



20th July 2025 *Fifth 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
20 th July	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>5th Sunday after Trinity</i>	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
Wednesday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
23 rd July	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
<i>Bridget, Abbess, 1373</i>	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
	Organ Teaching	7.00 pm
Friday	Organ Teaching	9.00 am
25 th July	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
	Organ Teaching	2.15 pm
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
27 th July	Sung Parish Mass with Baptism	9.30 am
<i>6th Sunday after Trinity</i>	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
<i>Evensong readings this Sunday:</i> Genesis 41:1-16, 25-37; 1 Corinthians 4:8-13		
<i>Mass readings next Sunday:</i> Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13		
<i>Evensong readings next Sunday:</i> Genesis 42:1-25; 1 Corinthians 10:1-24		
<i>Saturday Pathsweepers:</i> 26 th - Skinner & Mowat. <i>Coffee:</i> 27 th - Christine & Julie		
<i>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.</i>		

NOTICES

During the 9.30am Mass this morning we will bless a flower stand which has been given in memory of Shirley and Bill Gunary.

All are invited to celebrate Deborah and Peter Masterson's Golden Wedding Anniversary with cake and wine in the Main Hall after the 9.30am Mass today.

Fr Tom Keighley's funeral will take place on Tuesday 29th July at St Nicholas' Church, Elm Park at 1pm with the burial at All Saints', Cranham, at 2.30pm. The wake follows at All Saints'. If you wish to attend, please let Susannah know and tell her which parts you will be attending, so that those organising the funeral have an idea of numbers. Car sharing is recommended where possible - or St Nicholas is easily accessible from the District line - as parking is limited at both locations. Please remember Fr Tom, his wife Amanda and their family in your prayers.

The Parish Office will be closed for most of August due to Joanne being on leave followed directly by jury service. We hope to be able to open as usual again on Tuesday 26th August. Any scheduled meetings will take place as usual during this time and further information will be given when it becomes available.

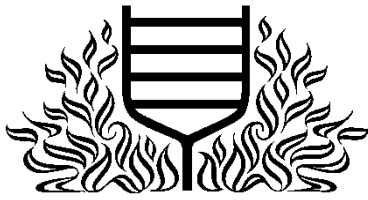
Parish Administrator: Joanne has decided it is time to step back from this role, after over a decade of dedicated service. We will have an opportunity to thank her properly soon - a date will be arranged once the date for her to finish has been agreed. In the meantime, we are seeking a new Parish Administrator - please see the job advert on the back page and please do share it with anyone you know who may be interested.

Patronal Festival Sunday 10th August, 4pm in the Main Hall. The time has finally come for you to buy your tickets for the Cream Tea! Book early to avoid disappointment (by Sunday 3rd August). See Sarah Keen, email stlaurencefundraising@gmail.com or phone Joanne in the Parish Office on 01708 220696. Cost is £5 per person and £2 for under 12s.

First Communion: There will be a meeting on Sunday 7th 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.

Westminster Abbey Parish Pass: If you would like to use the Parish Pass to visit Westminster Abbey in the school holidays please contact Joanne in the Parish Office – parish.office@upminsterparish.co.uk. The pass admits up to 4 people free of charge.

Girls' and Boys' Brigade leaders: Cranham Baptist Church are seeking new leaders - who are committed Christians - for 1st Cranham Girls' Brigade, and would also welcome helpers for the Boys' Brigade. For more information, please contact the Revd Helen Harrigan (Minister at Cranham Baptist Church) on 07436 720911.



AT THE MASS

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Introit 394 Tell out my soul

Setting Mass of St Thomas - Thorne

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Genesis 18:1-10a

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on - since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm 15

Colin Mawby



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Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may rest upon your holy hill? Whoever leads an un-corrupt life and does the thing that is right; Who speaks the truth from the heart and bears no deceit on the tongue; Who does no evil to a friend and pours no scorn on a neighbour; In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed, but who honours those who fear the Lord. Whoever has sworn to a neighbour and never goes back on that word; Who does not lend money in hope of gain, nor takes a bribe against the innocent; Whoever does these things shall never fall.

Colossians 1:15-28

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him - provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning

everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Alleluia

Plainsong

Luke 10.38-42

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Offertory hymn 453 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

Anthem Brother James's Air (Marosa) - Text & Music: James Leith Macbeth Bain. Arranged by: Gordon Jacob

Communion hymn 702 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Final hymn 739 Now thank we all our God

Organ Voluntary Allegro (Organ Solo from a Concerto)
- Thomas Arne

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, Stanley Oliver, Alan Jones, Sandra Clarke, Michael McSweeney, Terry Evens.

Additional Prayers: All those receiving Home Communion.

Recently departed: David, Carol Sharp, Fr Tom Keighley.

Anniversaries of the departed: David Rose, Winifred Murrell, Nora Worton, Hilda Wood, Barbara Holden, Dorothy Morley, Jacqui Sexton, Ellen Fillery.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH JULY: CHRISTIAN AID

Donation envelopes are available at the back of church.

Christian Aid, 35-41 Lower Marsh, London SE1 7RL.
Registered charity number 1105851.



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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Refreshments, prayer, Bible story
and building blocks activity

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8am-8.45am
Main Hall, St Laurence Church

For more information please contact the Parish Office:
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01708 220696



JOB OPPORTUNITY

St Laurence Church, Corbets Tey Road, Upminster RM14 2BB.

We are looking for a new Parish Administrator.

The job entails undertaking a range of administrative tasks to support the running of the church's life and worship. It requires someone who is efficient and self-motivated, but able to work as part of a team and to respond well to all those who contact the office and visit the church site.

The role is based on site in the Parish Office. The time commitment is 16 hours per week, paid at £13.85 per hour. The pattern of days and hours to be worked needs to be fixed from week to week but can be decided following discussion with the successful applicant.

The postholder would need to be sympathetic to the aims and ethos of St Laurence Church.

If you would be willing to consider the role, and/or would like more information, please email susannah.brasier@upminsterparish.co.uk

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