



Sunday 20th April 2025 *Easter Day*

Welcome to Saint Laurence.

Adventurers (groups for children and young people) meet during the 9.30 am Mass. Please meet with leaders in the Lady Chapel before the service today. Activity packs and children's service books are available from the back of church.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Today	Holy Communion	8.00 am
20 th April	Procession and Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Easter Day</i>	No Evening Service today	
Wednesday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
23 rd April	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
	Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel	4.15 pm
Thursday	Organ Teaching	8.30 am
24 th April	Easter Service, Little Gaynes Residential Home	11.00 am
	Organ Teaching	2.00 pm
Friday	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
25 th April		
Saturday	Organ Teaching	9.30 am
26 th April		
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
27 th April	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	11.00 am
	Confirmation Service at St Nicholas, Elm Park	4.00 pm
	No Evening Service today	

Mass readings next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; John 20:19-31

*Coffee will not be served in the Main Hall on Sunday 27th April.
However, refreshments will be served in Church following the APCM.*

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.

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.

APCM Report booklets are available from the back of church as you leave. The date for this year's APCM is next Sunday, 27th April, after the 9.30am Mass. **If you would be interested in standing to be a member of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) or as a Deanery Synod representative**, please speak to Susannah, Jean Keen, Cheryl Hale or any other member of the current PCC.

Coffee will not be served after the 9.30am Mass (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.

Please note that the Parish Office will not be open on Tuesday 22nd April.

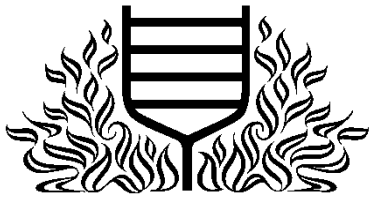
Paul O'Neill will be confirmed at the Deanery Confirmation Service on Sunday 27th April at 4pm in St Nicholas Church, Elm Park. If you would like to support Paul by attending the service, please speak with Susannah or Jean Keen.

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 4th May, 1st June and 6th July from 8am - 8.45am in the Main Hall.

Quiz Night in aid of the Church Building Improvements Project. Saturday 17th 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 14th May with Joanne in the Parish Office or speak to Debbie Stewart or Susannah after a service.

Jane Lindsey is running in this year's London Marathon on Sunday 27th April. She will be supporting two causes; our Building Improvements Project and, also, Millwall Lions Food Hub where she has volunteered in the past. Please take some time to read about Jane and her journey on the donation pages and if you can, donate. Church page: www.gofundme.com/f/janes-london-marathon or Millwall page: www.gofundme.com/f/jane-v-london-marathon. Cash donations can also be given to Jane. If you wish to follow her progress on the day her bib number is 78056

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



AT THE MASS

Sunday 20th April 2025

Easter Day

Processional hymn 205 Jesus Christ is risen today

Setting Mass of St Thomas – Thorne

Collect of the Day

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

Isaiah 65:17-end

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,

and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labour in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the LORD.

Gradual hymn 207 Jesus lives! thy terrors now

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Offertory hymn

453 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

Anthem

This joyful Eastertide - Text: George Ratcliffe
Woodward. Music: Melody from David's
Psalmen 1685, harmonised by Charles Wood

Communion hymn	197 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
Final hymn	218 Thine be the glory
Organ Voluntary	Pastorella in F Major (BWV 590) - J. S. Bach

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 Sharpe, 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.

Wednesday: Mary Ann Madden, Rosalind Manley, Charles Osmond, Simon Pols, Brian Shaw, James Tape, Rosemary Watkins, Glynis Whiting, Sylvia Wilson, Camilla Jackson, Alan Butcher.

Additional Prayers: All those receiving Home Communion. Paul O'Neill preparing for Confirmation.

Recently departed: Neil Carr.

Anniversaries of the departed: Ruth Iffland, Tom Smith, Elizabeth Mann, Alan Skipper, Sidney Haffenden, Don Pusey, Jenny Jennings, Alice Greenfield, Joyce Butcher, Joyce Charters, David Lawes, Reginald Martineau, Pauline Wheeler, Kerry Langler.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH APRIL: WATERAID

Donation envelopes are available at the back of church.

WaterAid, 6th 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 - 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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(NB. Closed Tuesday 22nd April)

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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.**