



Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 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.

You are warmly invited to stay for refreshments in the Main Hall after the 9.30 Mass.

<b>Today</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> June <i>Trinity 4</i>	Holy Communion Sung Parish Mass with reception of David Goddard into the Church of England Evensong on Zoom	8.00 am 9.30 am 6.30 pm
<b>Monday</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Footsteps Interment of Ashes Organ Teaching	9.30 am 12.30 pm 7.00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel Staff Meeting, Parish Office Said Mass, Lady Chapel Primary School Visit	8.45 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.30 pm
<b>Thursday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Organ Teaching Choir Practice	9.00 am 8.00 pm
<b>Friday</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
<b>Next Sunday</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> July <i>Trinity 5</i>	Holy Communion Building Faith - Main Hall Sung Parish Mass Junior Choir Meeting Evensong Zoom	8.00 am 8.00am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.30 pm

**Evensong readings this Sunday:** 1 Samuel 28.3-19, Luke 17.20-end

**Mass readings next Sunday:** Romans 7.15-25a, Zechariah 9.9-12

**Evensong readings next Sunday:** 2 Samuel 2.1-11; 3.1 Luke 18.31 – 19.10

**Saturday Pathsweepers:** 11<sup>th</sup> July Masterson & Thomson **Coffee:** 5<sup>th</sup> July Joan, Michelle & Kate

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

**Today** please join David Goddard for cake and wine after the 9.30 mass to celebration his reception into the Church of England

**Junior Choir meeting** - there will be a meeting for children who are interested in joining the choir, and their parents, in church at 11am on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July. If you cannot come on this date but your child(ren) would like to express interest, please contact Susannah or Nigel (Director of Music) before 5<sup>th</sup> July.

**Choral Evensong - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July.** Our evening service on this date will be Choral Evensong in church at 6.30pm - all are welcome to share in this traditional act of worship with uplifting sung music.

**Parish BBQ** in aid of the Church Building Improvements Project: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 4.30pm in the church grounds (hall if wet). £10 adults, £5 children. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Tickets available via the Parish Office or [stlaurencefundraising@gmail.com](mailto:stlaurencefundraising@gmail.com). Please book by 8<sup>th</sup> July.

**Bread & Wine for Communion** - If you would like to take up the bread & wine for Communion at the Offertory on a Sunday to mark a special occasion or in memory of someone or for any other reason, please speak with the Churchwardens who will be happy to diarise a particular Sunday with you.

**Summer Read** - We will be holding a Summer Read this year (where we read a novel individually and then meet up to talk about it). This year's book is 'Light Perpetual' by Francis Spufford. It has received many excellent reviews and is a re-imagining of what the lives of children killed in a blast in the Blitz could have been like had they lived, and with this an interesting overview of the social history of London in the latter part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. If you would like to read the book and then meet up and chat about it in September, please speak to Susannah who will try to find a meeting date that suits as many people as possible.

**Bradwell Pilgrimage 2026** - The annual ecumenical Bradwell Pilgrimage takes place this year on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July from 10.30am-3.30pm. Includes a walk from one of the local churches to the ancient chapel of St Peter's, Bradwell-on-Sea, worship, reflection and talks, children's activities including Messy Church, and a variety of stalls. For more information please see [www.bradwellpilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.bradwellpilgrimage.co.uk)



grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Jeremiah 28:5-9**

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.' **Amen.**

**Gradual hymn**            236 Breathe on me, breath of God

### **Romans 6:12-end**

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to

righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Alleluia**                      Plainsong

**Matthew 10:40-end**

Jesus said to the twelve:

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

**Reception of David Goddard into the Church of England** – Please see separate sheet

**Offertory hymn**              676 Immortal, invisible

**Anthem**                      Brother James's Air. Text – James Leith Macbeth Bain,  
Arranged – Gordon Jacob

**Communion hymn**        (Sheet) What a friend I have in Jesus

**Final hymn**                702 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

**Organ Voluntary**        King's Lynn – Percy Whitlock

**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, 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:** Fiona Macaulay, our new curate, as she prepares to join us. All those receiving Home Communion.

**Recently departed:** Lois Maude

**Anniversaries of the departed:** Ronald Husted, Connie Wallace, Denis Breading, Maureen Fielden, Madelina Fantucchio, Albert Osmond, Marjorie Harvey, Ken Edwards, Ricky Hester, Len Plumstead, Pat Twine, Robert (Bob) Bowman, Jeanne Bowman, Geraldine Griffiths, Muriel Baker, Jeremy Comer.

## CHARITY OF THE MONTH JUNE: FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

 **Friends of the Earth** Donation envelopes are on the notice board at the back of church.  
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Heritage seeds can be bought from: Vital Seeds, She Grows Veg, Real Seeds, Nicky's Seeds, Kings Seeds, Sow Seeds, amongst others.

## **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 Chris and Nancy (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.**