

# PORCHTALK



Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

## 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.

<b>Today</b>	Holy Communion	8.00 am
10 <sup>th</sup> May	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
<b>Monday</b>	Organ Teaching	11.00 am
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Organ Teaching	4.30 am
	PCC Meeting, Parish Office	7.30 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Organ Teaching	11.00 am
13 <sup>th</sup> May		
<b>Thursday</b>	Organ Teaching	9.00 am
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Organ Teaching	11.00 am
<i>Ascension Day</i>	Sung Mass	8.00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Organ Teaching	2.00 pm
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Holy Communion	8.00 am
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	Baptism	12.00 pm
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

**Evensong readings this Sunday:** Zechariah 8.1-13, Revelations 21.22-22.5

**Mass readings next Sunday:** Acts 1.6-14, 1 Peter 4.12-14;5.6-11, John 17 1-11

**Evensong readings next Sunday:** 2 Samuel 23.1-5, Ephesians 1.15-end.

**Saturday Pathsweepers:** 16<sup>th</sup> May Mowat & Stewart

**Coffee:** 17<sup>th</sup> May Joan, Michelle & Kate

*Please let Revd Susannah 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

**Changes to Wednesday Mass** please note there will not be a 11am service on the 13th May and on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May there will be a service of morning prayer at 11am instead of Mass.

**Sung Mass for Ascension Day** - this will take place at 8pm on Thursday 14th May, at St Laurence (with the congregation of All Saints', Cranham also invited)

**Gill Roome will be selling her hand made cards** on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at coffee in the main hall and after the 9.30 mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May. This is in aid of USPG the charity of the month and in memory of Keith Sharp as USPG was one of his favourite charities.

**Churches Together United Service:** This will take place at Cranham Baptist Church at 6pm on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May (no Zoom Evensong for St Laurence that evening). You are warmly invited to come and worship with our friends from other local churches and then share in refreshments afterwards. We need one person from St Laurence to give a brief greeting/update (max 100 words) from our church. Please contact Susannah if you can do this.

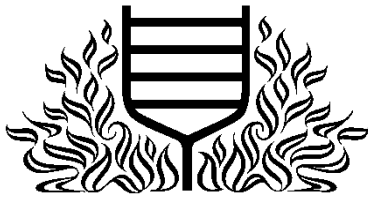
**Tuesday 26th May,** The Bach Choir sings Bach's Mass in B Minor, the piece for which the choir was created back in 1876. Come and join us at the Royal Festival Hall as we celebrate our 150th anniversary! Tickets available from <https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk> or see Jean Keen.

**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 let Susannah know. St Laurence could cover the cost of participation.

**Pounds at the ready !!!** Carole has kindly created a new quiz in aid of the Buildings Improvement Project which are for sale at the back of church. Please pass any completed quiz sheets to either Jean Keen or the Parish Office. Good Luck!

**Quiz in aid of the Church Building Improvements Project** - many thanks to our excellent Quizmaster Tony Bloomfield for offering to run another quiz evening. This will take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Main Hall. There will be tables of 8 - you can sign up as a complete table or as an individual/small group willing to be combined with others to make a table. Tickets are £8 per person; please bring your own food and drink. Advance booking is essential - to book please contact Debbie Stewart, or the Parish Office by 20<sup>th</sup> May.

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



# AT THE MASS

10<sup>th</sup> May 2026

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

**Introit** 541 Lord of beauty, thine the splendour

**Setting** The Addington Service - Shephard

## **Collect of the Day**

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;  
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 17:22-31**

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."  
Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of

mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

**Gradual hymn**                      736 Name of all majesty

### **1 Peter 3:13-end**

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**Alleluia**                              Plainsong

### **John 14:15-21**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also

will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

**Offertory hymn**            454 Love is his word

**Anthem**                    O Sons and Daughters (1918) Text – Jean  
Tisserand, Music – Sir Henry Walford Davies

**Communion hymn**    **A new commandment**

*A new commandment I give unto you:  
that you love one another as I have loved you.  
that you love one another as I have loved you.*

By this shall all know that you are my disciples  
if you have love one for another.

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if you have love one for another.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

Without my help you can do nothing.

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Without my help you can do nothing.

I am the true vine, my Father is the gard'ner.

Abide in me: I will be with you.

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True love is patient, not arrogant or boastful;  
love bears all things, love is eternal.

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**Final hymn** 721 Love Divine

**Organ Voluntary** Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr – Johann Pachelbel

## 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, Bill, Dobinson Family, Ellie Burbeary, Carole Billings, Joan Prudden, 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:** Gary Laws

**Anniversaries of the departed:** Peter Stevens, Alf Ellis, Cecily Ashwin, Ron Wood, Dorothy Bradley, Betty Allan, Vic Dowding, Isabel McClellan, Bela Witman, Emily Pasquale, Mem Gosland, David Harding, Hilda Matthews.

## CHARITY OF THE MONTH

**United Society Partners in the Gospel (USPG)**



Your donations to USPG support our work in partnership with local churches around the world.

Registered Charity Number: 234518. 5 Trinity Street, London SE1 1DB

## **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.

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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.**