# The Church of Saint Laurence, Upminster

PORCHTALK



6<sup>th</sup> July 2025 Third 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	Holy Communion	8.00 am
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Building Faith, Main Hall	8.00 am
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
Wednesday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
	Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel	4.15 pm
	Church Halls Committee Meeting, Parish Office	7.30 pm
<b>Thursday</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
Friday	Organ Teaching	9.00 am
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
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Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Revd Neil's licensing at Christ Church, Warley	4.00 pm

Mass readings next Sunday: Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

*Saturday Pathsweepers:* 12<sup>th</sup> - Thomson and Stewart. *Coffee:* 13<sup>th</sup> - Sally and Michelle

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** Revd Lisa Bewick from the Parish of Hornchurch to celebrate our 8am Mass as Susannah will be leading the Building Faith Children's Service in the Main Hall.

**Thank you from Revd Neil:** Neil is very grateful for all the good wishes and cards he has received and for the kind gift from St Laurence. Neil will be licensed to his new post at St Mary's, Great Warley, at 4pm next Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> July. The service will be followed by refreshments. If you would like to attend, please let Susannah know.

**First Communion:** There will be a meeting on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 11am in the Parish Office for parents and children in year 3 and above who are interested in being prepared for First Communion. Please see Susannah or Deborah for further information.

A big thank-you to everyone who supported our Parish Barbecue on 21<sup>st</sup> June. With your help we raised a magnificent **£802** towards our Building Improvement Project. Despite the 31°C heat it certainly looked like everybody was enjoying themselves - especially when the ice creams came round! Running an event such as this takes a real team effort on the day and so our special thanks go to Keith & Chris for manning the barbecue; John, Rosie & Rob (setting up); Nigel for drying out the sound system so that we could have some music; Carole & Christine (raffle), Jean & Sarah (Bar), Deborah & Beryl (Tombola); Margaret & Frank (Penny Memory game); Debbie (catering and generally running round like a mad woman).

**Would you like to know more about Christianity?** I am thinking about running an Enquirers' Course in the autumn - an opportunity to explore some of the core elements of Christian belief through discussion and videos. This would be open to anyone who would like to know more about Christian faith, and could form part of Baptism/Confirmation preparation for those who may be interested in that. Dates and times for the course can be arranged once I know who would be interested. To register interest or to find out more, please speak to me - Revd Susannah.

Save the Date: Patronal Festival Cream Tea on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 4pm in the Main Hall.

**St Laurence is taking part in** the Friends of Essex Churches Trust Annual Ride & Stride event on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Leaflets are available at the back of church. Please talk with Rob Brabner if you would like to join our team of walkers or for further information visit: friendsofessexchurches.org.uk/ride-stride

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

Setting

713 Lord of all hopefulness

A New People's Mass - Murray

#### **Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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.** 

#### Isaiah 66:10-14

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her - that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

**Gradual hymn** 324 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult

#### Galatians 6:7-16

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised - only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

#### Alleluia Taizé

#### Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near." Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.' The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in

your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

Offertory hymn	663 How shall I sing that majesty
Communion hymn	464 Sweet sacrament divine
Final hymn	704 Let all the world in every corner sing
Organ Voluntary	Paean from the Five Short Pieces – 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:** Neil Parsons, Gillian Clayton, Pam Chapman, Keith Sharp, Alan Butcher, Joan, Mary Ann Madden, Rosalind Manley, Charles Osmond, Simon Pols, Brian Shaw, Glynis Whiting, Sylvia Wilson.

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

Additional Prayers: All those receiving Home Communion.

**Recently departed:** Rodney Chamberlain, Delyse Maggs, David, Carol Sharp.

Anniversaries of the departed: Len Plumstead, Pat Twine, Geraldine Griffiths, Muriel Baker, Jeremy Comer, Robert Gay, Rita Langler, Penny Mulholland, David Marshall, Terry Gallagher, David Rose.

A talk about the Holden Rectors - Local historian Tony Benton will be giving a talk about 'The Holden Family: Rectors of Upminster' to the Friends of the Old Chapel at Roope Hall (Trinity URC) on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am. All welcome. £2 supplement for members and £4 admission for nonmembers. Teas and Coffees served at the end of the meeting.

## CHARITY OF THE MONTH JULY: CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid is a global movement of people, churches and local organisations working together to eradicate poverty. Everyone is equal in the sight of God, and yet, we live in a world where poverty still persists.



That truth has inspired people to stand together in solidarity with the most marginalised people around the world. Not just people professing a Christian faith, but people of all faiths and those of no faith, too.

Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive. Christian Aid seeks to eradicate extreme poverty by tackling its root causes, standing up for dignity, equality and justice and creating lasting change.

#### 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.



# SAINT LAURENCE THE PARISH CHURCH OF UPMINSTER





# **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

First Sundays (6th July, 7th Sept, 5<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov, 7<sup>th</sup> Dec) 8am-8.45am Main Hall, St Laurence Church

For more information please contact the Parish Office: parish.office@upminsterparish.co.uk 01708 220696





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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.

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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.