



Sunday 19th April 2026

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.

Today	Holy Communion	8.00 am
19th April	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	Meeting of Parishioners in Church	11.00 am
	APCM in Church followed by refreshments	11.10 am
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
Tuesday	Organ Teaching	9.15 am
21st April	The Oaks Care Home Service	10.30 am
Wednesday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
22nd April	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
Thursday	Organ Teaching	9.00 am
23rd April	Little Gaynes Care Home Service	11.00 am
	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
Friday	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
24th April		
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
26th April	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	Baptism	12.00 pm
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

Evensong readings this Sunday: Haggai 1.13-2.9, 1 Corinthians 3.10-17

Mass readings next Sunday: Acts 2.42-end, 1 Peter 2.19-end, John 10.1-10

Evensong readings next Sunday: Ezra 3.1-13, Ephesians 2.11-end

Saturday Pathsweepers: 2nd May Masterson & Brabner

Coffee: 26th Clive & Penny, Jane

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

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.

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 attend the APCM. **At the APCM we will be electing Parochial Church Council members, Church Wardens and representatives for Deanery Synod.** 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.

Pounds at the ready !!! Carole has kindly created a new quiz in aid of the Buildings Improvement Project which she will be selling at the back of church today. Good Luck!

We will be holding Easter services at local care homes as follows: The Oaks 21st April 10.30am, Little Gaynes - 23rd April, 11am. Volunteers to come and sing/read at these services would be much appreciated - please let Susannah know if you can help.

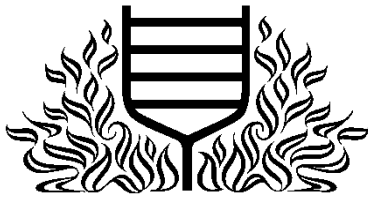
Next Sunday Chris Mowat is celebrating 70 years in the Choir of St. Laurence! Please join him after 9.30 Mass for cake and a glass of wine/fruit juice.

Lent Charity - Many thanks to all who supported Meningitis Now, and particularly to Gill Roome (and those who made purchases from her) who raised £259 from the sale of hand-made cards.

Leading your Church into Growth. This is a practical and experienced-based programme which helps to equip parishes in their mission and ministry. Two of us from St Laurence participated on an online version in 2021. The programme is now being run again for the Barking Archdeaconry over the following two sessions: Tues 2nd June, 6-9.30pm at St Chad's, Chadwell Heath, and a residential conference (though it is not obligatory to stay overnight) from 4pm on Friday 11th Sept to 8.30pm on Saturday 12th Sept at the Royal Foundation of St Katherine (near Limehouse Station). It is possible for up to 3 people from each parish to attend. If anyone would be interested in attending, please Susannah know. St Laurence could cover the cost of participation.

Save the Dates -Building Improvements fundraising events: Quiz (run by Tony Bloomfield) - evening of Sat 30th May; BBQ - late afternoon/early evening of Sat 18th July. More details to follow!

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



AT THE MASS

19th April 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Introit 666 I cannot tell

Setting The Addington Service - Shephard

Collect of the Day

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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.**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd,

'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

Luke 24:13-35

On that same day two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Offertory hymn	198 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Anthem	All heaven declares. Text & Music – Noel & Tricia Richards
Communion hymn	220 Word that formed creation
Final hymn	217 The strife is o'er
Organ Voluntary	Festival Prelude on Victory – C.S. Lang

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, Vicki Hobbs, Fr Gareth Bowen, Bill, Dobinson Family, Ellie Burbeary, Denise Comer, Baby Charles, Doreen, Michael Folkes, Mary Greig, Stanley Oliver, Alan Jones, Sandra Clarke, Michael McSweeney, Terry Evens, Alan Butcher, Spencer Croucher, Malcolm Charlton.

Wednesday: Rosalind Manley, Simon Pols, Brian Shaw, Glynis Whiting, Sylvia Wilson, Maria, Marie Tyler.

Additional Prayers: All those receiving Home Communion.

Recently departed: Keith Sharp, Ricky Schrembri, Margaret Alderman

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.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH

APRIL : THE KING'S TRUST.



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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 Verity (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.**