

**St Peter and Paul**  
**The Parish Church of**  
**St. Osyth**

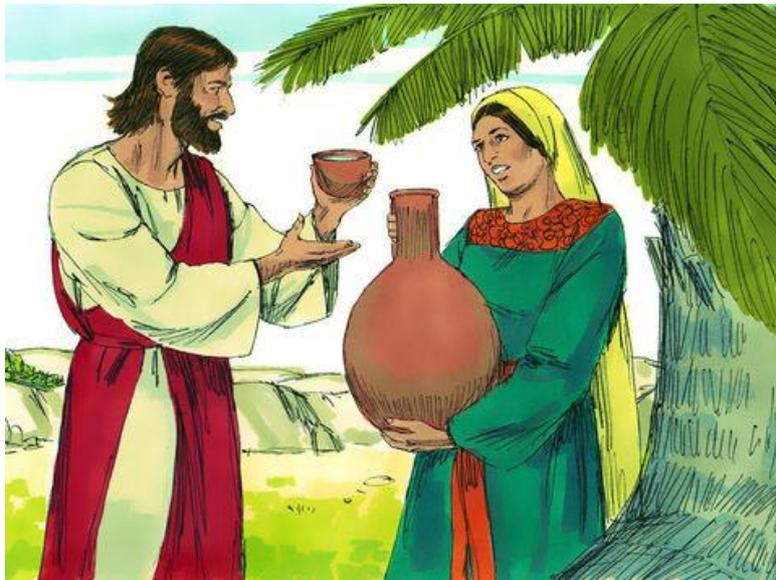
**In the Priory Benefice of  
St. Osyth, Great Bentley, Weeley and Little Clacton**

***“SERVING GOD THROUGH  
LOVE, WORSHIP AND WITNESS”***

**Registered Charity Number: 1215560**

**8<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**Third 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. 1-11**  
**John 4. 5-42**

**CHURCH CONTACTS**

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## The Gospel **John 4. 5-42**

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

## 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](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 \*\*\*

### 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 07855914064  
or  
email: [blord286@gmail.com](mailto:blord286@gmail.com)

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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.

### 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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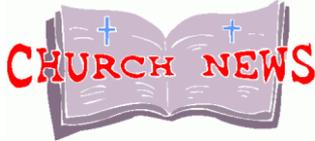
### A THANK YOU

Many thanks to Alan Herring for sorting out some new keys so we have additional spares for the ringing chamber.

## 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.

If you know anyone that would benefit from a large print Pew Sheet please let me know and I will arrange for this.



## 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.



## **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:

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## St. Osyth Parish Church

### Diary for Week Beginning Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

<b>Sunday Third Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Paul Greenland</b>  <b>Sunday Club</b>  <b>Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service</b>
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>		
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12noon	CCS Course led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest in the Church Room
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm  7.30pm-9pm	Suffolk University Bell Ringing Club  Bellringing Cluster Group at St. Osyth
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>		
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am-4pm  10am-11.30am	Bob Doubles Training Day with ringing simulator  Pop-In
<b>Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent  Mothering Sunday</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>
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March Passion Sunday	11am Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Laurie Bond
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday	10.30am Walk with the Donkey from the Village Hall 11am Morning Praise Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest

# 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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