

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

10th May 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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



The Bible Readings

Acts 17. 22-31

John 14. 15-21

CHURCH CONTACTS

General enquiries, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact

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The Gospel John 14. 15-21

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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: Sam, Monica, 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.
- † 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, 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 ***

St Osyth Church

2025 Summer Season Recitals

Our next Recital will take place on

Friday 15th May 12.30pm-1.15pm

When we welcome the wonderful

LIZZIE GUTTERIDGE

with her collection of Historical Instruments

As always, no ticket is required, and refreshments will be available in the Church Room after the recital.

Donations towards the Church Music fund are gratefully accepted. (Cash or card).

APCM and AVM

Sunday 17th 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.



We would like to say a BIG
THANK YOU

to the family of Mark and Rosemary Roberts for the very generous financial donation they have made to our Church in memory of Father, Mark and Mother, Rosemary.

COLLECTIONS – Sunday 10th May 2026

This Sunday there will be two collections at the end of the Service.

One for Fiona Bodmer, our Organist for 8 years, who has decided that it is time for a fresh start. We wish her well in her future.

The second collection will be for Christian Aid. This year Christian Aid week is from 10th – 16th May, funds raised support people in the United Kingdom living in poverty.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Do you have a couple of hours to spare on a Saturday morning to help at Pop-In?



Pop-In is held every Saturday from 10am-11.30am in the Church Room.

If you are interested, please speak to Sunny Bissenden at Pop-In or email churchwarden1@stosythparishchurch.co.uk

St. Osyth Parish Church
Summer Fayre

Saturday 13th June

Join us for our Annual Summer Fayre
10.00-13.00
In the Churchyard

Container Tombola • Bric-a-Brac Stall • Cake Stall • Plant Sale • Handicrafts
Jewellery and Art • Toosey Arts and Crafts • Jams and Preserves
Refreshments available in the Church Room

We are excited to also be hosting
Chisbon Heath Colourist's Art Exhibition in the Church



Summer Fayre Container Tombola



Please could we have donations of gifts for the Container Tombola.

These can be in any kind of container eg. bag, tin, box, fruit in punnets (but please buy as close as possible to the Summer Fayre). Please make sure any food items are unopened and in date.

Sadly, **no** chocolate please. As it **MELTS** in the sun (that we will definitely have!)

Donations can be left in the Welcome area at the back of Church.

Thank you for your support
Sunny

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 10th May 2026 – 17th May 2026

Sunday Sixth Sunday of Easter	10th	11am 12.15pm	<p>Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Guy Thorburn</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Club</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Extraordinary PCC Meeting to Approve the Accounts, at the back of Church by the Font</p>
Monday	11 th		
Tuesday	12 th	10am-12noon	CCS Course in Church Room
Wednesday	13 th	11am 6.30pm-7.30pm 7.30pm-9pm	<p>Funeral</p> <p>Bell Ringing Training</p> <p>Cluster Bell Ringing Group</p>
Thursday	14 th	10am	Holy Communion Service in the Church Room, led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest
Friday	15 th	12.30pm-1.15pm	Summer Recital – Lizzie Gutteridge, performing with Medieval and Renaissance Instruments
Saturday	16 th	10am-11.30am	Pop-In
Sunday Seventh Sunday of Easter Sunday after Ascension Day	17th	11am	<p>Morning Praise Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest APCM and AVM will take place during the service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Club</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service</p>

UPCOMING SERVICES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service led by</u>
Sunday 24 th May Pentecost	11am Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Laurie Bond
Sunday 31 st May Trinity Sunday	11am Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest

Around the Benefice

WEDNESDAY REFLECTIONS FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Thank you to all who came to April's group, and contributing to the good discussions.

The next group will be on Wednesday 13th May when Reverend Judith Gibbons from Brightlingsea will be leading, giving us an insight into her faith journey taking her to where she is to date.

All Welcome at St Mary's Church Hall on the 13th May 7pm - 8.30 pm refreshments from 6.45pm.

Looking forward to seeing you there

Lyn

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

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

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

For election of parochial representatives of the laity as follows—

To the Deanery Synod 3 (max) representatives.¹

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 OR² 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 parish³

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

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

³ 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).