

The Church of Saint Laurence, Upminster

PORCHTALK

Sunday 4th November 2018 *All Saints' Day*



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 Main Hall after the 9.30 Mass.

Today	Holy Communion	8.00 am
Sunday 4 th	Procession and Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
November	First Communion Preparation, Parish Office	3.00 pm
<i>All Saints' Day</i>	Solemn (Choral) Evensong and Procession	6.30 pm
Monday		
5 th November		
Tuesday	CM&FG meeting, Parish Office	8.00 pm
6 th November		
Wednesday	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.10 am
7 th November	Mass	11.00 am
<i>Wilibrord, bishop</i>		
Thursday	Choir Practice	7.45 pm
8 th November		
Friday	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
9 th November	<i>NB. Organ tuning in church today</i>	
Saturday		
10 th November		
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
11 th November	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Remembrance</i>	Service at the War Memorial	10.55 am
<i>Sunday</i>	Parade Service	11.15 am
	<i>NB. No Evensong today</i>	

Evensong readings this Sunday: Isaiah 65:17-end; Hebrews 11:32-12:2

Mass readings next Sunday: Hebrews 9:24-end; Mark 1:14-20

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer: 8.45 am Tuesday to Thursday, 5 pm Wednesday

Saturday Pathsweepers: Mowat, Lillington **Coffee:** Penny, Clive, Rita

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 week is Susannah's final before starting maternity leave. St Laurence sends our best wishes to you and Richard for the arrival of your baby. God bless.

Ann O'Riordan and family thank everyone for their prayers for Tadhg Moloney. He is now home and doing well.

Remembrance Sunday, 11th November. Please speak with Christine Foot if you can help to hand out service sheets at the War Memorial and/or to be on sides-duty at the service in church following.

The last Lunchtime Concert for this year will be Roman Rudnytsky, piano on Thursday 15th November from 1.05 to 1.50pm.

Services: From this week the Tuesday Mass will be suspended until further notice. Wednesdays will continue as normal. For Morning and Evening Prayers please refer to the previous page. There will not be Evensong on 11th and 25th November. **The next Celtic Worship** will be at 7.30pm on Monday 12th November and **Taizé Prayer** will be on Sunday 18th November at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

Parish Progressive Supper on Saturday 17th November at 7pm. There are still places available so please contact Linda or Tony Edge on 01708 228572 to book your place. £9 per head.

On Sunday 18th November we will be welcoming Curates and Lay Ministers who are participating in a Diocesan Preaching Day which we are hosting here at St Laurence. Bishop Stephen will be presiding and preaching at our 9.30am Mass that day.

On the 18th and 25th November Katie Bowman and Gill Roome will be selling Christmas Cards after the 9.30am Mass in the Main Hall in aid of the Children's Society. If you cannot be there and would like to buy packs of cards please contact Katie on 01708 640133.

Church Building Improvements Fundraising Events – Volunteers really are needed to assist with the forthcoming Tabletop Sale on 24th November. We are also still looking for a couple of people to co-ordinate arrangements for the proposed Summer Fête on 15th June 2019. Please contact the Parish Office or speak with Andrew Lillington. Without a greater level of practical support it will not be possible for these events to succeed. **The Race Night has been postponed until next Spring.**

Christmas Organ Music by Candlelight on Friday 14th December at 6.30pm. Richard Brasier performs a selection of organ music for Advent and Christmas. Free admission with retiring collection.

Harold Hill Foodbank. Thank you to everyone involved in donating and delivering items. The Foodbank is vital for many people living in our borough. If you would like to be added onto the delivery rota for 2019 please give your name to Joanne in the Parish Office.

Revd Phil Wright, Lead Chaplain at Queens' Hospital, is looking to set up a visiting scheme helping people returning home from hospital. If you would like to find out more about the setting up of this scheme please go along to the meeting in Upminster Baptist Church Hall, Springfield Gardens tomorrow, 5th November at 2pm.

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



AT THE MASS

Sunday 4th November 2018
All Saints Day

Processional 134

Setting Mass of St Thomas - *David Thorne*

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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.**

Wisdom 3:1-9

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn Rejoice in God's saints

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
Their depth of adoring, Lord, Help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;
Some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
Our world is their parish: their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
Who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:
They share our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
What patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saint forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
Their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

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Revelation 21:1-6a

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Alleluia *Taizé*

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

John 11:32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

Offertory hymn 473

Anthem Who are these like stars appearing – *W.H.Monk*

Communion hymns 163
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Final hymn 205

Organ voluntary Placare Christe Servulis – *Marcel Dupré*



Celebrate Christingle with us

Join us and show a child they're not alone this Christmas

Sunday 9th December

4 pm

**St Laurence Church, Upminster
RM14 2BB**

A candle-lit service for all

For more information, call the Parish Office: 01708 220696

christingle.org

Charity of the Month: Motor Neurone Disease Association



Motor Neurone Disease (MND) is a progressive disease that attacks the motor neurones, or nerves, in the brain and spinal cord. This means messages gradually stop reaching muscles, which leads to weakness and wasting. MND can affect how people walk, talk, eat, drink and breathe. However, not all symptoms necessarily happen to everyone and are unlikely to all develop at the same time or in any specific order. Although there is currently no cure for MND, symptoms can be managed to help you achieve the best possible quality of life.

The Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA) is the only national charity in England, Wales and Northern Ireland focused on MND care, research and campaigning. The Association has over 9,000 members forming a powerful national and local network that provides information and support alongside fighting for improved services.

MND is a life-changing illness and the people who volunteer and work for the charity are dedicated to making each change as smooth as possible. Their help is for everyone, whether you have been diagnosed yourself or know someone who has. They help everybody living with MND to receive the best care, achieve the highest possible quality of life and to die with dignity.

Thank you for your sponsorship...

To those of you who have sponsored All Souls' Day Flowers in memory of the faithful departed.

An Audio-Guide to the church's history and building has recently been produced by James Allen (and voiced by Nick Butler). We intend to make this available regularly for visitors to the church to access via smartphones. However, you can also listen to it at home by visiting www.soundcloud.com/upminsterparish and clicking on the track for each section.

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, Thelma, Edgar Iffland, Nicola Seal, Michael McSweeney, Lorna Wells, Tracy Pepper.

(9.30 am) Yvonne Rattley, Helen Thomson, Walter Baker, Pat Silverlock, Agnes Trievner, Julie, Pam, Nick Hale, Margaret Roome, Denise Comer.

Those receiving Home Communion this week: Residents of The Oaks Home, Ian Hall, Bob Simkins, Susan Drozdowski, Denise Comer.

The Departed: George Lowman.

Anniversaries: Richard Marrable, Wilfred Murrell, John Bowman, Johanna Cox, Frank Norledge, Maurice Wilson, Leonard Hall, Henry Hill, Peter Hodgson, Ken Hill, Teddy Osmond.

Please remember those who mourn.

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

Please pray for: David, Amelia, Thomas, Richard, Simon and Ellie preparing for First Communion; Susannah and Richard preparing for the birth of their baby.

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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.