

**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

**25th October 2026
The Last Sunday after Trinity**

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

LOVE
your
Neighbour
As Yourself 

Matthew 22.34-end,

The Bible Readings

**1. Thessalonians 2. 1-8
Matthew 22. 34-end.**

CHURCH CONTACTS

General enquiries, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact
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The Gospel

Matthew 22. 34-end

The Greatest Commandment

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

The Question about David's Son

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet" '?

"If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Prayers

- † Pray for the worldwide Church; for persecuted Christians, for missionaries & for those who lead and those who teach.
- † Continue to pray for peace and for peacemakers "for they will be called the children of God". Matthew 5:9
- † Pray for those who continue to be affected in the aftermath of a natural disasters especially when they are no longer featured in the media.
- † Pray for our parish, especially the School and Pre School, the residents and visitors of Five Stacks and Vyntoner House, our local businesses and social groups.
- † Pray for those that protect us - the armed forces; the police; the security services.
- † Pray for those in need of healing and long-term prayerful support including: Christopher, Wendy Sawyer, Glen, Basil, Chris, Sam, Monica, Ray, Maureen, Nina Hatchett, Dominee, Jane Eade, Tiny Harding, Joy and John.
- † Pray for all who have recently passed away and those who mourn them.
- † 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.

St. Osyth Parish Church

Diary for Week Beginning Sunday 25th October 2026 – 1st November 2026

Sunday The Last Sunday after Trinity	25th	11am	CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest Sunday Club Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service
Monday	26 th		
Tuesday	27 th	10am-12noon	CCS Course in the Church Room
Wednesday	28 th	10am-12noon	Safeguarding Training in the Church Room
Thursday	29 th	10am	An Informal Holy Communion Service in the Church Room led by Rev'd. Susan Wiggins
Friday	30 th		
Saturday	31 st	10am-11.30am 4.30pm	Pop In Wedding
Sunday All Saints Day	1st	8am 10am 4pm	Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest Priory Benefice Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest. Held at St. Andrew's Church, Weeley All Souls Service led by Rev'd. Jimmy Anderson

UPCOMING SERVICES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service led by</u>
Sunday 8 th November <u>Remembrance Sunday</u>	<u>10.50am</u> Remembrance Service led by Rev'd. Jimmy Anderson
Sunday 15 th November	Morning Praise Service led by Tony Page and Danny Wright

*** NOTICES ***



Please note the **CLOCKS CHANGE** on
Sunday 25TH October.
Clocks will 'FALL BACK' one hour.



Very many thanks to Meena and Dollar for their Autumn gift of £1329.40.

This brings the staggering total that they have given to our Church since 2019 to

£26,527.85

What a very fortunate Church we are. The amount given comes wholly from the sale of plastic bags in their stores in St. Osyth and Point Clear.

We can only say a truly grateful thank you to them for their seven years of amazing generosity.

Thank you Dollar and Meena.

ALL SOULS SERVICE

Sunday 1st November, 4pm

There are sheets on the table at the back of the Church on which to write the names of those who you wish to have read out during the service.

If you would like a name added to the list but cannot get into Church please email Emma and the name can be added.

info@stosythparishchurch.co.uk

St. Osyth Parish Church

At the Harvest Festival Service Tony told the congregation that it had been suggested that the collection for that day should go to the Salvation Army Food Bank. The amount raised was nearly £200.00, so it was topped up to £250.00 and a cheque was sent.

We received grateful thanks from Tracy Dobbs, who is the Community Manager for the Salvation Army Foodbank. She additionally said,

'As always this is greatly appreciated and much needed at this time of increased costs for us all'

We also sent a great deal of food to the Foodbank, so grateful thanks indeed to everyone who contributed in any way.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets for our GRAND Christmas Raffle are now available from Lois Page.

£1 per ticket

Or

£5 for a book of five tickets

Lots of **FABULOUS** Prizes to be won!





SAMARITANS PURSE SHOEBOX APPEAL 2026

Full details are in the leaflet at the
back of the Church
- what to pack etc –

Collection dates 9-16 November

NO SHOEBOX? THEN YOU CAN
ACTUALLY DO IT ONLINE!

SamaritansPurse.org.uk/Shoebox/Online

Alternative Christmas Card

Once again, you can place a personal
Christmas greeting in the
December/January issue of St. Osyth Life.

The suggested donation is £5 with the
monies collected going to the Salvation
Army Food Bank in
Clacton.

Full details can be found in the October
and November issues of St Osyth Life.

Closing date is Friday 6th November.



St. Osyth Church
Christmas Fayre
Saturday 28th November

Decluttering? Needing to clear some SPACE?

The Bric-a-Brac Stall at the Church Christmas Fayre will
happily accept your preloved contributions.
They can be left on the Pews at the back of Church to the
right of the Entrance door.

CHILDREN'S TOMBOLA

We are asking for donations of NEW toys for the
Children's Tombola.

Your challenge is to find Toys/Games/Books costing
between £1-£5!
Happy hunting!

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Sunny

A vocations retreat

Friday 4 December 2026 10:00

Saturday 5 December 2026 15:00

Are you exploring your vocation?

Where might God be calling you?

What do you need to know?



Come and join us as we explore these questions and many more as we spend time reading scripture and in prayer together. With an opportunity to consider discernment pathways.

Led by Revd's Sharon and Ernie Guest with many years' experience in leading and guiding people throughout their discernment journey.

Please contact Revd Sharon Guest for further information or to book:

The Diocesan House of Retreat

The Street CM3 1HA

The Retreat House office direct 01245 237251

<https://www.retreathousepleshey.com/events/would-you-answer-his-call>



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 Leading your Church to Growth Prayer

God of Mission

Who alone brings growth to your Church

Send your Holy Spirit to give:

Vision to our planning

Wisdom to our actions

Joy to our witness

Help our Church to grow in numbers

In spiritual commitment to you

And in service to our local community

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

www.stosythparishchurch.co.uk

Pew Notices & Diary

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

Anything for the Church Diary –
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