

# PORCHTALK



3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 *Sunday next before Lent*

**Welcome to Saint Laurence.** Adventurers (groups for children and young people) meet during the 9.30 am Mass in term-time. 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 Derham Hall after the 9.30 Mass.

<b>Today</b>	Holy Communion	8.00 am
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Sunday next before Lent</i>	PCC Accounts Meeting, Parish Office	11.15 am
	Quinquagesima Lunch, meeting in the Minor Hall	12.30 pm
	Solemn Evensong and Benediction	6.30 pm
<b>Monday</b>	Celtic Worship	7.30 pm
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Church Building Improvements Committee Meeting, Parish Office	8.15 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>		
5 <sup>th</sup> March		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.10 am
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Mass with Imposition of Ashes	11.00 am
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Sung Mass with Imposition of Ashes	8.00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Lent Lunch, Minor Hall	12.15 pm
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Lunchtime Concert	1.05 pm
	Funeral of Marjorie Todd	2.15 pm
	Choir Practice	7.45 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Stations of the Cross, St Joseph's Church	7.30 pm
<b>Saturday</b>		
9 <sup>th</sup> March		
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Holy Communion	8.00 am
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	Meeting of Parishioners, Main Hall	10.50 am
	Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Main Hall	11.15 am
	Said Compline	6.30 pm

**Evensong readings this Sunday:** Exodus 3:1-6; John 12:27-36a

**Mass readings next Sunday:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Luke 4:1-13. **Compline reading next Sunday:** Luke 18:9-14

**Morning and Evening Prayer:** 8.45 am Tuesday to Thursday, 4.30 pm Wednesday

*Please let Fr Roy 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 with or visit from him for any reason.*

## Notices

**This morning** we welcome and thank Fr Dan Barnes-Davies from St Edwards Church, Romford at 8.00am.

**The families of Edward Keen and Marjorie Todd** would be pleased if friends at St Laurence would join with them to celebrate the lives of these two much loved and respected members of our congregation. Marjorie's funeral will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2.15pm and afterwards at The Jobbers Rest. Family flowers only but donations can be made to RNLI or St Francis Hospice. Edward's funeral will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm followed by refreshments in the Minor Hall.

**Jean Blow** died peacefully on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February. A memorial service will be held in church on a later date to be advised. Donations in memory of Jean can be made to The Children's Society.

**Annual Report Booklets** are now available. Please collect one as you leave church or from the Parish Office during the week.

**At the APCM on 10<sup>th</sup> March** Churchwardens for the coming year will be elected and Sidespeople agreed for the following twelve months. If you are interested in serving in either of these roles please speak with Christine Foot. There are also three vacancies on the PCC and one to fill a casual vacancy on the Deanery Synod for one year only. Please consider who you would like to represent you. Nomination forms for all positions are now on the notice board at the back of the church.

**The Church of England** is offering a 40 day Pilgrim Journey book through the Beatitudes for Lent and the Lord's Prayer for Easter. To find out more visit [www.churchofengland.org/lent](http://www.churchofengland.org/lent) and [www.churchofengland.org/easter](http://www.churchofengland.org/easter)

**Lunchtime Concerts** at 1.05pm to 1.50pm are free to attend and open to all who would like to come. 7<sup>th</sup> March – James Williams, organ, from St George's, Hanover Square and 21<sup>st</sup> March – Tiago Gomes, guitar, from London.

**The David Pickthall Big Band.** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm at St Paul's Church, Hay Lane, Braintree. Tickets £8 from Aidan Kelly, 07956 814787. All proceeds to PARC (Essex). Aidan was an active member of St Laurence's in the 80s and 90s. PARC stands for 'Play and Resource Centre', they are based in Braintree and offer care and respite to families with children and young people with additional needs.

**In May, Karine Harrington** will be taking part in 'Ride the Night', a 100km cycle loop between Windsor and Buckingham Palace, over night, to raise funds for Women v Cancer. If you have a few pounds you would like to donate please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/karine-harrington2>. If you don't want to go online she will be just as happy to accept donations in person.

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



# AT THE MASS

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019  
*Sunday next before Lent*

**Introit** 314

**Setting** Mass of St Thomas - *David Thorne*

## **Collect of the Day**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Exodus 34:29-end**

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia** *Celtic*

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since

they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Offertory hymn** 309

**Anthem** Agnus Dei (from Mass in F) – *Harold Darke*

**Communion** 96  
**hymns** 72

**Final hymn** 73

**Organ voluntary** Fugue in a minor Op.80 no.1 – *Max Reger*

## **The Camerata Singers**

**present**

**An evening of beautiful choral music, sacred and secular.**

Hosted by the Friends of Essex Churches Trust  
at Holy Trinity Church, Pleshey  
on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.



Tickets £15 each, drinks and canapés included.

Contact Victoria Toler on 01376 572197 or email to  
[vtolerfect@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:vtolerfect@hotmail.co.uk)



## Ash Wednesday Services

6<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
11am Said Mass and 8pm Sung Mass

All are welcome to receive  
the imposition of ashes

## Lent Lunches

Served in the Minor Hall  
12.15pm to 1.30pm

Thursday's during Lent:  
March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>  
April 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>



The cost of lunch is a donation to our Lent charities:  
Little Havens Hospice and Saint Francis Hospice.

These are simple soup, bread and fruit lunches and if you would like to help please sign up on the sheet which is on the notice board in the tower area.



## Lent Course The Prophetic Voice of the Church

Meetings to be held in the Parish Office on  
Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm to 8.30pm  
March 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

Friday mornings from 10am to 11am  
March 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>  
April 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

# March and April Lenten Charities: Little Havens Hospice and St Francis Hospice

Little Havens cares for children and young people, up to the age of 19, and their families from Essex and the surrounding London Boroughs. Whether caring for a child or young person for years, months or even hours they can make a real difference to their life. They focus on the individual needs of the children they care for, 'making every day count'.



At Little Havens the whole family is looked after. This may include emotional or educational support for the child's siblings, counselling for parents, grandparents and carers or assistance with social issues. They also provide family accommodation.



St Francis Hospice is an independent charity and one of the largest adult hospices in the UK. It's been 34 years since they first opened their doors. Their existence is thanks to a local group of passionate people who supported the ideas and approach of the hospice movement. The theory of prioritising the things that really matter in life and placing humanity above institutional procedure still lie at the heart of the work they do today.

Their team of specialist consultants, doctors, nurses and a range of other health and social care professionals provide care and support to individuals with a life-limiting illness, as well as their carers and family members, completely free of charge. They serve the populations of Havering, Brentwood, Barking & Dagenham, Redbridge and West Essex.

**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 .....

Address .....

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**The prayer lists are updated on the first day of each month. If you would like to renew or add a name to the list, please fill in a form at the back of church and leave it in the Prayer Box.** *Those on the list for Special Concern will be held in our prayers every Sunday and will be mentioned by name either at 8.00 am or 9.30 am. Please remember all in your prayers throughout the week.*

### **Special concern:**

(8.00 am) Jim Turner, Edgar Iffland, Michael McSweeney, Lorna Wells, Denise Comer, Albert and Jean Clements.

(9.30 am) Yvonne Rattley, Pat Silverlock, Agnes Trievner, Pam, Nick Hale, Hayden Keeling, Steven Roome.

**Those receiving Home Communion this week:** Residents of the Oaks Home, Ian Hall, Bob Simkins, Susan Drosdowski and Denise Comer.

**The departed:** Jean Blow, Edward Keen, Marjorie Todd.

**Anniversaries:** Rose Tresadern, Bobby Huxley, Jack Brereton, James Finch, Elizabeth Osmond, Josiah Beale, Frank Littlewood, Beryl Lillington, Betty Skinner, Harry Pasquale, Hilda Halestrap.

**Please remember those who mourn.**

*If you would like a name added to the Anniversary list please speak to the Parish Office.*

## CONTACTS

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**Daily Prayers, Psalms and Readings** are included in the *Time for God* Prayer Diary which you can receive on request. You may also wish to use the *Time for God* Daily Office. If you would like to receive the Prayer Diary, or would like further information, please contact the Parish Office with your contact details (email address or postal address). If you would like to update any of the 'People' information on the Prayer Diary, please speak to Nick Butler on nickbutlerupm@gmail.com or 07792123630.