

The Church of Saint Laurence, Upminster

# PORCHTALK

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021



<b>Today</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Baptism of Christ</i>	Mass said at home by Fr Roy Said Evensong on Zoom	9.30 am 6.30 pm
<b>Wednesday</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Meeting on Zoom	9.00 am
<b>Saturday</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Morning Prayer and Coffee on Zoom	10.45 am
<b>Next Sunday</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> January <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</i>	Mass on YouTube Said Evensong on Zoom	9.30 am 6.30 pm
<b>Tuesday</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> January	CM&FG Meeting on Zoom	8.00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Meeting on Zoom	9.00 am
<b>Thursday</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> January	DOM Interviews on Zoom	12 noon
<b>Saturday</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Morning Prayer and Coffee on Zoom	10.45 am
<b><i>Saturday Pathsweepers: 16<sup>th</sup> January – Brabner and Bloomfield</i></b>		

## NOTICES

**Worship during the current lockdown.** Following guidance from the Diocese, and having considered the current pandemic situation in Havering, the Parochial Church Council have, with great regret, taken the decision to suspend all in-person worship at St Laurence until the end of this lockdown or until the Diocese advises that it is appropriate to resume. Private prayer is also suspended until at least the end of January.

At the moment we do not have a WiFi connection in the church that would enable us to live-stream. In the meantime, whenever it is possible, we will pre-record so that Mass can go live on YouTube at 9.30am on that Sunday. This will give people the opportunity to watch with others if they wish to do so at the time they would normally be in church. Search YouTube for St Laurence Church Upminster to find us. These and other online activities will be advertised on our Facebook page and mentioned in the Porchtalk diary. We will continue with Zoom Evensong on Sundays at 6.30pm, monthly Zoom Children's Services, and Zoom Morning Prayer and Coffee at 10.45am on Saturdays - for codes to any of these please contact Revd Susannah.

We hope that you and your loved ones stay safe and well. Please do get in touch with the Parish Office, Revd Susannah or Fr. Roy if you would like to speak to us about something, if you would like support in some way, or if you have a need for prayer.

**Like many organisations,** St Laurence is suffering financially due to the pandemic and the loss of income from our halls. We would be very grateful for any donations towards the mission and ministry of the church. Please contact us for details of how to give via online banking.

## FROM THE LECTIONARY

**SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021, THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

**Morning worship:** Acts 17:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

**Evening worship:** Psalm 46; Isaiah 42:1-9; Ephesians 2:1-10

**Collect of the day:** Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit; grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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.**

## SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020, SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

**Morning worship:** Revelaion 5:1-10; John 1:43-end

**Evening worship:** Psalm 96; Isaiah 60:9-end; Hebrews 6:17 - 7:10

**Collect of the day:** Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.**

*The following weekday lectionary can be used in conjunction with the booklet 'Worship at Home' if you wish to use different readings each day, along with the collect, where applicable, specific to the day.*

**MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY,** *Mary Slessor, missionary, 1915*

**Morning worship:** Psalm 2; Amos 1; 1 Corinthians 1:1-17

**Evening worship:** Psalm 34; Genesis 1:1-19; Matthew 21:1-17

**TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY,** *Aelred, abbot, 1167; Benedict Biscop, scholar, 689*

**Morning prayer:** Psalm 9; Amos 2; 1 Corinthians 1:18-end

**Evening prayer:** Psalm 45; Genesis 1:20 - 2:3; Matthew 21:18-32

**Collect of the day:** Almighty God, who endowed Aelred the abbot with the gift of Christian friendship and the wisdom to lead others in the way of holiness: grant to your people that same spirit of mutual affection, so that, in loving one another, we may know the love of Christ and rejoice in the eternal possession of your supreme goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**, Hilary, bishop, teacher of the faith, 367;  
*Kentigern (Mungo), missionary bishop, 603; George Fox, founder of the  
Society of Friends (Quakers), 1691*

**Morning prayer:** Psalm 20; Amos 3; 1 Corinthians 2

**Evening prayer:** Psalm 47; Genesis 2:4-end; Matthew 21:33-end

**Collect of the day:** Everlasting God, whose servant Hilary steadfastly  
confessed your Son Jesus Christ to be both human and divine: grant us his  
gentle courtesy to bring to all the message of redemption in the incarnate  
Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**Morning prayer:** Psalm 21; Amos 4; 1 Corinthians 3

**Evening prayer:** Psalm 63; Genesis 3; Matthew 22:1-14

**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**Morning prayer:** Psalm 67; Amos 5:1-17; 1 Corinthians 4

**Evening prayer:** Psalm 68; Genesis 4:1-16. 25-26; Matthew 22:15-33

**SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**Morning prayer:** Psalm 33; Amos 5:18-end; 1 Corinthians 5

**Evening prayer:** Psalm 85; Genesis 6:1-10; Matthew 22:34-end

**MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (18<sup>TH</sup>-25<sup>TH</sup>),**  
*Amy Carmichael, spiritual writer, 1951*

**Morning prayer:** Psalm 146; Amos 6; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

**Evening prayer:** Psalm 71; Genesis 6:11 – 7:10; Matthew 24:1-14

**TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**, Wulfstan, bishop, 1095

**Morning prayer:** Psalm 132; Amos 7; 1 Corinthians 6:12-end

**Evening prayer:** Psalm 89:1-37; Genesis 7:11-end; Matthew 24:15-28

**Collect of the day:** Lord God, who raised up Wulfstan to be a bishop among your people and a leader of your Church: help us, after his example, to live simply, to work diligently and to make your kingdom known; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**, *Richard Rolle, spiritual writer, 1349*

**Morning prayer:** Psalm 81; Amos 8; 1 Corinthians 7:1-24

**Evening prayer:** Psalm 97; Genesis 8:1-14; Matthew 24:29-end

**THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY**, Agnes, child martyr, 304

**Morning prayer:** Psalm 76; Amos 9; 1 Corinthians 7:25-end

**Evening prayer:** Psalm 111; Genesis 8:15 - 9:7; Matthew 25:1-13

**Collect of the day:** Eternal God, shepherd of your sheep, whose child Agnes was strengthened to bear witness in her living and her dying to the true love of her redeemer: grant us the power to understand, with all your saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love that surpasses knowledge, even 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.**

**FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY**, *Vincent of Saragossa, deacon, martyr, 304*

**Morning prayer:** Psalm 27; Hosea 1:1 - 2:1; 1 Corinthians 8

**Evening prayer:** Psalm 73; Genesis 9:8-19; Matthew 25:14-30

**SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY**

**Morning prayer:** Psalm 122; Hosea 2:2-17; 1 Corinthians 9:1-14

**Evening prayer:** Psalm 61; Genesis 11:1-9; Matthew 25:31-end

*Please turn over for prayer intentions.*

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

### **Special concern, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January:**

Yvonne Rattley, Pat Silverlock, Pam, Hayden Keeling, Stewart Ranson, Alan Evens, Edie Jackson, Annie Phillips, Doris Harding, Joan Larkin.

### **Special concern, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January:**

Edgar Iffland, Michael McSweeney, Lorna Wells, Jean Clements, Poppy and Thomas, Katie Louise Tape, Ellen Stone, Kathleen Jones, Daniel, Jeffrey.

### **Long term concern, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January:**

John Herbert, Jean Biggs, Betty McAteer, Penny Hale, Margaret Turner, Christine Coleman.

### **Long term concern, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January:**

Alison Jervis, Ann Gospage, Ivy Oliver, Freya Risdon, Rosalind Manley, Diane Taylor.

### **Those who would normally receive Holy Communion at home, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January: N/A**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January:** Margaret Roome, Jean Cant, Dorothy Sykes, Vera Richards, Brenda Taylor, Denise Comer.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January:** Pauline Wheeler and other residents of Freshfields Home, Phyllis Knight.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January:** Residents of Derham House Nursing Home.

**Recently departed:** Pearl Clifton, Claire Blackshaw, Michael Middleton, Doris Blanking.

### **Anniversaries of the departed, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January:**

William Gosland, John Iffland, Gina Dunlop, Ted Sawyer, John Fowler, Hyla Rose Holden (Priest), Winifred Hodgson, Peggy Lockwood, Maurice Harper (Priest), Christine Forrest, Howard Jones, Maidie Gay, Pauline Lee, Frances Pryer (Deaconess).

## **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January:**

Maurice Harper (Priest), Christine Forrest, Howard Jones, Maidie Gay, Pauline Lee, Frances Pryer (Deaconess), Ian Tresadern, Bill Harding, Ray Mulley, Margaret Holden, Reg Watson, Brian Coleman, Sam Potton, Valerie Smith.

**Please remember those who mourn.**

### **Other prayers:**

Give thanks for the family of God's Church into which we are baptised.

Remember those awaiting baptism and their families as dates are again postponed.

Pray for those who have not yet accepted Christ as their saviour.

Give thanks for representative democracy and elected governments around the world.

Remember those who work to bring about fair elections in places where tyrannical dictatorships still prevail.

Pray that those tasked with governance will uphold values of sincerity, truth and conviction.

### **Time for God Prayer Diary**

If you would like to receive the monthly 'Time for God Prayer Diary' which includes daily readings and prayer intentions, or would like further information regarding it, please email Joanne in the Parish Office. If you would like to suggest any content for use in the Prayer Diary, please contact Nick Butler at [nickbutlerupm@gmail.com](mailto:nickbutlerupm@gmail.com) or phone him on 07792123630.

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