

# PORCHTALK



27<sup>th</sup> April 2024 *Second Sunday of Easter*

**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
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Meeting of Parishioners in Church	11.00 am
	APCM in Church followed by refreshments	11.10 am
	Confirmation Service, St Nicholas, Elm Park	4.00 pm
<b>Monday</b>	Footsteps	9.30 am
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Organ Teaching	3.00 pm
	Organ Teaching	5.15 pm
	CM&FG Meeting, Parish Office	8.00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Group Visit to Church	10.00 am
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Service, Derham House	10.30 am
	Organ Teaching	11.00 am
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
<i>Pandita Mary Ramabai,</i>	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
<i>translator, 1922</i>	Halls Committee Meeting, Parish Office	7.30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
1 <sup>st</sup> May		
<b>Friday</b>	Organ Teaching	9.00 am
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
<b>Saturday</b>	Organ Teaching	9.30am
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Organ Teaching	10.30am
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Holy Communion	8.00 am
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Building Faith, Main Hall	8.00 am
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
	Baptism	12 noon
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
<b>Mass readings next Sunday:</b> Acts 9:1-6; Revelation 5:11-end; John 21:1-19		
<b>Evensong readings next Sunday:</b> Isaiah 38:9-20; John 11:27-44		
<b>Saturday Pathsweepers:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> May – Mowat & Thomson		
<i>Please let Revd Susannah, Revd Neil 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.</i>		

## NOTICES

**Many thanks** to all of you who prepared the church for Holy Week and Easter, contributed to the running of services, provided music, organised the children's Good Friday activities and did many more things besides to enable us to mark the uniqueness of this holy time. It is all very much appreciated.

**The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and then APCM** follow the 9.30am Parish Mass today. Anyone who lives in the Parish can attend the Meeting of Parishioners and anyone on the Church's Electoral Roll can to attend the APCM. **At the APCM we will be electing Parochial Church Council members and Deanery Synod representatives.** The PCC is one of the important decision-making groups in the life of the church. Your attendance gives you an opportunity to voice your questions and thoughts and to be involved in the governance of St Laurence as a church and as a faith community.

**Coffee will not be served** after the 9.30am Mass today (though of course you may wish to use the interval before 11am to obtain a coffee from one of our many local cafes!) but there will be wine and soft drinks served in church after the meeting.

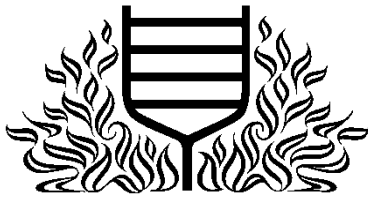
**Paul O'Neill** will be confirmed at the Deanery Confirmation Service at 4pm today in St Nicholas Church, Elm Park. If you would like to support Paul by attending the service, please speak with Susannah or Jean Keen after the APCM today.

**Next Sunday** Archdeacon Chris Burke will be presiding and preaching at our 8am Mass.

**Jane Lindsey** is running in this year's London Marathon today. She will be supporting two causes; our Building Improvements Project and, also, Millwall Lions Food Hub where she has volunteered in the past. Church donations page: [www.gofundme.com/f/janes-london-marathon](http://www.gofundme.com/f/janes-london-marathon) and Millwall donations page: [www.gofundme.com/f/jane-v-london-marathon](http://www.gofundme.com/f/jane-v-london-marathon) or cash to Jane. If you wish to follow her progress in the event her bib number is 78056.

**Jane invites** you all for cake and wine during coffee following next Sunday's 9.30 Mass in celebration of her achievement.

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



# AT THE MASS

27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

*Second Sunday of Easter*

## **Introit**

194 Alleluia, alleluia

## **Setting**

A New People's Mass - Murray

## **Collect of the Day**

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Acts 5:27-32**

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

## **Alleluia**

Taizé

## **John 20:19-end**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

### **Offertory hymn**

Blessed Thomas, doubt no longer,  
See the wounds in hand and side,  
Now behold the risen Saviour  
Who for thee has bled and died,  
And from death's dark pit arising  
Lives in body glorified.

Here behold the love victorious,  
Over death triumphant now,  
See the feet where nails were driven,  
And thy faith in him avow:  
For he lives, the world's redeemer,  
Unto whom all knees shall bow.

Thomas looked upon the Master:  
Was it then indeed the Lord?  
Were those wounds no phantom tokens?  
Did the sight with truth accord?  
Scarce believing, joy unbounded,  
Leapt to greet the Saviour's word.

Prostrate falling, Thomas worshipped:  
'O my Master, Lord and God',  
Here in truth was Christ the Saviour  
Who the path of suffering trod,  
And, to ransom souls unnumbered,  
Broke in pieces Satan's rod.

Thomas, sight has now convinced thee,  
Faith within thy heart has stirred;  
Blessèd more those faithful servants,  
Trusting in the Saviour's word,  
Who, though vision is denied them,  
Still believe, and own him Lord.

Grant, O Father, that among them  
We thy servants may be known,  
And the ground be ever fruitful  
Where the seed of faith was sown,  
Till at length in heaven's glory,  
Faith and vision are but one.

<b>Anthem</b>	See, what a morning, gloriously bright (2003) Text & Music: Stuart Townend & Keith Getty
<b>Communion hymn</b>	421 All for Jesus
<b>Final hymn</b>	221 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem
<b>Organ Voluntary</b>	Festival Toccata - Percy E. Fletcher

## 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:** Neil Parsons, Alice Sarpong, Elizabeth Medley, Gillian Clayton, Anne Hendra, Pam Chapman, Keith Sharp, Darren James Meader, Mary Ann Madden, Rosalind Manley, Charles Osmond, Simon Pols, Brian Shaw, James Tape, Rosemary Watkins, Glynis Whiting, Sylvia Wilson, Camilla Jackson, Alan Butcher.

**Wednesday:** Denise Comer, Baby Charles, Bob Bossey, Doreen, Michael Folkes, Mary Greig, Fr Tom Keighley, Stanley Oliver, Alan Jones, Sandra Clarke, Michael McSweeney, Delyse Maggs, Terry Evens.

**Additional Prayers:** All those receiving Home Communion. Paul O'Neill who will be Confirmed today.

**Recently departed:** Neil Carr, Pope Francis.

**Anniversaries of the departed:** Jenny Jennings, Alice Greenfield, Joyce Butcher, Joyce Charters, David Lawes, Reginald Martineau, Pauline Wheeler, Kerry Langler, Barbara Hill, Lucy Ellis, John Roome, Alf Ellis.

## QUIZ NIGHT

in aid of the Church Building Improvements Project  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Main Hall.  
Tickets £8 per person, tables of 8,  
come as a team or come to join a table of others.  
Bring your own food and drink if you wish.  
Please book in advance by 14<sup>th</sup> May with  
Joanne in the Parish Office or  
speak to Debbie Stewart or Susannah after a service.

## BUILDING FAITH

A new, informal early morning service for  
primary school aged children with their parents/carers.  
Refreshments, prayer, Bible story and building blocks activity  
Sundays 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> June and 6<sup>th</sup> July  
from 8am - 8.45am in the Main Hall.

## **CHARITY OF THE MONTH**

### **APRIL: WATERAID**



Donation envelopes are available at the back of church.

WaterAid, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 20 Canada Square, London, E14 5NN.

Registration number: 288701

### **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 Joanne (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.**