St Peter and Paul
The Parish Church of
St. Osyth

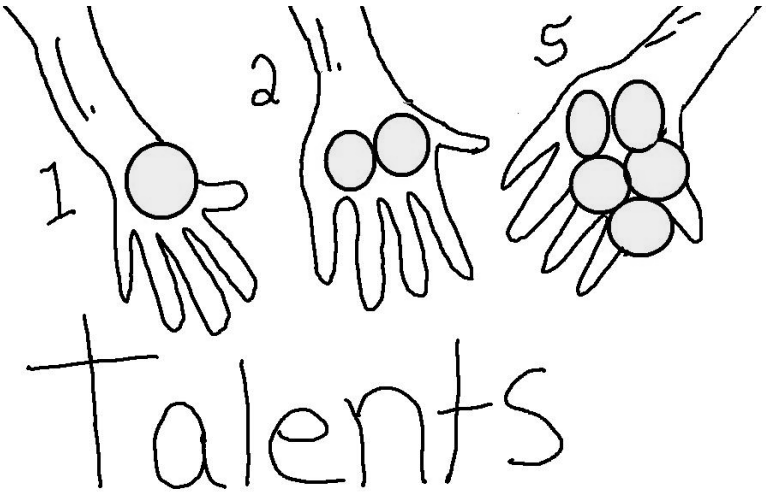
In the Priory Benefice of
St. Osyth, Great Bentley, Weeley and Little Clacton

"SERVING GOD THROUGH
LOVE, WORSHIP AND WITNESS"

Registered Charity Number: 1215560

15th November 2026
2nd Sunday before Advent

There will be an 11am Morning Praise Service, with the Strangers Band.
Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service.



The Bible Readings

1. Thessalonians 5. 1-11
Matthew 25. 14-30

CHURCH CONTACTS
General enquiries, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact
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The Gospel
Matthew 25. 14-30

The Parable of the Talents

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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 suffering through war, tragedy, famine and climate change to receive the help they need to rebuild their lives.
- ✝ 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, including Rev'd. Laurie Bond and those who mourn them.
- ✝ Father God. Our Nation is full of worry and anxiety. May all those struggling, especially our children, receive meaningful help and find their refuge in You. 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 15th November 2026 – 22nd November 2026

Sunday **Second Sunday before Advent**	**15th**	**11am** **2pm**	**Morning Praise Service led by Tony Page and Danny Wright** **Joined by The Strangers Band** **Sunday Club** **Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service** **Young Ringers Practice**
Monday	16th		
Tuesday	17th	10am-12noon	CCS Course in the Church Room
Wednesday	18th	8am-2pm 7pm-9pm	Church CLOSED for cleaning Cluster Bell Ringing Practice
Thursday	19th	10am	An Informal Holy Communion Service in the Church Room led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest
Friday	20th		
Saturday	21st	10am-11.30am	Pop In
Sunday **Christ the King**	**22nd**	**11am**	**Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Paul Greenland** **Sunday Club** **Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service**

UPCOMING SERVICES

Date	Service led by
Sunday 29th November	11am Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest
Sunday 6th December	8am Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest
	10am Priory Benefice Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest. Held at St. James' Church, Little Clacton

*** NOTICES ***

THANK YOU



A very BIG thank you to everyone who has visited Pop-In on a Saturday morning throughout October. All of your generous donations have now been counted and an amazing £234.77 will be added to the Church Flower fund.
The Flower fund will be used to decorate the Church in amazing Festive glory over the Christmas period.
Donations to the Church Flower fund can be made at any time, please speak to Brenda Lord.

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

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.

Carols at Five Stacks

On Friday 11th December at 11am members of the Church Choir will be singing carols and other popular Christmas songs at Five Stacks Residential Home, Point Clear Road. Please do come along, join in, and spread some festive cheer!
We won't have an organist, but we will have other music, lyrics and a grateful audience.

Please let Allison Bond know if you can come so she can keep you in the loop about arrangements.
allison@watershedstudio.co.uk

St. Osyth Church
Christmas Fayre
Saturday 28th November

Are you able to help with any of the below donations?

BOTTLE TOMBOLA

Please consider donating full, unopened bottles of soft drinks or alcoholic beverages, ensuring that all items are within their use-by date.

Deliver to Jim at
51 Manfield Gardens CO16 8QB



CAKES

If baking is your forte, our Homemade Cake Stall would be delighted to receive donations of your delicious homemade cakes!

Our Refreshments team would also be very grateful for donations of traybakes and smaller cakes to sell alongside teas and coffees.

We would be delighted to receive your wonderful contributions on Friday 27th November from 11.00am or Saturday 28th November by 9.00am.



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!

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.

Your generosity would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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

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

Pew Notices & Diary

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

Anything for the Church Diary – Emma Charnock
info@stosythparishchurch.co.uk

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

www.stosythparishchurch.co.uk