

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

12th July 2026
Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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



The Bible Readings

Romans 8. 1-11
Matthew 13. 1-9, 18-23

CHURCH CONTACTS

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The Gospel **Matthew 13. 1-9, 18-23**

The Parable of the Sower

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!"

The Parable of the Sower Explained

"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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 for the people of Venezuela at a time of fear and loss. Lord God, bring comfort to those who are hurting, shelter to those without homes, and strength to all who are responding with care and compassion. May your presence be a source of peace and comfort.
- † 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: Chris, Sam, Monica, Ray, Maureen, David, Nina Hatchett, Dominee, Jane Eade, Tiny Harding, Joy and John.
- † Pray for all who have recently passed away including Peter Tidy and Jean Smith, 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.
- † Father, thank you for Jesus who gave himself for me, and for your Holy Spirit who dwells in me. Help me to live in the fulness of everything you intended! In Jesus' name. 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

2026 Summer Recitals Season
Continues

Friday 17th July, 12.30pm-1.15pm

PHIL TOMS

And

EMMA NASH

A Piano Duet

No Ticket is required

Donations are requested for the Church Music Fund

Refreshments will be served in the Church Room after the Recital



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.



THANK YOU

again, to Dollar and Meena

The Church has received the very generous gift of

£1189.40

From Dollar and Meena.

This brings the total given to us by them since 2019 to

£25,198.45

It is an amazing amount to have received. It comes from the sale of plastic bags in their stores in Point Clear and St. Osyth

We are truly grateful to Dollar and Meena for their many years of generosity and kindness to our Church.

Thank you Dollar and Meena.

VIGILANCE PLEASE

As we enter the holiday season, please remain vigilant. If you can when around & about the village, please pop into the Church just to keep an eye open.

Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Rev'd. Sharon Guest who was commissioned as the Area Dean of the St. Osyth Deanery on Wednesday 8th July at St. James' Church, Clacton-on-Sea.

St. Osyth Parish Church
Diary for Week Beginning Sunday 12th July 2026 – 19th July 2026

Sunday Sixth Sunday after Trinity	12th	11am	Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest Sunday Club Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service
Monday	13th	11am 1pm-5pm	Funeral Funeral Church room in use after the Funeral for the wake
Tuesday	14th		
Wednesday	15th	6.30pm-7.30pm 7.30pm-9pm	Bell Ringing Training Cluster Bell Ringing
Thursday	16th	10am	Morning Praise Service in the Church Room, led by Wendy
Friday	17th	12.30pm-1.15pm	Summer Recital – Phil Toms and Emma Nash, a Piano Duet
Saturday	18th	10am-11.30am	Pop-In
Sunday Seventh Sunday after Trinity	19th	11am	Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Laurie Bond Sunday Club Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service

UPCOMING SERVICES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service led by</u>
Sunday 26th July Eighth Sunday after Trinity	11am Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Guy Thorburn
Sunday 2nd August Ninth Sunday after Trinity	There will be NO 8am Service in August 10am Priory Benefice Holy Communion Service held in St. Osyth led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest

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

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