

# PORCHTALK



Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April

## 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.

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| <b>Today</b>           | Holy Communion                  | 8.00 am  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> April | Sung Parish Mass                | 9.30 am  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday | Organ Teaching                  | 3.00 pm  |
| Easter                 | Evensong on Zoom                | 6.30 pm  |
| <b>Monday</b>          | Organ Teaching                  | 11.00.am |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> April | Organ Teaching                  | 4.30 pm  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>         | Organ Teaching                  | 9.15 am  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> April | Care Home Service, Derham House | 11.00 am |
| <b>Wednesday</b>       | Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel     | 8.45 am  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> April | Staff Meeting, Parish Office    | 9.00 am  |
|                        | Said Mass, Lady Chapel          | 11.00 am |
|                        | Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel     | 4.15 pm  |
|                        | Organ Teaching                  | 7.00 pm  |
| <b>Thursday</b>        | Organ Teaching                  | 11.00 am |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> April | Choir Practice                  | 8.00 pm  |
| <b>Friday</b>          | Organ Teaching                  | 9.00 am  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> April | Coffee Morning, Main Hall       | 10.30 am |
|                        | Organ Teaching                  | 2.00 pm  |
| <b>Next Sunday</b>     | Holy Communion                  | 8.00 am  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> April | Sung Parish Mass                | 9.30 am  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday | APCM                            | 11.00 am |
| Easter                 | Evensong on Zoom                | 6.30 pm  |

**Evensong readings this Sunday:** Daniel 6. 6-23, Mark 15.46 – 16.8

**Mass readings next Sunday:** Acts 2.14a, 36-41, Luke 24.13-35

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

**Saturday Pathsweepers:** 18<sup>th</sup> April Skinner & Thomson

**Coffee:** 19<sup>th</sup> April Becky & Simon, Pauline

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

**We will be holding Easter services** at local care homes as follows: Derham House - 14<sup>th</sup> April, 11am; The Oaks 21<sup>st</sup> April 10.30am, Little Gaynes - 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 11am. Volunteers to come and sing/read at these services would be much appreciated - please let Susannah know if you can help.

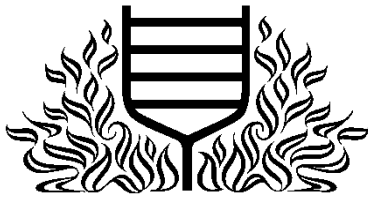
**Annual Parochial Church Meeting.** Please note that the date for this year's APCM is Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April, after the 9.30am Mass. At this meeting we will be electing Parochial Church Council members, Church Wardens and representatives for Deanery Synod - important decision-making roles and groups in the life of the church. Please speak to Susannah if you would be interested in considering these roles.

**CHURCHWARDENS NEEDED:** We still need 2 good candidates ready and willing to take on this role before the APCM on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The parish cannot function properly if these 2 vital roles remain unfilled. Please give this some serious thought, and come and chat to either of us for more interesting details.....! Jean and Cheryl.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> Sept to 8.30pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> May; BBQ - late afternoon/early evening of Sat 18<sup>th</sup> 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

12<sup>th</sup> April 2026

*Second Sunday of Easter*

**Introit** 209 Love's redeeming work is done

**Setting** A New People's Mass - Murray

## **Collect of the Day**

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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, 22-32**

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

'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a  
man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that  
God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man,  
handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of  
God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But  
God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was  
impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,  
"I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

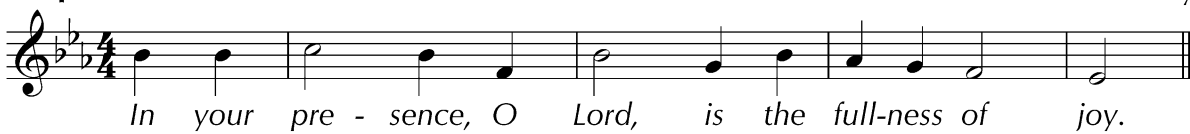
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,  
“He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.”  
This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.’

### Responsorial Psalm 16

Simon Lesley



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Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge; I have said to the Lord,  
‘You are my lord, all my good depends on you.’ All my delight is upon the  
godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble in heart.

Though the idols are legion that many run after, their drink offerings of blood I  
will not offer, neither make mention of their names upon my lips.

The Lord himself is my portion and my cup; in your hands alone is my fortune.  
My share has fallen in a fair land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

### 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy  
he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of  
Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable,  
undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected  
by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in  
the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had  
to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more  
precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found  
to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.  
Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do  
not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable  
and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the  
salvation of your souls.

**John 20:19-end**

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Offertory hymn**            199 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

**Anthem**                    See, what a morning, gloriously bright; Text &  
Music – Townend & Getty

**Communion hymn**        197 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

**Final hymn** 216 The day of resurrection

**Organ Voluntary** Festival Toccata – Percy E. Fletcher

## 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, Rosalind Manley, Simon Pols, Brian Shaw, Glynis Whiting, Sylvia Wilson, Maria, Marie Tyler, Alan Butcher, Spencer Croucher, Malcolm Charlton.

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

**Additional Prayers:** All those receiving Home Communion.

**Recently departed:** Keith Sharp, Ricky Schrembri, Margaret Alderman

**Anniversaries of the departed:** Ivy Brame, Joan Menah, Kathleen Jones, Jimmy Turner, Gladys May, Bess Jones, Ruth Iffland, Tom Smith, Elizabeth Mann, Alan Skipper.

## CHARITY OF THE MONTH

### APRIL : THE KING'S TRUST.



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

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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](http://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.

Name

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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.**