

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

**5th April 2026
Easter Day**

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



The Bible Readings

**Romans 6. 3-11
Matthew 28. 1-10**

CHURCH CONTACTS

**General enquiries, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact
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The Gospel **Matthew 28. 1-10**

The Resurrection of Jesus

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Prayers

- † **Lord Jesus, thank you for your sacrifice and the hope of the resurrection. May your love fill my heart and shine through my life today and always. Alleluia! Amen.**

- † 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: Wendy Sawyer, 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.

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

In memory of

Michael Bareham
Ron Bone
Daisy & Jerry Coote
Doreen & Hubert Buckland
Alf Butters & Chris Butters
Laurie & Olive Buck, Milly & George
Laura, Bertie, Leah, Jack & Jim. Alan
Clinton
Dave Collins & Linda East
Vincent Grantham, Anthony Grantham,
Margaret Grantham,
Richard Grantham, Ben Grantham,
Christopher Grantham
George Davies, Elizabeth Watson, Sonia
Davies
Allan & Julia Powell
Fred & Joan Turner
Gordon, Becky & Thomas Grimwood
Valerie Evans & Peter Sheenan
Denny & Doris Handscombe
James Hatchett
Win & Jim Hatchett
Min & Bill Lough
Jeff Titford
Edward Hutley
Arthur & Pat Reed
Mary Lord
Alan Low
June & Kenneth Harnell

Edwin & Quentin Harnell
Cissy & Stanley Page
William John & Vera Pratt
John William Pratt
Robert and Margie du Preez
Rosemary & Mark Roberts
Fred & Betty Jones, Les Jones, David & Lyn
Fox
Andrew Smith
Tom & Kathleen Eborall
Stephen Smith, Olive Woollard
Arthur Stiff
Alec & Madge Sparrow
In Memory of the Woods, Syretts
Grimmers & Hewitt Families
Fredrick & Gladys Warne
Charles & Brenda Warne
John Slee & Diana Slee
Tom Slee, Mary Slee
John & Valerie Underwood
Nick & Wendy Lee
Edna & Norman White
Leslie & Peggy Doe
Michael J Williams
Lily & Ted Williams
Alice & Ernest Goldbold
Rev Heather Connell
Sue Baker
Jenny Woodrow

A grateful *Thank you* to everyone who has contributed to this year's
Easter flower fund, it is very much appreciated.

The flower arrangers will be Allison Bond, Libby Fisher, Sue White, Ivy
Jacobs, Val French and Brenda Lord.





A very big thank you to Wendy Sawyer who brought her donkey, Delphi to the village for our Walk of Witness on Palm Sunday. Wendy has done this for several years for us and it is a very loved part of Palm Sunday.

We would also like to thank Pat Smith for arranging this every year for us!

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

Easter Saturday Quarter Peel in Memory of Mark Roberts 4th 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 4th April in tribute to our father, Mark Roberts.

The 4th would have been Dad's 90th 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

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 17th 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



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.

17th April: Sam Bristoe, Assistant Director of Music at Chelmsford Cathedral

15th May: Lizzie Gutteridge, playing a selection of Medieval and Renaissance instruments

19th June: TBC

17th July: Phil Toms and Emma Nash, A Piano Duet

14th August: Strangers (a local band)

17th 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 27th 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

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

BRACELET FOUND

A gold Bangle bracelet has been handed into the Churchwardens. The item was found in December and as yet we have been unable to find the owner. The Bangle is engraved with names so will be special to the owner.

Please share this with anyone that you know has been into Church in the last few months.

For further details please email Emma.
info@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 27th April to 29th 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

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 to 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 Joy Clinton who requested Charpentier's Prelude from Te Deum which Fiona will play after the service on Easter Sunday.

Joy says 'This is a good piece of music to walk down the aisle to'.



THE SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

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 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

St. Osyth Parish Church
Diary for Week Beginning Sunday 5th March 2026 – 12th April 2026

Sunday Easter Day	5th	11am	Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Laurie Bond Sunday Club Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service
Monday	6 th		
Tuesday	7 th		
Wednesday	8 th	6.30pm	Suffolk University Bell Ringing Club
Thursday	9 th	10am	Morning Praise Service led by Danny Wright
Friday	10 th		
Saturday	11 th	10am-11.30am	Pop-In
Sunday Second Sunday of Easter	12th	11am	Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest Sunday Club Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service

UPCOMING SERVICES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service led by</u>
Sunday 19 th April 3 rd Sunday of Easter	11am Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Judith Gibbons
Sunday 26 th April 4 th Sunday of Easter	11am Morning Praise Service led by Tony Page



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