

**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

**27th September 2026
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Festival**

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



The Bible Readings

Philippians 2. 1-13

Luke 12. 16-30

CHURCH CONTACTS

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The Gospel

Luke 12. 16-30

Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

Do Not Worry

He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need 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 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, know the name of anyone who you would like to be added or anyone who can now be taken off the prayers.

Thank you.

St. Osyth Parish Church

Diary for Week Beginning Sunday 27th September 2026 – 4th October 2026

Sunday Harvest Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	27th	11am	Harvest Service led by Rev'd. Laurie Bond Sunday Club Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service
Monday	28 th	9am	St. Osyth Primary School Harvest Service
Tuesday	29 th		
Wednesday	30 th	10.30am	Church Wardens meeting with St. Osyth WI in Church Room
Thursday	1 st	10am	An Informal Morning Praise Service in the Church Room, led by Danny Wright
Friday	2 nd		
Saturday	3 rd	10am-11.30am	Pop-In
Sunday Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	4th	8am <u>10am</u>	Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest Priory Benefice Holy Communion Service, led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest. Held at St. Mary's Church, Great Bentley

UPCOMING SERVICES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service led by</u>
Wednesday 7 th October	3pm St. Osyth Day service led by Rev'd. Ernie Guest at St. Osyth Parish Church
Sunday 11 th October	11am Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest
Sunday 18 th October	11am Morning Praise Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest

*** NOTICES ***

Harvest Sunday

27th 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 foodbank. Please see list overleaf for items that are currently needed.

We really appreciate your continued help and support.



St Osyth Church

2026 Summer Recitals Season

On Friday 18th September St Osyth Parish Church held the last Recital of The Lunchtime Summer Season of Recitals. The performer was organist, composer and Director of Music at Chelmsford Cathedral Emma Gibbins. She treated the audience to a wide selection of Classical and Modern pieces of Organ Music ranging from Bach (1685-1750) to Denis Bédard (1950-). You can find their Music on YouTube.

Emma had not visited St Osyth Parish Church before and arrived early to practice and become familiar with our lovely, refurbished organ. Emma performed her chosen pieces brilliantly, creating a magnificent swelling of Organ Music resounding through the Church. The audience showed their appreciation of her performance with enthusiastic applause. They also enjoyed chatting to Emma after her performance while enjoying the tasty Refreshments that have become an integral part of our Recital Season.

Emma provided a marvellous finish to the 2026 Season. Each Recital made a profit from the donations of enthusiastic audiences varying from £30 to over £100. All donations are boosting the Church Organ and Music Fund to enable our Church to expand the variety of music that we sing and to ensure that our Organ is maintained to the highest standard.

I would like to send my grateful thanks to ALL the Back Room 'boys and girls' who supported the events in many ways. Including moving chairs and the piano; making cakes, savoury pastries; serving tea and coffee and finally clearing up and going home to put their feet. They also kept me sane!

It's time to put my feet up for at least a week before I begin the task of sourcing and booking six performers for the St Osyth Parish Church Lunchtime Summer Season of Recitals 2027.

Sunny Bissenden



ST. OSYTH DAY SERVICE

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

Wednesday 7th 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.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2026

We will be holding our amazing Christmas Fayre on

Saturday 28th 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
Or TEXT 07719689051
Stalls cost £20 for one table.

VIGILANCE PLEASE

Please remain vigilant, and when around & about the village, if you can, to pop into the church just to keep an eye open. Thank you.

Pew Notices & Diary

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

Anything for the Church Diary –
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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.



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

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

www.stosythparishchurch.co.uk