

PORCHTALK



Sunday 19th October 2025 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to Saint Laurence.

Adventurers (groups for children and young people) meet during the 9.30 am Mass. 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 19 th October	Holy Communion	8.00 am
	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
	First Communion Preparation, Parish Office	3.00pm
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
Monday 20 th October	Footsteps, Lady Chapel	9.30 am
	Enquirers' Course, Parish Office	1.00 pm
	CM&FG Meeting, Parish Office	8.00 pm
Wednesday 22 nd October	Morning Prayers	8.45 am
	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
	Said Mass	11.00am
	Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel	4.15 pm
Thursday 23 rd October	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
Friday 24 th October	Organ Teaching	2.15 pm
Next Sunday 26 th October	Holy Communion	8.00 am
	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
	First Communion Preparation, Parish Office	3.00 pm
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

Evensong readings this Sunday: Nehemiah 8:9-end; John 16:1-11.

Mass readings next Sunday: Isaiah 45:22-end; Romans 15:1-6; Luke 4:16-24

Evensong readings next Sunday: Jeremiah 36:9-end; Romans 10:5-17.

Saturday Pathsweepers: 1st Nov Thomson & Brabner **Coffee:** 26th Oct Margaret Jarvis, Colin, Christine Foot

Please let Revd Susannah or Deborah Masterson 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 or visit for any reason.

NOTICES

Wednesday 29th October – please note that there will not be an 11am service on this day.

Different ministries in church life - could God be calling you to try something new? The life of our church is supported by the gifts and commitment of many different people. We are currently in need of more people to serve, lead prayers, welcome people to church, read and join the choir (choir commitment can be regularly or more occasionally). If you would like to find out more about any of these roles, please speak to Susannah or to any of the people currently involved in them. They are open to children and young people as well as adults. We would also like to continue our engagement with environmental issues and the Care of Creation - if anyone would like to be involved with this, please speak to Susannah.

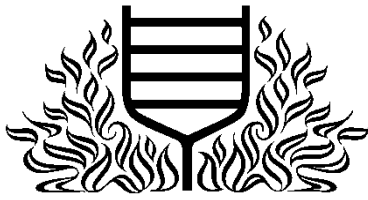
Independent Examiner for the PCC Accounts: We are seeking an accountant who could assist on a voluntary basis with the annual independent examination of the church's accounts. If you may be able to help, please speak to Tony Bloomfield, our Treasurer, or to Susannah. (NB those who are PCC members or employees of St Laurence would not be eligible).

We would like to say a really big thankyou to all those that attended and or contributed to in any way the Cards, Cakes & Coffee Morning held on Friday 17th October in the Main Hall. Cards, raffle tickets and any cakes that are left will also be on sale at coffee after Mass today.

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October. Also please note there will not be coffee mornings held on either Friday 24th or Friday 31st October,

Commemoration of All Souls': There will be a service of remembrance held at 6.30pm on Sunday 2nd November at which we will be remembering those now apart from us through death. If you would like people included in our prayers please write their name(s) on the sheet on the cabinet by the main door or contact Verity in the Parish Office by email. We would very much like to serve refreshments afterwards as part of our mission and ministry to the recently bereaved but, can only do so if we have some people to help. Please see Susannah if you can. We will be dressing the church with white lily flowers, if you would like to donate money towards the cost of the lilies please speak with Jean Keen or Cheryl Hale.

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



AT THE MASS

Sunday 19th October
18th Sunday after Trinity

Introit

541 Lord of beauty, thine the splendour

Setting

Mass of St Thomas - Thorne

Collect of the Day

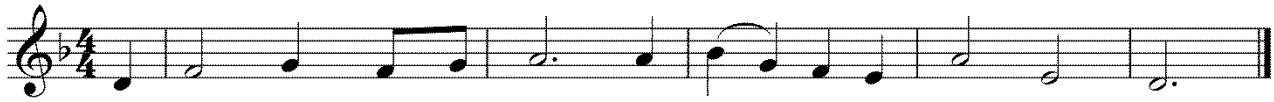
Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Genesis 32:22-31

At night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Responsorial Psalm 121

Andrew Moore



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I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not suffer your foot to stumble; he who watches over you will not sleep. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand, so that the sun shall not strike you by day, neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall keep you from all evil; it is he who shall keep your soul. The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Alleluia

Plainsong

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming."' And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Offertory hymn 471 We pray thee, heavenly Father

Anthem I rejoiced when I heard them say (1993)
Text & Music: Bernadette Farrell
Based on Psalm 122

Communion hymn 681 In heavenly love abiding

Final hymn 762 Praise the One who breaks the darkness

Organ Voluntary King's Lynn from the Six Hymn-Preludes
- Percy Whitlock

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer request forms are available at the back of church. Please use them if you wish us to pray for someone.

Sunday: Pam Chapman, Keith Sharp, Barbara Izzard, Denise Comer, Baby Charles, Doreen, Michael Folkes, Mary Greig, Stanley Oliver, Alan Jones, Sandra Clarke, Michael McSweeney, Terry Evens.

Wednesday: Mary Ann Madden, Rosalind Manley, Charles Osmond, Simon Pols, Brian Shaw, Glynis Whiting, Sylvia Wilson, Maria, Marie Tyler.

Additional Prayers: All those receiving Home Communion.

Recently departed: David Anderton (Priest) Jane Goodall.

Anniversaries of the departed: Donald Baker (Priest), Dorothea Baker, Kevin Harris, Lilian Sharp, David Pike, Richard Hennessy, Margaret Turner, Sid Cardy, Barbara Mowat, Dora Collins, David Hall, Audrey Comer, Norman Ward, William Sharp, Betty Reeves, May Lawes, Bill Jordan, Florence Smith, Lance Jackson, Richard Drozdowski, Florence Masterson.

Sound System Upgrade - Many of you will be aware that we have been having problems with the sound system in church for some time. There is also a need, as part of our building project, to move the sound controls out of the back vestry to a more suitable location. A specialist company have now audited the system; some of the existing equipment can be retained but a large amount of wiring needs to be replaced. Diocesan permissions allowing, we hope to have the work done before Christmas. It will cost around £18,500 which is very reasonable for the work involved. If anyone would like to make a donation towards this specific project, please give cash donations to the Churchwardens (gift aided if possible)- or bank transfers (with the reference 'sound') can be made to the church account (PCC of Upminster, 60-22-06, 13064185) - if you are able to gift aid and have not previously filled in a declaration to cover bank transfers, please ask the Parish Office for a Gift Aid form. Thank you.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH OCTOBER -PARKINSON'S UK

Donation envelopes are on the notice board at the back of church.

Parkinson's UK
215 Vauxhall Bridge Road
London, SW1V 1EJ
Registered charity number 209603

PARKINSON'S^{UK}
CHANGE ATTITUDES.
FIND A CURE.
JOIN US.

DONATIONS

A cash collection will be taken during Sunday morning services for church funds, which support our mission and ministry including the upkeep of this historic site. If you do not carry cash, we also have a card machine located by the main door which can be used before or after the service.

If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider Gift Aiding your donation - either via the machine or (for cash) using the envelope available in the pew. This means that your donation will be worth more to the church but at no extra cost to you.

If you would like information about joining our Planned Giving scheme, leaflets are available from the back of church.

Thank you - whatever you feel disposed to give will be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

EASYFUNDRAISING

The church is registered (as St Laurence Church, Upminster) on easyfundraising.org.uk - if you register an account, select the church as a cause and download the web browser extension then every time you spend money on many retail websites and have activated the extension, a percentage of your spend will be donated to St Laurence at no cost to you. The individual amounts are small but every little adds up - please help us via this route if you can.

AUTUMN ECO-FRIENDLY TIPS



Before sweeping up and pruning, we could consider leaving parts un-pruned which is important for wildlife and biodiversity. Leaving [a thin layer of leaves](#) across our lawn and flower beds will nourish the soil, while protecting plants against cold weather. A larger pile of leaves could be raked into a corner to provide a great habitat for insects. Likewise, [leaving seed heads on flowers](#) that have gone over will provide food for birds over the winter.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP.....

If you would like to know about sponsorship, please pick up a leaflet from the back of church or speak to Jean and Cheryl (Churchwardens), Susannah (Rector) or Verity (Parish Administrator).

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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

**Revd Susannah sends a weekly email about services, news and events.
Please email her if you would like to receive her emails.**