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

8th November 2026
3rd Sunday before Advent
Remembrance Sunday

There will be a 10.50am Sunday Service.
Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service.



The Bible Readings

1. Thessalonians 4. 13-end.
Matthew 25. 1-13

CHURCH CONTACTS

General enquiries, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact
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The Gospel
Matthew 25. 1-13

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Prayers



Grant rest, O Lord, to those no longer with us; who died protecting us and this their land. Bring healing, Lord, to those who, through their service, or through the consequences of terror, bear conflict's scars on body or in mind.

- ✝ 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.
- ✝ Choose today to count your blessings, name them one by one and praise God for what He has done.

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 8th November 2026 – 15th November 2026

Sunday **Remembrance Sunday**	**8th**	**10.50am**	**Remembrance Sunday Service with St. Osyth branch of the Royal British Legion led by Rev'd. Jimmy Anderson** **Refreshments will be served in the Church room after the Service**
Monday	9th		
Tuesday	10th	10am-12noon	CCS Course in the Church Room
Wednesday	11th	11.30am 7pm-9pm	Finance Committee Meeting Cluster Bell Ringing Practice
Thursday	12th	10am 11am-1pm 7pm	An Informal Holy Communion Service in the Church Room led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest Meeting in Church Room PCC Meeting
Friday	13th		
Saturday	14th	10am-11.30am	Pop In
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**

UPCOMING SERVICES

Date	Service led by
Sunday 22nd November	Holy Communion Service
Sunday 22nd November	Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd. Sharon Guest

*** NOTICES ***

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



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

PCC MEMBERS

There will be a PCC Meeting on Thursday 12th November at 7pm, in the Church Room. Please do attend.
If you are unable to attend, please can you let Belinda, the PCC Secretary, know.

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!

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.

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!

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.

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 59 Manfield Gardens CO16 8QB

Your generosity would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Sunny

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

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 – Emma Charnock info@stosythparishchurch.co.uk