

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

16th August 2026
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

**There will be an 11am Sunday Service.
Refreshments will be served in the Church Room after the service.**



The Bible Readings

Romans 11. 1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15. (10-20) 21-28

CHURCH CONTACTS

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The Gospel

Matthew 15. (10-20) 21-28

Things That Defile

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

The Canaanite Woman's Faith

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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 those affected by natural disasters, especially the peoples of Venezuela, Japan and Columbia and give thanks to God for the aid charities, many of which are Christian, that continue to love and care long after a natural disaster like an earthquake is no longer featured in the media.
- † 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: Glen, Basil, 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.
- † Almighty God, please bless those who work in caring for the marginalised, especially food banks and organisations serving the lonely and those with special physical and psychological needs.
- † Pray for those receiving their exam results this and next week asking God to calm anxious hearts, grant them peace in waiting, joy in celebrating, and strength and resilience in any disappointment and guide their next steps.

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

Our next Recital will take place on

Friday 14th August 2026
12.30pm-1.15pm



With Local Band
THE STRANGERS

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).

SERVICES OVER THE SUMMER

- * During August our midweek 10am Thursday morning service will be taking a break, this service will return on Thursday 3rd September.
- * There will also be NO Sunday Club throughout August and will return on Sunday 13th September. We thank Dianne and Jo for running Sunday Club every week and look forward to its return.

Parish Giving Scheme

You can support our church through the Parish Giving Scheme, a simple and secure way to give by Direct Debit monthly, quarterly, or annually.

- No need to bring cash to services
 - Anonymous giving available
- No fees to donors, administration costs are covered by the Diocese
- Easy to manage or amend your donations online

If you are a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid adds an extra **25p for every £1 you give**, at no extra cost to you, helping the church benefit straight away.

Please consider joining the many members of our congregation who already give through the scheme.



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

Pew Notices & Diary

Notices – Emma Charnock
info@stosythparishchurch.co.uk by latest
Wednesday 5pm

Anything for the Church Diary –
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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 16th August 2026 – 23rd August 2026

Sunday Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	16th	11am	Morning Praise Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service Sunday Club will be taking a Summer Break through August and will return on Sunday 13th September
Monday	17 th		
Tuesday	18 th		
Wednesday	19 th	7am-1pm	CHURCH CLOSED FOR CLEANING
Thursday	20 th		
Friday	21 st	2pm	Wedding Rehearsal with Rev'd. Laurie Bond.
Saturday	22 nd	10am-11.30am 1pm	Priory arranging flowers in Church for Wedding Pop-In Wedding
Sunday Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	23rd	11am	Morning Praise Service led by Tony Page Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service Sunday Club will be taking a Summer Break through August and will return on Sunday 13th September

UPCOMING SERVICES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service led by</u>
Sunday 30 th August Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	11am Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest
Sunday 6 th September Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	8am Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest
	10am Priory Benefice Service with Great Bentley Methodist Church, held on Great Bentley Green. Led by Wendy King