



2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025 *All Saints' Sunday*

## 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.

<b>Today</b>	Holy Communion	8.00 am
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Building Faith, Main Hall	8.00 am
<i>All Saints' All Souls' Sunday</i>	Procession and Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
	All Souls' Service followed by refreshments	6.30 pm
	<i>NB: No Evensong on Zoom</i>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
	Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel	4.15 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
6 <sup>th</sup> November		
<b>Friday</b>	Organ Teaching	9.00 am
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
	Organ Teaching	2.15pm
<b>Saturday</b>	Organ Teaching	9.30 am
8 <sup>th</sup> November		
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Holy Communion	8.00 am
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	Remembrance Parade Service at War Memorial	10.45 am
	Coffee in Derham Hall	11.15 am
	<i>NB: No Evensong on Zoom</i>	

**All Souls' Service readings 6.30pm:** Lamentations 3:17-26; John 5:19-25

**Mass readings next Sunday:** Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

**Saturday Pathsweepers:** 15<sup>th</sup> Masterson & Skinner **Coffee:** 9<sup>th</sup> Alison, Mark, Margaret

*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

**Today we welcome** The Ven. Christopher Burke, Archdeacon of Barking to preside and preach at our 8am Holy Communion Service.

**Commemoration of All Souls':** There will be a service of remembrance held at 6.30pm this evening, 2<sup>nd</sup> November at which we will be remembering those now apart from us through death.

**Remembrance Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> November** - as usual, there will be an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial beginning at 10.50am. with coffee served afterwards in the Derham Hall. We urgently need people to hand out service sheets prior to this. Please contact Susannah or one of the Churchwardens if you can assist.

**Christingle help needed please** As usual, we are intending to hold a Christingle Service in aid of The Children's Society at 4pm on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December. In order for this to happen, we will need volunteers to help to prepare Christingle kits on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 9.15-11.15am in the Parish Office, and we will need volunteers to help with the service (to be available from 3.15pm until approximately 5.15pm on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>). If you can assist with either or both of these things, please contact Susannah.

**Advent Book and Course** - Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani, our Diocesan Bishop, has written a book for Advent entitled 'Listening to the music of the soul'. It is widely available to purchase and you may wish to obtain a copy to read during Advent. We will be holding a parish discussion group to talk about the book together on three Mondays in Advent (1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December) from 1-2pm in the Parish Office. Please let Susannah know if you would like to come to this group - and/or if you need assistance with ordering the book.

**Charity of the Month:** The PCC will soon be deciding which charities to support next year. If you have a charity which you think should be considered, please give details to Beryl Speed (PCC Secretary).

**Acorns are holding a Quiz Afternoon** to raise funds for our kitty on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November, from 12.30pm in the Minor Hall. All questions written by our students. Please come and join us for some fun and laughs.

**Washing of small altar linen** - we are in need of someone to volunteer to join the rota for washing the small items of linen used in services - such as the purificators used to wipe the chalice, and the small lavabo towels used when the priest washes their hands. The commitment would be for one

month twice a year. If you can help or would like more information, please speak to Susannah or to Christine Clifford.

**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.

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

## AT THE MASS

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025

*All Souls' Sunday*

**Introit** 296 For all the saints

**Setting** A new People's Mass - Murray

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship  
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those inexpressible joys  
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;  
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.**

### **Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18**

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever.'

### **Psalm 149:1-4**

#### **Responsorial Psalm 149**

John McCann



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O sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.  
Let Israel rejoice in their maker;  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.  
Let them praise his name in the dance;  
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and lyre.  
For the Lord has pleasure in his people  
and adorns the poor with salvation.

### **Ephesians 1:11-end**

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had

heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**Alleluia - Celtic**

**Luke 6:20-31**

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

‘But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

**Offertory hymn**            312 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

**Anthem**                      For all the Saints who showed your love (1989)  
Text: -Bell / Maule; Music:- Tredinnick

**Communion hymn**        556 Alleluia, alleluia, raise the Gospel over  
the earth

**Final hymn**                310 Thanks be to God

**Organ Voluntary**        Fantasy on Lasst Uns Erfreuen - Bonighton

## 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, Josie Milford, 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. Those preparing for first communion

**Recently departed:** David Anderton (Priest) Jane Goodall

**Anniversaries of the departed:** Nancy Rowe, Frank Shipp, Richard Marrable, Wilfred Murrell, John Bowman, Johanna Cox, Frank Norledge, Maurice Wilson, Leonard Hall, Henry Hill, Paul Holden, Doris Harding, Peter Hodgson

## CHARITY OF THE MONTH

### NOVEMBER: THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

**The  
Children's  
Society**

The Children's Society provides specialist support that empowers young people to make positive changes and rediscover their hope. They want a future they can look forward to and The Children's Society is there to make sure they get it.

Working alongside young people, their families and community, the Society will not rest until together, step-by-step, they've created a society built for all children. Young people come to the Society when they have low self-esteem, when they're living in families who can't afford the next meal/school uniform or when there's no one else to hear them. The Society also listens to their needs and campaign and lobby on their behalf. The Society wants to make sure they are heard at local and nation level.

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

### 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](http://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.

**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.**