

The Church of Saint Laurence, Upminster

# PORCHTALK

6<sup>th</sup> August 2017 St. Laurence Patronal Festival



Welcome to Saint Laurence.

During the summer holidays, Adventurers (groups for children and young people) will meet when there are sufficient children and adults. 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.

Today	Holy Communion	8.00 am
	Procession & Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
	Cream Tea in the Main Hall	4.30 pm
	Said Evensong	6.30 pm
Monday	NB: No Evening Prayer	
7 <sup>th</sup> August	Celtic Worship	7.30 pm
Tuesday	Mass	10.30 am
8 <sup>th</sup> August		
Wednesday	Mass	11.00 am
9 <sup>th</sup> August	NB: No Evening Prayer	
Thursday	NB: No Evening Prayer	
10 <sup>th</sup> August		
Friday	Coffee Morning in the Main Hall	10.30 am
11 <sup>th</sup> August		
Saturday		
12 <sup>th</sup> August		
Next Sunday	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
13 <sup>th</sup> August	Holy Communion	8.00 am
	Sung Parish Mass & Procession	9.30 am
	Baptism	12 noon
	Said Evensong	6.30 pm

*Evensong readings this Sunday:* Ecclesiasticus 51:1-12, Matthew 10:28-39

*Mass readings next Sunday:* Isaiah 61:10-end, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 1:46-55

*Evensong readings next Sunday:* Song of Solomon 2:1-7, Acts 1:6-14

*Morning and Evening Prayer:* 8.45 am and 5 pm, Monday to Thursday

*Coffee:* Beryl, Anne, Walter.

*Please let 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 with or visit from her for any reason.*

## Notices

Hugh and Joyce are grateful for the concern expressed and the prayers which supported Hugh through his recent operation. Thank you all.

Lance Jackson wishes to thank everybody for their kind thoughts and prayers during his operation. They were a great comfort to him.

Steve and Natalie Merron would like to thank everyone who contributed so generously. We rode 46 miles in the Prudential London Surrey event and have so far raised almost £1100 for Cancer Research. Many thanks again.

Please note there will not be a Time for God Saturday Morning Office in August. The next one will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Would you like to learn more about faith, the Bible and Christian tradition, and be supported in your own spiritual growth? The Course in Christian Studies is a two year course exploring the Christian Faith with others, delivered weekly in local centres around Chelmsford diocese. There is also now an online version too. Please speak to Susannah if you are interested.

A Parish Pass for visiting Westminster Abbey is available from the Parish Office. It gives free admittance for up to four adults, students or children from 6-16 years. Please call 01708 220696 if you would like to use it.

Ride & Stride 2017 takes place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September, when the St Laurence team will be attempting to visit churches and chapels within the Chelmsford Diocese. As well as walkers, we will need stewards on this day to welcome people to St Laurence for Ride & Stride and the National Heritage Open Day. Please sign up for stewarding on the sheet at the back of church and speak to Rob Brabner for more information, every contribution of time or money is most appreciated.

The Barking Area of Chelmsford Diocese, of which we are part, is running a 'School for Discipleship' programme on Tuesday evenings this autumn. Please see the flyers at the back of church for details of subjects and speakers. Sessions need to be booked in advance and will take place at St John's, Stratford.

The new Adult Learning Programme for Autumn/Winter 2017, from St. Paul's Cathedral, is now available on the unit at the back of church.

The Church Diary 2018 is available on the unit at the back of church.

Future dates for your diary:-

*Harvest Lunch – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September, St. Laurence Church Main Hall 12.30 for 1.00 pm. Adults £7.50, U12's £2.50. Tickets from Joan Prudden 01708 223744 or contact the Parish Office 01708 220696 – parish.office@upminsterparish.co.uk.*

*Quiz Night – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at St. Laurence Church Main Hall, Upminster. 7 for 7.30 pm start – Tickets £6 – Tables of 8. Bring your own food and drink. For tickets call: Katie Bowman 01708 640133 ~ Raising funds for the Children's Society ~*

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



**AT THE MASS**  
6<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
*St. Laurence Patronal Festival*

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Setting

Mass of St. Thomas – *David Thorne*

Collect of the Day

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws  
and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Tobit 4: 5-11

‘Revere the Lord all your days, my son, and refuse to sin or to transgress his commandments. Live uprightly all the days of your life, and do not walk in the ways of wrongdoing; for those who act in accordance with truth will prosper in all their activities. To all those who practise righteousness give alms from your possessions, and do not let your eye begrudge the gift when you make it. Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor, and the face of God will not be turned away from you. If you have many possessions, make your gift from them in proportion; if few, do not be afraid to give according to the little you have. So you will be laying up a good treasure for yourself against the day of necessity. For almsgiving delivers from death and keeps you from going into the Darkness. Indeed, almsgiving, for all who practise it, is an excellent offering in the presence of the Most High.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

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2 Corinthians 9: 6-10

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by

always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

**'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness endures for ever.'**

**He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.**

**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 Matthew.**

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

**Matthew 6: 19-24**

**'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

**'The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!**

**'No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.**

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

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

**Offertory Hymn                      567**

**Communion Hymns                156  
   111**

**Final Hymn                            560**

**Organ voluntary                      Toccata in d BWV 565 - *J.S.Bach***



## **Ceilidh**

**with live band**

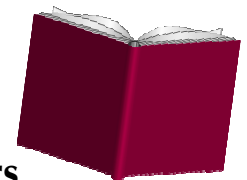
**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October**  
**St Laurence Church Main Hall**  
**Doors open at 7 for 7.30 pm**  
**Carriages at 10.30 pm**

**Drinks and nibbles available from a licensed bar**  
**£10 per person**

**Contact the Parish Office on 01708 220696**  
[\*\*parish.office@upminsterparish.co.uk\*\*](mailto:parish.office@upminsterparish.co.uk)

## **Summer Read 2017**

**An opportunity to read a novel**  
**over the summer, and then meet up with others**  
**to talk about it.**



**This year's book is 'The Essex Serpent,' by Sarah Perry –**  
**available in many bookshops or online.**

**Set in the 1890s, with gothic overtones and exploring themes of faith, the**  
**book describes itself as 'a celebration of love, and the many different**  
**guises it can take.'**

**There will be a chance to discuss the book together on**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, over coffee in the Parish Office**  
**after the 9.30am Mass.**

**Please let Susannah know if you intend to come to this discussion.**

## Harvest Lunch

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# QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 30 September 2017**

**St Laurence Church Main Hall Upminster  
RM14 2BB**



**7 for 7.30 pm start**

**Tickets £6**

**Tables of 8**

**Bring your own  
food and drink**

**For tickets call:**

**Katie Bowman**

**01708 640133**



**Raising funds for  
The Children's Society**

## **Our charity for August is ‘Muscle up for Lucas’**

Lucas was born in the summer of 2012 and lives with his parents, Katy and David, and little sister Sophia in Hornchurch. When his parents noticed how he was not able to run and jump like other children of his age, found climbing stairs difficult, and often fell over for no apparent reason, they became concerned and sought help. In the summer of 2016 Lucas was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a fatal disorder which currently has no cure. The prognosis is bleak. Lucas will live with this muscle-wasting disease which will likely see him bound to a wheelchair by age 10, then his upper body will begin to shut down, followed by the failure of his heart and lungs by age 30. Right now Lucas is a fun-loving little boy with a cheeky smile, he loves animals, books, the planets and stars and dinosaurs. This campaign is raising money for research into Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

### **Thank you for your sponsorship ...**

**Melvyn Gallagher has sponsored an organ pipe  
“In memory of my father, Terry.”**

**The Altar Candles and Hanging Sanctuary Lights have been sponsored  
“To mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Wedding.  
To give thanks for the time we had.  
To ponder what might have been.  
To remember absent loved ones.”**

**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) Maureen, Freya Risdon, Edgar Iffland, Nicola Seal, Revd Martin & Maddy Dale, Helen, Betty McAteer, Val Foot, Rosemary.

(9.30 am) Richard, Simon Pothen, Hugh, Natalie, Bernie, Maisie Starck, Pauline, Neil, Keith & Annette Dagnall.

Those receiving Home Communion this week: Communicants at The Oaks Residential Home, Ian Hall, Jean Blow.

The departed: Rita, John Wraw (Bishop).

*Anniversaries:* Edwin Wallen, Paul Wilson, Chris Francombe, George Gill, Ivy Dowding, Bill Wesley, Kate Rowell, Thelma Wesley, Revd. Barry Arcsott, Fiona Holloway.

Please remember those who mourn.

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

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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 Penny Edwards or telephone:  
01708 640335.**