The Church of Saint Laurence, Upminster PORCHTALK

Sunday 31st May to Saturday 13th June 2020

NOTICES

A Message from our Patron, William Holden: This is usually about the time we visit Upminster but with current restrictions it is most unlikely that we will be able to come and join you at the 9.30am Mass for some time. Such visits are a joyful occasion and one Maggie and I both value. All of you at St Laurence are remembered in our prayers at this challenging time when worship together in the conventional manner is not possible. Here, at St Peter's, West Blatchington, our new Rector, the Revd Tim Gage, was licenced on 13th May by our Archdeacon, Martin Lloyd Williams observing social distancing. He will be inducted by the Bishop later when regulations permit. Tim has experience of streaming services and we are working on this now. Maggie and I pray that you all are keeping safe and well and that God will strengthen you all in coping with the challenges of these times.

Zoom Morning Prayer and Coffee: We have decided to continue these meetings on Saturdays from 10.45-11.45am. Those on the parish email list should be receiving the weekly passwords. It is also possible to join via phone, please contact Susannah for details on how you can do this.

Mass is being recorded in church and made available on the St Laurence Facebook page and YouTube channel. The Facebook page can be found at: www.facebook.com/upminsterstlaurence/ and the YouTube channel is at: www.youtube.com/channel/UCLBb6-cKUD2WqcXaCOX1AzA

Richard's recording of the pieces he would have played at the May Bach Concert can be watched online. Please share the link with anyone whom you think may enjoy it:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Naig7GQkWw4&feature=youtu.be As with the earlier Bach concerts, this is offered in aid of the Church Building Improvements Project, and people are invited, if able, to donate to a virtual retiring collection here:

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Churches Together in Upminster, Cranham and North Ockendon decided to transfer the 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' from January to the week before Pentecost, to coincide with the global 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer initiative. Some prayer intentions were produced for this and these are the requests for this weekend:

Saturday: For our broken world spoiled by evil regimes, disaster, warfare, greed, famine, poverty, persecution, and lack of basic resources. We pray that The Church would be at the forefront of bringing challenge, justice, freedom, generous relief and provision to alleviate need.

Sunday: For Holy Spirit renewal in The Church, a renewed confidence in the whole of the Bible as God's Word, and Holy Spirit revival across Great Britain. That many would turn to Christ, believe and become disciples of Jesus. (Read Acts chapter 2, and ask God to do it again – in our time, in our lives, in our churches, in our nation).

'Greening the Church': On Saturday 13th June, Chelmsford Cathedral will be hosting the 'Greening the Church' online conference. Running from 9.30am to 4.30pm, the conference will include input from A Rocha who will explain how to become an Eco Church. There will also be contributions from Tearfund, Christian Aid and Rachel Summers who will offer ideas for 'Wild Worship'. The Conference will be hosted on the Greening the Church Facebook Group page. If you would be willing to attend some or all of this event on behalf of St Laurence, please contact Susannah.

The Course in Christian Studies is a two year course covering many aspects of Christian faith, theology and history. Places are now available for September, either online for the whole course or meeting online for the first term and then hopefully transferring to physical meetings. For more information, or if you would like to speak to someone in the congregation who is currently doing the course or who has recently completed it, please contact Susannah.'

The Metropolitan Police are now recruiting. If you are aged 18-57 and are looking for a job where anything is possible, a job that develops as you do, a job that comes with great rewards, and a job that will teach you more about yourself than you ever imagined, then do something real and become a police officer. As well as the traditional route (IPLDP) to join the UK's largest police service, there are two new pathways which are: the Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA) and the Degree Holder Entry Programme (DHEP). For more information, please email the METS Outreach Recruitment Lead, Waheed Aslam, at: waheed.aslam@met.police.uk

If you missed the RSPB's 'Big Wild Sleepout' last Saturday, why not try your own 'Garden Sleepout' this week instead. If you don't have a tent you can always throw some sheets over your washing line or just camp out on garden sun loungers. For ideas and information visit:

https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning. For ideas on how to encourage more wildlife into your gardens visit: https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/give-nature-a-home-in-your-garden/

WaterAid have developed some resources for families to aid relaxation and mindfulness. You can view them at: https://wateraidukmail.org/28HF-1LC22-399RDOTY03/cr.aspx

FROM THE LECTIONARY

SUNDAY 31ST MAY 2020, PENTECOST

Morning worship: Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John

20:19-23

Evening worship: Psalm 67 or 133; Joel 2:21-end; Acts 2:14-21;

Luke 24:44-end

Collect of the day: God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2020, TRINITY SUNDAY

Morning worship: Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27- end; 2 Corinthians 13:11-3nd; Matthew 28:16-end.

Evening worship: Psalm 93; Isaiah 6:1-8; John 16:5-15

Collect of the day: Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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.**

The following weekday lectionary can be used in conjunction with the booklet 'Worship at Home' if you wish to use different readings each day, along with the collect, where applicable, specific to the day.

MONDAY 1ST JUNE, Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

Morning prayer: Psalm 85 or 150; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Mark 3:31-end

Evening prayer: Psalm 122, 127 or 128; Zechariah 2:10-end; John 3:25-30

Collect of the day: Mighty God, by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary and greeted her as the mother of the Lord: look with favour on your lowly servants that, with Mary, we may magnify your holy name and rejoice to acclaim her Son our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

TUESDAY 2ND JUNE

Morning prayer: Psalm 132; Joshua 2; Luke 9:28-36

Evening prayer: Psalm 135; Job 2; Romans 1:18-end

WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE, Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-7, 1977

Morning prayer: Psalm 119:153-end; Joshua 3; Luke 9:37-50

Evening prayer: Psalm 136; Job 3; Romans 2:1-16

THURSDAY 4TH JUNE, Petroc, abbot, 6^{th} cent.

Morning prayer: Psalm 143; Joshua 4:1-5:1; Luke 9:51-end

Evening prayer: Psalm 138; Job 4; Romans 2:17-end

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE, Boniface (Wynfrith), bishop, martyr, 754

Morning prayer: Psalm 144; Joshua 5:2-end; Luke 10:1-16

Evening prayer: Psalm 145; Job 5; Romans 3:1-20

Collect of the Day: God our redeemer, who called your servant Boniface to reach the gospel among the German people and to build up your Church in holiness: grant that we may preserve in our hearts that faith which he taught with his words and sealed with his blood, and profess it in lives dedicated to your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE, Ini Kopuria, founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945

Morning prayer: Psalm 147; Joshua 6:1-20; Luke 10:17-24

1st **Evening prayer of Trinity Sunday:** Psalm 97 or 98; Exodus 34:1-10; Mark 1:1-13

Collect for Evening prayer: Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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.**

MONDAY 8[™] JUNE, Thomas Ken, bishop, nonjuror, hymn writer, 1711

Morning prayer: Psalm 1; Joshua 7:1-15; Luke 10:25-37

Evening prayer: Psalm 4; Job 7; Romans 4:1-12

Collect of the day: O God, from whom all blessings flow, by whose providence we are kept and by whose grace we are directed: help us, through the example of your servant Thomas Ken, faithfully to keep your word, humbly to accept adversity and steadfastly to worship you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

TUESDAY 9[™] JUNE, Colomba, abbot, missionary, 597; *Ephrem, deacon, hymn writer, teacher of the faith, 373*

Morning prayer: Psalm 5; Joshua 7:16-end; Luke 10:38-end

Evening prayer: Psalm 9; Job 8; Romans 4:13-end

Collect of the day: Almighty God, who filled the heart of Colomba with the joy of the Holy Spirit and with deep love for those in his care: may your pilgrim people follow him, strong in faith, sustained by hope, and one in the love that binds us to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE

Morning prayer: Psalm 119:1-32; Joshua 8:1-29; Luke 11:1-13

Evening prayer: Psalm 11; Job 9: Romans 5:1-11

THURSDAY 11TH JUNE, DAY OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE INSTITUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (CORPUS CHRISTI)

Morning prayer: Psalm 147; Deuteronomy 8:2-16; 1 Corinthians 10:1-17

Evening prayer: Psalm 23, 42 or 43; Proverbs 9:1-5; Luke 9:11-17

Collect of the Day: Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of your redemption; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FRIDAY 12TH JUNE, BARNABAS THE APOSTLE

Morning prayer: Psalm 100, 101 or 117; Jeremiah 9:23-24; Acts 4:32-end

Evening prayer: Psalm 147; Tobit 4:5-11; Acts 9:26-31

Collect of the Day: Bountiful God, giver of all gifts, who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas and gave him grace to encourage others: help us, by his example, to be generous in our judgements and unselfish in our service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE

Morning prayer: Psalm 23; Joshua 10:1-15; Luke 11:37-end

1st Evening prayer of Pentecost: Psalm 24; Job 12; Romans 6:15-end

Please turn over for prayer intentions.

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Special concern, Sunday worship: Yvonne Rattley, Pat Silverlock, Agnes Trievner, Pam, Hayden Keeling, Stewart Ranson, Alan Evens, Patricia Gillman, Edie Jackson, Jan Howse, Edgar Iffland, Michael McSweeney, Lorna Wells, Jean Clements, Poppy and Thomas, Katie Louise Tape, Ellen Stone, Maurice Purver, Pearl Clifton, Kathleen Jones, Rev'd Jane Kenchington, Linda Hicks.

Long term concern, weekday worship: John Herbert, Jean Biggs, Phyllis Knight, Betty McAteer, Penny Hale, Denise Comer, Alison Jervis, Ann Gospage, Ivy Oliver, Freya Risdon, Doris Blanking, Rosalind Manley, Diane Taylor.

Those who would normally receive Holy Communion at home:

Sunday 7th June: Residents of The Oaks Home, Ian Hall, Bob Simkins.

Wednesday 10th May: Margaret Roome, Jean Cant, Dorothy Sykes, Vera Richards, Brenda Taylor, Denise Comer.

Those recently departed: Marion Vale, Anthony.

Anniversaries of the departed:

Sunday 31st May: Ida Rowland, Edith Hill, Amy Brabner, Florence Pendlebury, Albert Hodgson, Doris Anderson, Dorothy Edwards, Douglas Parke, Kathleen Spicer, Shirley Ellis, Greta Rose, Pam Bugler, Carol Carr, Beris Paul, Neil Edwards, Geoff Fielden.

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Please remember those who mourn.

Other prayers: The millions of people living today in extreme poverty and densely populated refugee camps.

Vulnerable people within our community who suffer with mental illness.

Our gardens, local parks, woodlands and other outdoor green spaces, the life they support and the benefits we receive from them.

Bishop Stephen, Archbishop Elect of York.

The appointment of a new Director of Music for St Laurence.