

The Church of Saint Laurence, Upminster

PORCHTALK

10th February 2019 *Fourth Sunday before Lent*



Welcome to Saint Laurence.

Adventurers (groups for children and young people) meet during the 9.30 am Mass in term-time. Leaders will normally invite children to join in with these at the appropriate point in the service. Activity packs and children's service books are available from the back of church.

You are warmly invited to stay for refreshments in the Main Hall after the 9.30 Mass.

Today	Holy Communion	8.00 am
10 th February	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Fourth Sunday before Lent</i>	Said Evensong	6.30 pm
Monday	PCC Meeting, Parish Office	7.30 pm
11 th February		
Tuesday		
12 th February		
Wednesday	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.10 am
13 th February	Mass	11.00 am
Thursday	Choir Practice	7.45 pm
14 th February		
Friday	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
15 th February		
Saturday		
16 th February		
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
17 th February	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Third Sunday before Lent</i>	Taizé Prayer	6.30 pm

Evensong readings this Sunday: Jeremiah 26:1-16; Acts 3:1-10

Mass readings next Sunday: Jeremiah 17:5-10; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

Morning and Evening Prayer: 8.45 am Tuesday to Thursday, 4.30 pm Wednesday

Saturday Pathsweepers: Stewart, Butler **Coffee:** Karine, Julie and Nick

Please let Fr Roy know of anyone who is ill or in need of a pastoral visit, or housebound and wanting to receive the sacrament at home – or if you would appreciate a conversation with or visit from him for any reason.

Notices

We welcome and thank The Revd Jenny Heinink from St Luke's Church, Cranham who is presiding and preaching at this morning's services.

Today is the last day for returning your Electoral Roll Form. This year a completely new Electoral Roll must be prepared. This means that everyone who wishes to have their name included must re-apply. If you have not yet done so please see our Electoral Roll Officer, Keith Stewart, or call him on 01708 227928.

Edward Brasier will be baptised during the 9.30 Mass on Sunday 24th February. Following the service, Susannah and Richard invite everyone to enjoy cake and wine in the Main Hall.

Carole Billing's Quiz. Carole has another quiz running on films and Dingbats. Closing date for entries is Thursday 21st February. For a quiz sheet please see Carole, Tony Mason or Joanne Chapman. Entry is £1 and proceeds to the Church Building Improvements Project.

Lunchtime Concerts at 1.05pm to 1.50pm are free to attend and open to all who would like to come. 21st February – Tiffany Hore, flute, from Upminster and 7th March – James Williams, organ, from St George's, Hanover Square.

Quinquagesima Lunch on Sunday 3rd March. Meet in the Minor Hall at 12.30pm for lunch at 1pm in the Main Hall. £10 per person, contact Joan Prudden to book on 01708 223744.

Lent Lunches will be going ahead as usual on the six Thursdays from March 7th to April 11th. These are simple soup, bread and fruit lunches and if you would like to help please sign up. The sheet is on the notice board in the tower.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Sunday 10th March. At this annual meeting Churchwardens for the coming year are elected and Sidespeople are agreed for the following twelve months. If you are interested in serving in either of these roles please speak with Christine Foot. There are also three vacancies on the PCC and one to fill a casual vacancy on the Deanery Synod for one year only. Please consider who you would like to represent you. Nomination forms for all positions are now on the notice board at the back of the church.

There is a small group of people who keep the church clean for us all to enjoy. The church is divided into areas and work done at times to suit (there is no rota with specific dates to keep to). However, due to changing circumstances, two of these people can no longer continue. If you think you can take over an area please speak with Joanne Chapman or Christine Foot.

Please consult notice boards under the tower and in the porch for other notices and further information



AT THE MASS
10th February 2019
Fourth Sunday before Lent

Introit 335

Setting The Addington Service - *Richard Shephard*

Collect of the Day

O God,
you know us to be set
in the midst of so many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn 55

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Taizé

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 5:1-11

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

Offertory hymn 426

Anthem Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake – *Richard Farrant*

Communion 452
hymns 490

Final hymn 442

Organ voluntary VI (Six Short Preludes and Postludes) – *C.V. Stanford*

The Parish Church of St Laurence, Upminster
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Served in the Minor Hall,
12.15pm - 1.30pm

Thursdays during Lent:

March

7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

April

4th & 11th

The cost of lunch is
a donation to our
Lent charities:



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Charity of the Month: Mission Aviation Fellowship

Witnessing to the ends of the earth:



The village of Kuebunyane sits deep in a remote valley of Lesotho, a tiny African nation surrounded by tall, jagged mountains. To reach Kuebunyane, you have to travel several days on foot or by horseback. Because of the difficult terrain, the people are all but cut off from the outside world. A medical emergency might mean certain death. And the name of Jesus? Virtually unknown. But even in this most isolated place, God has made a way for the Basotho people—the people living in this region—to hear the Gospel.

Thanks to MAF airplanes, pastors known as the Lesotho Flying Pastors, are reaching Kuebunyane and other villages like it, sharing and preaching God's Word to the villagers.

Sponsorship Scheme. This scheme helps to finance our common life, worship and mission as a Christian community in Upminster. You might like to remember a loved one, or celebrate a wedding, anniversary, baptism or other special occasion that is significant for you or your family. All sponsorships go straight to church funds to finance the object sponsored. Please take a leaflet from the back of church or see Christine Foot for more details.

Support St Laurence when you shop online. We now have an account with easyfundraising, which donates a percentage of online sales at various retailers to charity. To register, please visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk, create an account and search for St Laurence Church, Upminster, to select it as a cause. If you then visit retailers' sites via the easyfundraising page, the church will receive a small percentage of what you spend, at no extra cost to you. For further information, please speak to James Allen.

Welcome to the Parish Church of Upminster. If we have not met you before, do introduce yourself. If you wish, give these details to one of the officials.

Name	Telephone
Address		

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The prayer lists are updated on the first day of each month. If you would like to renew or add a name to the list, please fill in a form at the back of church and leave it in the Prayer Box. Those on the list for Special Concern will be held in our prayers every Sunday and will be mentioned by name either at 8.00 am or 9.30 am. Please remember all in your prayers throughout the week.

Special concern:

(8.00 am) Yvonne Rattley, Helen Thomson, Pat Silverlock, Agnes Trievner, Pam, Nick Hale, Hayden Keeling, Edward Keen.

(9.30 am) Jim Turner, Edgar Iffland, Michael McSweeney, Lorna Wells, Tracy Pepper, Matthew Smith, Denise Comer, Albert and Jean Clements.

Those receiving Home Communion this week: Margaret Roome, Jean Cant, Dorothy Sykes, Vera Richards, Brenda Taylor.

The departed: Mary Smith.

Anniversaries: Fred McGuire, Hilda Goer, Joan Kydd, Daphne Sawyer, Joan Herbert, Jim Menah, Roy Walker, Pat Worton, Margaret Blanch, Reginald Grant.

Please remember those who mourn.

If you would like a name added to the Anniversary list please speak to the Parish Office.

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Daily Prayers, Psalms and Readings are included in the *Time for God* Prayer Diary which you can receive on request. You may also wish to use the *Time for God* Daily Office. If you would like to receive the Prayer Diary, or would like further information, please contact the Parish Office with your contact details (email address or postal address). If you would like to update any of the 'People' information on the Prayer Diary, please speak to Nick Butler on nickbutlerupm@gmail.com or 07792123630.