



16th November 2025 2nd Sunday before Advent

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	Holy Communion	8.00 am
16 th	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
November	First Communion Preparation, Parish Office	3.00 pm
2 nd before Advent	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
Wednesday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
19 th	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
November	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
	Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel	4.15 pm
Thursday	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
20 th		
November		
Friday	Organ Teaching	9.00 am
21 st	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
November	Organ Teaching	2.15 pm
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
23 rd	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
November	First Communion Preparation, Parish Office	3.00 pm
Christ is King	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

Evensong readings this Sunday: Daniel 6, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.

Mass readings next Sunday: Colossians 1:11-20, Jeremiah 23:1-6, Luke 23:33-43.-

Evensong readings next Sunday: 1 Samuel 8:4-20, John 18:33-37.

Saturday Pathsweepers: 29th Mowat & Perchard **Coffee:** 23rd Becky, Simon & Pauline

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 Mass.

Next Sunday we will be making a presentation to Alan Butcher during the 9.30 Mass to thank him for his many years of service as Sacristan. This will be followed by special refreshments.

Advent Book and Course - please note change of dates/times: 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. This will now take place on Wednesdays after the 11am Mass (approx 11.45am-12.45pm) - 3rd, 10th and 17th December - 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.

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

Carol singing at the Upminster Christmas event this Friday, 21st November - Once again members of local churches have been invited to sing carols as part of the event marking the switching on of the lights on Upminster's Christmas tree. Your support would be very welcome. We will be gathering on the playground outside Upminster Junior School (by the crossroads) to sing from 4.30-5pm.

On Sunday 23rd November by request Gill Roome will again be selling hand made cards in the main hall after the 9.30 mass. This will be in aid of The Children's Society which is the November charity of the month

Barbare Izzard's Funeral will take place in Church at 11.30am on Monday 24 November. Please let Susannah know if you plan to attend.

Carol Services: There will be an Advent Carol Service at 6.30pm on Sunday 30th November (Advent Sunday) and a Christmas Carol Service at 6.30pm on Sunday 21st December. All are very welcome to attend these beautiful services of seasonal music, prayers and readings. If you would like to do a reading, please sign the sheets at the back of church. We also need volunteers to serve mulled wine and mince pies after the service on 21st December - if you can help, please contact Susannah

Debbie Stewart thanks all of you who bought her home-made quince & raisin crumbles recently and hopes that you all enjoyed them. Through your generosity £100 has been raised for our Building Improvements Fund. Debbie still has plenty of quinces left so if anyone would like a crumble for a donation to the fund, just let her know (while stocks last!!).

Met Engage initiative from the Police - The Metropolitan Police have asked us to pass on information about their new platform called Met Engage, where people can register to receive updates about current issues in their community. For more information, please visit www.metengage.co.uk (Please note, this is not a service for reporting crime.)

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.

ECO-FRIENDLY TIPS



Before lighting bonfires, we should check the piles for hedgehogs and other creatures seeking shelter.

Keep feeding the birds, food sources become scarce in the colder months. We should avoid giving birds bread, salted or flavoured peanuts, processed foods (crisps, chips, pies or cakes), large whole nuts, damp or mouldy food. Feeders should be clean and dry to prevent disease.

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



AT THE MASS

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Introit

595 Be thou my vision

Setting

The Addington Service - Shephard

Collect of the Day

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ² But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

Psalm

98:1-6

Responsorial Psalm 98

Andrew Wright



All the ends of the earth have seen the sal - va - tion of God.

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Sing to the Lord a new song for he has done marvellous things. His own right hand and his holy arm have won for him the victory.

The Lord has made known his salvation; his deliverance he has openly shown in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; break into singing and make music. Make music to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the voice of melody.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Alleluia

Taizé

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines

and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

‘But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Offertory hymn	422 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
Anthem	Oh God of earth and altar Text: G.K. Chesterton, Music: “King’s Lynn”, Vaughan Williams
Communion hymn	815 Thy kingdom come!
Final hymn	491 Go to the world!
Organ Voluntary	Ciacona in C Minor, BuxWV 159 Buxtehude

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, Josie Milford, Steve Martin, 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: Barbara Izzard, Jenny Roberts.

Anniversaries of the departed: Ken Hill, Teddy Osmond, Pat Collyer, Bert Shaw, Susan Bartlett, Bill Reading, Whyne Green, Edith Lovett.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH **[MONTH: CHARITY]**

**The
Children's
Society**

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

The Children's Society, Whitecross Studios,
50 Banner Street, London, EC1Y 8ST.
Registered Charity Number 221124.

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.

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.

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