCOMING SERVICES**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Service led by</u></b>
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2nd Sunday of Easter	11am Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	11am Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Judith Gibbons



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:

11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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*  
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