



31st August 2025 *Eleventh 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
31 st August	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
11 th Sunday after Trinity	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
Monday	Organ Teaching	10.45 am
1 st September	Organ Teaching	4.30 pm
Wednesday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
3 rd September	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
Gregory the Great	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
	Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel	4.15 pm
	Organ Teaching	7.00 pm
Thursday	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
4 th September		
Friday	Organ Teaching	9.00 am
5 th September	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
	Funeral of Jean Clements	1.30 pm
	Organ Teaching	2.15 pm
Saturday	Organ Teaching	9.30 am
6 th September		
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
7 th September	Building Faith, Main Hall	8.00 am
12 th Sunday after Trinity	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
	First Communion Parent's Meeting, Parish Office	11.00 am
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
Evensong readings this Sunday: Isaiah 33:13-22; John 3:22-36		
Mass readings next Sunday: Deuteronomy 30:15-end; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33		
Evensong readings next Sunday: Isaiah 43:14-44:5; John 5:30-end		
Saturday Pathsweepers: 6 th – Masterson & Thomson. Coffee: 7 th – Margaret, Colin & Christine		
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

Cheryl Goddard invites you all to share cake and wine this morning in the Main Hall following the 9.30am Mass in celebration of her 70th birthday.

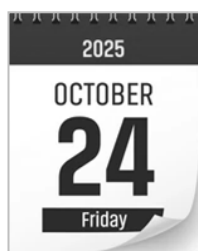
Next Sunday we welcome to St Laurence Revd Canon Ken Wylie from the Hornchurch Team to preside and preach at the 8am Mass.

First Communion: There will be a meeting next Sunday, 7th September at 11am in the Parish office for parents and children who are interested in preparing for First Communion. Please contact Deborah Masterson before the meeting.

Ride and Stride, Saturday 13th September. A team from St Laurence will be participating in 'Ride and Stride' with a lengthy, sponsored walk around different churches to raise money for the Friends of Essex Churches Trust and our own church. Please see the letter in the notice stand at the back of church and speak to Rob Brabner if you would like to join the walkers and/or contribute sponsorship money.

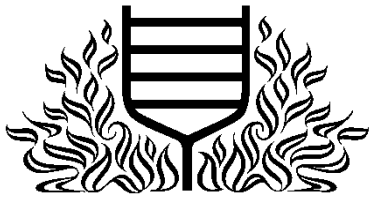
Enquirers' Course: This will take place on Monday afternoons from 15th September to 20th October inclusive, from 1pm - 2.15pm in the Parish Office. Anyone who would like an opportunity to reflect on the foundations of Christian faith would be very welcome. Please contact Susannah if you are intending to come.

Harvest Festival, Sunday 28th September. 8am Mass and 9.30am Parade Service. At our services we will be collecting donations of money and food for the Harold Hill Foodbank. A celebratory lunch will be held in the Main Hall at 12.30pm for 1pm. Adults £10, U12s £2.50. For lunch reservations please phone 01708 223744 or email parish.office@upminsterparish.co.uk



Friday Coffee - save the date!

We will be holding our popular **Cards, Cakes & Coffee Morning on Friday 24th October** in the Main Hall in aid of our Building Improvements Project. Once again, Gill Roome will be running her 'Raffle with a difference' which will be drawn during coffee after the 9.30am service on the following Sunday 26th October. Cards and delicious home-made cakes will also be on sale then too!



AT THE MASS

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Introit

742 O for a thousand tongues

Setting

Mass of St Thomas – Thorne

Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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.**

Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

Gerry Fitzpatrick



Bles-sed are those who fear_____ the Lord.

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Alleluia. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments. Their descendants will be mighty in the land, a generation of the faithful that will be blest.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness endures forever. Light shines in the darkness for the upright; gracious and full of compassion are the righteous.

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Alleluia

Plainsong

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished

than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place," and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Offertory hymn	675 Immortal love
Communion hymn	87 Thou who wast rich
Final hymn	765 Praise to the Lord
Organ Voluntary	Voluntary in E Minor - John Stanley

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, Alan Butcher, Joan, Mary Ann Madden, Rosalind Manley, Charles Osmond, Simon Pols, Brian Shaw, Glynis Whiting, Sylvia Wilson, Maria.

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. Carly Lucas, preparing for ordination.

Recently departed: Gillian Clayton, Jean Clements, Carmel Armstrong, Chris Barnard.

Anniversaries of the departed: Tony Mason, Vera Napier, Ruth Cator, Frank Edwards, Arthur Salter, Keith Bonny.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER: ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION (RNLI)

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

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution is the charity that saves lives at sea. Powered primarily by kind donations, their search and rescue service has been saving lives for over 200 years.



They are a charity founded upon and driven by their values of selflessness, courage, dependability and trustworthiness, with volunteers at their heart.

The vast majority of RNLI personnel are volunteers - ordinary people doing extraordinary things - supported by expert staff, all working together to help communities at home and abroad save lives. The RNLI relies on thousands of dedicated volunteers to run their lifesaving service. Separate from the coastguard and independent of government, they are a charity with one aim – to save everyone.

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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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.**