

**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

**20<sup>th</sup> September 2026**  
**Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

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



**The Bible Readings**

**Philippians 1. 21-end.**

**Matthew 20. 1-16**

**CHURCH CONTACTS**

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## **The Gospel**

### **Matthew 20. 1-16**

#### **The Laborers in the Vineyard**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

#### **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 Nepal-Tibet, 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: Wendy Sawyer, 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.
- † Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me’ (Psalm 51:10).

Please let Chris Pile, email [pile.chris@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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## St. Osyth Parish Church

### Diary for Week Beginning Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2026 – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2026

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b><br><br><b>Sixteenth Sunday<br/>after Trinity</b>                             | <b>20<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>11am</b>                      | <b>Morning Praise Service<br/>Led by Tony Page</b><br><br><b>Sunday Club</b><br><br><b>Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the<br/>Service</b> |
| Monday                                                                                     | 21 <sup>st</sup>       |                                  |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Tuesday                                                                                    | 22 <sup>nd</sup>       | 10am-12noon                      | CCS Course in the Church Room                                                                                                                                   |
| Wednesday                                                                                  | 23 <sup>rd</sup>       | 12noon<br><br>7pm<br><br>7pm-9pm | Funeral<br><br>PCC Meeting in Church Room<br><br>Cluster Bell Ringing                                                                                           |
| Thursday                                                                                   | 24 <sup>th</sup>       | 10am                             | An Informal Holy Communion Service in the Church Room,<br>led by Rev'd Sharon Guest                                                                             |
| Friday                                                                                     | 25 <sup>th</sup>       |                                  | Brenda and Flower team in Church, arranging Harvest<br>displays                                                                                                 |
| Saturday                                                                                   | 26 <sup>th</sup>       | 10am-11.30am                     | Brenda and Flower team in Church, arranging Harvest<br>displays<br><br>Pop-In                                                                                   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><br><b>Harvest</b><br><br><b>Seventeenth<br/>Sunday after<br/>Trinity</b> | <b>27<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>11am</b>                      | <b>Harvest Service led by Rev'd. Laurie Bond</b><br><br><b>Sunday Club</b><br><br><b>Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the<br/>Service</b>   |

### UPCOMING SERVICES

| <u>Date</u>                                                       | <u>Service led by</u>                                                                                                   |
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| Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> October<br>Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity | 8am Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd.<br>Sharon Guest                                                                |
|                                                                   | 10am Priory Benefice Holy Communion<br>Service, led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest.<br>Held at St. Mary's Church, Great Bentley |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October                                 | 3pm St. Osyth Day service led by Rev'd. Ernie<br>Guest at St. Osyth Parish Church                                       |
| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> October                                   | 11am Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd.<br>Sharon Guest                                                               |

## \*\*\* NOTICES \*\*\*



### PCC MEMBERS

There will be a PCC Meeting  
on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7pm, in the Church Room.

Please do attend.

If you are unable to attend, please can you let Belinda, the PCC Secretary, know.

### **St Osyth Church**

*2026 Summer Recitals Season*



The *FINAL* Recital of our 2026  
programme  
will take place on

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September**  
**12.30pm-1.15pm**

**A performance by**  
**Emma Gibbins**  
**Director of Music at Chelmsford**  
**Cathedral**

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).

### *Harvest Sunday*

27<sup>th</sup> September

This year we will be having minimal  
Harvest decoration in Church. Instead  
of funding the flowers, the Church will  
be making a monetary donation to the  
Clacton branch of the Salvation Army  
Food Bank.

On this Sunday the usual collection will  
also be donated  
to the food bank.

As usual we will be asking  
for food donations which will  
then be given to the food  
bank. Please see list overleaf  
for items that are currently  
needed.



We really appreciate your continued  
help and support.

### ST. OSYTH DAY SERVICE

Our Annual St. Osyth Day Service led by Rev'd. Ernie Guest will take place on

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm**

The service will be held in the  
**Chancel of**  
**St. Osyth Parish Church**

With the beautiful stained glass windows that commemorate the life of Osyth.

**Diocesan Confirmation Service  
at the Cathedral  
Sunday 22 November**



There will be a Diocesan confirmation service at  
3.30pm on Sunday 22 November  
(The Feast of Christ the King).

Confirmation in the Church of England is a special service where a person publicly confirms the baptismal promises made for them as a child or affirms their own personal commitment to following Jesus Christ.

Please contact Revd Sharon if you are considering confirmation and are interested in the service at Chelmsford Cathedral.

**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.**



**CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2026**

We will be holding our amazing Christmas Fayre on

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November  
10am-1pm

If you or someone you know would like a stall at this year's fayre, please contact Sunny.

Email - [sunnyaw2016@gmail.com](mailto:sunnyaw2016@gmail.com)

Or TEXT 07719689051

Stalls cost £20 for one table.



**THE SALVATION ARMY  
FOOD BANK**

[www.trusselltrust.org](http://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](mailto:info@stosythparishchurch.co.uk) by latest  
Wednesday 5pm

**Anything for the Church Diary** –  
Emma Charnock  
[info@stosythparishchurch.co.uk](mailto:info@stosythparishchurch.co.uk)

Don't forget, you can always find out more by visiting the  
CHURCH WEBSITE:

[www.stosythparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.stosythparishchurch.co.uk)

# *Around the Benefice*

St. Marys Church Great Bentley  
**FLOWER FESTIVAL**

## **WORLD OF STAGE & SCREEN**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September

10am to 4pm

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September

11am to 4pm



Lunches Refreshments  
Cake and Produce Stall  
Raffle and Tombola

Entrance: Adults £2 Children FREE

