

**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**

**26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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



**The Bible Readings**

**1 Peter 2. 19-end.  
John 10. 1-10**

**CHURCH CONTACTS**

**General enquiries, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals** please contact  
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## The Gospel John 10. 1-10

### Jesus the Good Shepherd

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

### 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: Monica, Ray, Maureen, David, Nina Hatchett, Dominee, Jane Eade, Tiny Harding, Joy and John.
- † Pray for all who have recently passed away, including George Thomas 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.
- † Lord, thank you that you hear every prayer. Teach us to pray with faith and confidence, knowing that our words are sacred and received by you. 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 \*\*\*

## **APCM and AVM**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 11am – Please see official notice at end of Pew Sheet**

Nomination forms are now available on the table at the back Church for Churchwardens, Deanery Synod and Parochial Church Council.

Completed nomination forms can be placed in the Black folder.

## **George Thomas**

As many of you know George sadly passed away recently.

*For those who would like to attend, George's wake will take place on Thursday 23rd April at 2.00pm at The Grove Club, Sacketts Grove, Jaywick Lane.*



## **ELECTORAL ROLL**

Under Church Rule 4, the 2026 revision of the Church Roll of this parish has been completed. A copy of the roll (names only) is available for inspection from April 26th to May 10th on a reasonable request being made to the Electoral Roll Officer or a Church Warden.

*Chris Pile*

Electoral Roll Officer

## **Summer Recital**

On Friday 17th April Samuel Bristow, the Assistant Director of Music at Chelmsford Cathedral performed at St Osyth Parish Church in the first of our Summer Lunchtime Recitals of 2026. The audience enjoyed a 45 minute programme of excellent music.

The audience then enjoyed Refreshments in the Church Room.

Many thanks to our loyal supporters for their generous donations.

Grateful thanks also go to the helpers who moved Chairs, made cakes and served hot drinks, and last but not least the people who washed, dried up and left the kitchen clean and tidy.

Our Church is very lucky to have so many hard working people.

*Sunny Bissenden*

## **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.



St. Osyth Parish Church  
**Summer Fayre**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June

10.00-13.00

In the Churchyard

Stalls cost £20 per table

Tables are limited so book early to avoid disappointment!

If you would like a stall at our Summer Fayre, please contact Sunny Bissenden by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

[churchwarden1@stosythparishchurch.co.uk](mailto:churchwarden1@stosythparishchurch.co.uk)

OR text 07719 689051

**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 we 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.



**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)

**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 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

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|---|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Sunday</b><br><br><b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> | <b>26<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>11am</b>                          | <b>Morning Praise Service led by Tony Page</b><br><b>Peter Clayton will be playing the Organ</b><br><br><b>Sunday Club</b><br><br><b>Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service</b> |
| Monday  | 27 <sup>th</sup>       |                                      |   |
| Tuesday   | 28 <sup>th</sup>       | 10am-12noon                          | CCS Course in Church Room   |
| Wednesday   | 29 <sup>th</sup>       | 6.30pm-7.30pm<br><br>7.30pm-9pm      | Bell Ringing Training<br><br>Cluster Ringing Group  |
| Thursday  | 30 <sup>th</sup>       | 10am                                 | Holy Communion Service in the Church Room, led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest   |
| Friday  | 1 <sup>st</sup>        |                                      |   |
| Saturday  | 2 <sup>nd</sup>        | 10am-11.30am                         | Pop-In  |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><br><b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>  | <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>  | <b>8am</b><br><br><b><u>10am</u></b> | <b>Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest</b><br><br><b>Priory Benefice Holy Communion Service held at St. Mary's Church, Great Bentley. Led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest</b>                        |

**UPCOMING SERVICES**

| <b><u>Date</u></b>  | <b><u>Service led by</u></b>   |
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| Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May<br>6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter | 11am Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Guy Thorburn   |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter | 11am Morning Praise Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest<br><br>APCM and AVM will be held during the service |

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

## Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul, St. Osyth

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The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in St. Peter and St. Paul Church, St. Osyth on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 11.00am.

For election of parochial representatives of the laity as follows—

To the Deanery Synod                      3 (max) representatives.<sup>1</sup>

To the Parochial Church Council   9 representatives.

For the appointment of the Independent Examiner or Auditor.

For the consideration of:

- (a) a report on changes to the Roll since the last annual parochial church meeting OR<sup>2</sup> a report on the numbers entered on the new Roll;
- (b) an Annual Report on the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally;
- (c) the financial statements of the council for the year ending on the 31st December preceding the meeting;
- (d) the annual report under section 50 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018;
- (e) a report of the proceedings of the deanery synod; and
- (f) other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

In this Notice, 'parish' means an ecclesiastical parish.

Signed: Reverend Sharon Guest

Minister of the parish<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> To be included in a year which parochial representatives of the laity are to be elected to the Deanery Synod.

<sup>2</sup> To be included in a year when a new Church Electoral Roll is prepared. Delete as applicable.

<sup>3</sup> Or vice-chair of the parochial church council as the case may be (see rule M19(2) of the Church Representation Rules).

**Notes**

1. Every lay person whose name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish (and no other person) is entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity.
2. A person is qualified to be elected a parochial representative of the laity if –
  - (a) his or her name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish and, unless he or is under 18, has been entered there for at least the preceding six months;
  - (b) he or she is an actual communicant (which means that he has received Communion according to the use of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England at least three times during the twelve months preceding the date of the election);
  - (c) he or she is at least 16; and
  - (d) he or she is not disqualified as referred to in paragraph 3 of these Notes.
3. (1) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a churchwarden or a member of a parochial church council, a district church council or a joint council if the person is disqualified from being a trustee of a charity (and the disqualification is not subject to a waiver which permits membership of a parochial church council, district church council or joint council).  
  
(2) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person is included in a barred list (within the meaning of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006).  
  
(3) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person has been convicted of an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (with that expression being construed in accordance with Rule 71(2) of the Church Representation Rules).  
  
(4) A person's disqualification under sub-paragraph (3) may be waived by the bishop of the diocese by giving the person notice in writing.  
  
(5) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council if the person has been disqualified from holding office under section 10(6) of the Incumbent (Vacation of Benefices) Measure 1977.

Other relevant information,

PCC Members are required to complete a Disclosure Baring Scheme application and the Church of England Safeguarding training. (This is compulsory, you cannot be a member of the PCC unless you complete these tasks).