

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

23rd August 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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



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The Bible Readings

**Romans 12. 1-8
Matthew 16. 13-20**

CHURCH CONTACTS

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The Gospel

Matthew 16. 13-20

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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 Philippines, 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 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.
- † Pray for those receiving their exam results this 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.
- † Lord, make me faithful in prayer even when it's hard. Teach me to keep coming to you with confidence and trust. 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

Fifth Recital of the Summer Recital Season The Strangers



On Friday the 24th August the Strangers treated an appreciative audience to a fabulous variety of songs from 1964 to 2005 including soloists and small and big bands. Some of the songs and original recording Artists were very familiar. Other songs were well known but the original Artists would probably only have been remembered by Pop aficionados.

This is the fifth year that St. Osyth Church have welcomed the Strangers to perform in the Summer Recital Season. Chris introduced a new member in their line-up, Ollie, Strangers new Drummer. The Band gave a brilliant and enthusiastic performance and members of the audience enjoyed dancing in the aisle.

Thank you Strangers for another ***fabulous*** performance.

Sunny



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.



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.

St. Osyth Parish Church

Diary for Week Beginning Sunday 23rd August 2026 – 30th August 2026

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
Monday	24 th		
Tuesday	25 th		
Wednesday	26 th	7.30pm-9pm	Cluster Bell Ringing
Thursday	27 th		
Friday	28 th		
Saturday	29 th	10am-11.30am	Pop-In
Sunday Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	30th	11am	Holy Communion 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

UPCOMING SERVICES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service led by</u>
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
Sunday 13 th September Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	10am Priory Benefice Service to welcome Father Jimmy Anderson, our new Curate. Led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest with Father Jimmy Anderson presiding

Pew Notices & Diary

Notices – Emma Charnock
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 Wednesday 5pm

Anything for the Church Diary –
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