



Today 23 rd August <i>Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</i>	Said Mass (pre-booking essential) Church Open for Private Prayer Said Evensong on Zoom	9.30 am 2.00 pm to 4.00pm 6.30 pm
Wednesday 26 th August	Staff Meeting on Zoom Said Mass (pre-booking essential)	9.00 am 11.00 am
Thursday 27 th August	Church Open for Private Prayer	10.00 am to 12 noon
Saturday 29 th August	Morning Prayer and Coffee on Zoom	10.45 am
Next Sunday 30 th August <i>Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Said Mass (pre-booking essential) Church Open for Private Prayer Said Evensong on Zoom	9.30 am 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm 6.30 pm
Wednesday 2 nd September	Staff Meeting on Zoom Said Mass (pre-booking essential)	9.00 am 11.00 am
Thursday 3 rd September	Church Open for Private Prayer	10.00 am to 12 noon
Saturday 5 th September	Morning Prayer and Coffee on Zoom	10.45 am

Saturday Pathsweepers: 5th August – Skinner and Mowat

NOTICES

IMPORTANT: Please pre-book your attendance at Mass in accordance with the following timings in order to be sure your request is received.

Email Joanne at parish.office@upminsterparish.co.uk by 11am on Wednesday for the following Sunday, or by 12 noon on Monday for the following Wednesday.

Or if you do not have email, phone Deborah on 01708 760485 by 6pm on Wednesday for the following Sunday, or by 12 noon on Monday for the following Wednesday. Thank you.

Keith and Beryl Sharp thank everyone who sent cards and good wishes for their 60th anniversary. A very special thank you to St Laurence Church for the lovely afternoon tea, an unexpected surprise which we really enjoyed.

There will be an outdoor Plant and Gift Sale in the churchyard on Saturday 29th August from 1.30 to 3.30pm, raising funds for The Children's Society. If you have any plants or cuttings you are able to donate for sale, we would be most grateful. No other items are requested. If you are able to help, please call Penny on 01708 640335.

A Ride & Stride just giving page has been set up to receive on-line donations towards this event in September. If you would like to sponsor our walkers, who plan to visit some of our local churches and chapels, please go to:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stlaurencechurchrideandstride2020>

If you are interested in joining the walkers please contact Rob Brabner on 01708 457578 (with answerphone) or email: robertbrabner@icloud.com.

To the congregation of St Laurence and beyond: During the initial Covid-19 lockdown, and continuing now as some restrictions are lifted, many people have risen to the challenge of caring for others. Our Parish magazine *Gridiron* is looking for stories of how the pandemic has been for people in different situations. Perhaps you have been particularly close to the efforts to control the pandemic or its effects in nursing or supporting the bereaved; maybe you have volunteered to sew scrubs or deliver food parcels or medicines. You may have telephoned people in strict isolation or begun corresponding with those in nursing homes. You may be a recipient of one of these kindnesses. Whatever your role we would like to hear from you. Please send your thoughts to us at gridiron@upminsterparish.co.uk. Thank you.

Private Prayer: Please note that if you were intending to attend for private prayer on Sundays 6th and 13th September the church is only opening between 3 and 4pm. All other dates remain as advertised.

FROM THE LECTIONARY

SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2020, THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Morning worship: Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Collect of the day: O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.**

Evening worship: (First Evensong of St Bartholomew the Apostle) Psalm 97; Isaiah 61:1-9; 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST 2020, THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Morning worship: Romans 12:9-end; Matthew 16:21-end

Evening worship: Psalm 105:1-15; 2 Kings 6:24-25, 7:3-end; Acts 18:1-16

Collect of the day: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 24TH AUGUST, Bartholomew the Apostle.

Morning worship: Psalm 86; Genesis 28:10-17; John 1:43-end

Evening worship: Psalm 91; Ecclesiasticus 39:1-10 or Deuteronomy 18:15-19; Matthew 10:1-22

Collect of the day: Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

TUESDAY 25TH AUGUST

Morning prayer: Psalm 89:1-18; 2 Samuel 5:1-12; Acts 7:1-16

Evening prayer: Psalm 89:19-end; Proverbs 8:22-end; Mark 5:21-34

WEDNESDAY 26TH AUGUST

Morning prayer: Psalm 109:1-15-128; 2 Samuel 6:1-19; Acts 7:17-43

Evening prayer: Psalm 91; Proverbs 9; Mark 5:35-end

THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST, Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo

Morning prayer: Psalm 92; 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Acts 7:44-53

Evening prayer: Psalm 94; Proverbs 10:1-12; Mark 6:1-13

Collect of the day: Faithful God, who strengthened Monica, the mother of Augustine, with wisdom. and through her patient endurance encouraged him to seek after you: give us the will to persist in prayer that those who stray from you may be brought to faith in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST, Augustine, bishop, teacher of the faith

Morning prayer: Psalm 88; 2 Samuel 7:18-end; Acts 7:54-8:3

Evening prayer: Psalm 102; Proverbs 11:1-12; Mark 6:14-29

Collect of the day: Merciful Lord, who turned Augustine from his sins to be a faithful bishop and teacher: grant that we may follow him in penitence and discipline till our restless hearts find their rest in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST, Beheading of John the Baptist

Morning prayer: Psalm 97; 2 Samuel 9, Acts 8:4-25

Evening prayer: Psalm 104; Proverbs 12:10-end; Mark 6:30-44

Collect of the day: Almighty God, who called your servant John the Baptist to be the forerunner of your Son in birth and death: strengthen us by your grace that, as he suffered for the truth, so we may boldly resist corruption and vice and receive with him the unfading crown of glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MONDAY 31ST AUGUST, Aiden, bishop, missionary, 651

Morning prayer: Psalm 98; 2 Samuel 11; Acts 8:26-end

Evening prayer: Psalm 105; Proverbs 14:31-15:17; Mark 6:45-end

Collect of the day: Everlasting God, you send the gentle bishop Aidan to proclaim the gospel in this land: grant us to live as he taught in simplicity, humility and love for the poor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER, *Giles, hermit, c.710*

Morning prayer: Psalm 106; 2 Samuel 12:1-25; Acts 9:1-19a

Evening prayer: Psalm 107; Proverbs 15:18-end; Mark 7:1-13

WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER, *Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901, 1942*

Morning prayer: Psalm 111; 2 Samuel 15:1-12; Acts 9:19b-31

Evening prayer: Psalm 119:129-152; Proverbs 18:10-end; Mark 7:14-23

THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER, Gregory the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith, 604

Morning prayer: Psalm 115; 2 Samuel 15:13-end; Acts 9:32-end

Evening prayer: Psalm Psalm 116; Proverbs 20:1-22; Mark 7:24-30

Collect of the day: Merciful Father, who chose your bishop Gregory to be a servant of the servants of God: grant that, like him, we may ever long to serve you by proclaiming your gospel to the nations, and may ever rejoice to sing your praises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER, *Birinus, bishop, 650*

Morning prayer: Psalm 139; 2 Samuel 16:1-14; Acts 10:1-16

Evening prayer: Psalm 130; Proverbs 22:1-16; Mark 7:31-end

SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

Morning prayer: Psalm 121; 2 Samuel 17:1-23; Acts 10:17-33

Evening prayer: Psalm 118; Proverbs 24:23-end; Mark 8:1-10

NOTICES CONTINUED...

Following the Diocesan Consultation to help identify the next Bishop of Chelmsford a Statement of Needs has been published. This sets out what people value most about the Church of England in Essex and East London, the challenges and opportunities the new Bishop will face and the qualities the 11th Bishop of Chelmsford will need to bring to the role, particularly as we emerge from the coronavirus pandemic. It will be read by candidates as well as the Crown Nominations Commission (CNC), the national body that will interview candidates and ultimately nominate someone to be the next Bishop of Chelmsford. The CNC will make their nomination to the Prime Minister who, if he accepts will advise Her Majesty the Queen, who will formally appoint the next Bishop. If you would like to read the statement please visit: <https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/statement-of-needs/>. If you do not have access to the internet please telephone Fr Roy or Deborah who can arrange for a copy to be posted to you.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Special concern, Sunday worship:

Sunday 23rd August: Yvonne Rattley, Pat Silverlock, Agnes Trievner, Pam, Hayden Keeling, Stewart Ranson, Alan Evens, Patricia Gillman, Edie Jackson, Daisy-May White, Annie Phillips.

Sunday 30th August: 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, Bernard.

Long term concern, weekday worship:

Wednesday 26th August: John Herbert, Jean Biggs, Phyllis Knight, Betty McAteer, Penny Hale, Denise Comer, Margaret Turner.

Wednesday 2nd September: Alison Jervis, Ann Gospage, Ivy Oliver, Freya Risdon, Doris Blanking, Rosalind Manley, Diane Taylor.

Those who would normally receive Holy Communion at home:

Wednesday 26th August: Margaret Roome, Jean Cant, Dorothy Sykes, Vera Richards, Brenda Taylor.

Those recently departed: John Hendra, James Batt.

Anniversaries of the departed:

Sunday 23rd August: Eric Evans (Priest), Eileen Hall, Vera Napier, Ruth Cator.

Sunday 30th August: Vera Napier, Ruth Cator, Frank Edwards, Arthur Salter, Keith Bonny.

Please remember those who mourn.

Other prayers:

Pray for development of your own relationship with Jesus and for those yet to know Him.

Pray for discerning His call to you and understanding what that means in your everyday life.

For a bold trust in God's love for you so you may dare to follow where He leads.

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Time for God Prayer Diary

If you would like to receive the monthly 'Time for God Prayer Diary' which includes daily readings and prayer intentions, or would like further information regarding it, please email Joanne in the Parish Office. If you would like to suggest any content for use in the Prayer Diary, please contact Nick Butler at nickbutlerupm@gmail.com or phone him on 07792123630.