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| Today | Said Mass (pre-booking essential) | 9.30 am |
| 16 th May | Church Open for Private Prayer | 3 to 4.30 pm |
| 7 th Sunday of Easter | Said Evensong on Zoom | 6.30 pm |
| Tuesday | Wedding Meeting | 7.45 pm |
| 18 th May | | |
| Wednesday | Staff Meeting on Zoom | 9.00 am |
| 19 th May | Said Mass (pre-booking essential) | 11.00 am |
| Thursday | Renewal of Wedding Vows | 9.15 am |
| 20 th May | Church Open for Private Prayer | 10 am to 12 noon |
| Friday | Funeral | 11.00 am |
| 21 st May | | |
| Saturday | Morning Prayer and Coffee on Zoom | 10.45 am |
| 22 nd May | | |
| Next Sunday | Said Mass with Baptisms (pre-booking essential) | 9.30 am |
| 23 rd May | Annual Parochial Church Meeting | 3.00 pm |
| Pentecost – Whit Sunday | Said Evensong on Zoom | 6.30 pm |
| Tuesday | Organ Teaching | 5.00 pm |
| 25 th May | | |
| Wednesday | Staff Meeting on Zoom | 9.00 am |
| 26 th May | Organ Teaching | 9.15 am |
| | Said Mass (pre-booking essential) | 11.00 am |
| Thursday | Church Open for Private Prayer | 10 am to 12 noon |
| 27 th May | | |
| Saturday | Morning Prayer and Coffee on Zoom | 10.45 am |
| 29 th May | | |
| <i>Saturday Pathsweepers: 22nd May – Stewart and Bloomfield</i> | | |

NOTICES

Easing of lockdown restrictions. As you will be aware, some restrictions are changing from May 17th. This is a note about how this pertains to church:

All infection control measures (masks, social distancing, hand sanitising) remain the same for now. The choir have returned to sing during Sunday Mass, but congregational singing is still not permitted. The Peace will remain a non-contact greeting, and we will continue to receive Communion in the pews.

The changes to indoor socialising do not have much application to church because of the number of people present at a church service; therefore, please can we continue to chat outside rather than indoors; outdoors, people can now gather in a group of up to 30 and therefore chatting after the service, for those that wish, can happen more easily.

Please continue to observe social distancing both inside and outside the building, and please continue to wear a mask inside the building (unless medically exempt) - not only at services, but whenever you are in the building with someone else who is not from the same household.

We are making preparations to allow us to move towards, we hope, a more 'normal' church life. This will be a gradual and evolving process, the speed of which will depend upon both the timing of the necessary Government and Church of England guidance, and the time we need to be able to organise resources needed to change and re-start different activities.

During the journey out of lockdown, it is important that we commit to making this journey in a unified way as a community. Whether we have been vaccinated or not, had Covid-19 or not, are looking forward to the lowering of restrictions or are anxious about it, we need to take the same precautions when we gather in church, and in doing so, ensure that we are caring for one another.

We are looking for more people to help with the floral displays in church. Arrangements are renewed approximately every three weeks with occasional extras for the special celebrations in the church's calendar. If you are interested and would like to chat please contact Cheryl Hale on 07958 592415 or Jean Keen on 01708 223183.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting: This will take place on Sunday 23rd May at 3pm, in church. Please email Joanne or phone Deborah in advance if you would like to attend. If you would like a full copy of the 2020 accounts, please contact the Parish Office or Susannah.

Local photos for 'Gridiron' magazine: Traditionally, the days before Ascension Day are observed as Rogationtide in the Church of England, where congregations might process around the parish boundaries and ask for God's blessing on the crops. It was suggested in church last Sunday that, in the spirit of this, people might like to submit their photos of local places of beauty - perhaps photos taken on lockdown walks - to 'Gridiron' magazine. If you would like to send something, please email it to gridiron@upminsterparish.co.uk

Corpus Christi, Thursday 3rd June: We will have Mass with Benediction (organised in a Covid-safe way) in church at 8pm on this day when we give thanks for the gift of the Eucharist. Please email the Parish Office or phone Deborah before 30th May if you would like to book for this service.

Retirement collection for Bishop Peter: Bishop Peter Hill, the Bishop of Barking, will be retiring in July. A diocesan collection is being organised for this. St Laurence PCC will be making a donation towards this, but if anyone would like to make an individual donation, we can collect these up until 10th June - please either put a cheque, payable to 'PCC of Upminster' and marked as for Bishop Peter's collection, in the church post box, or please make a transfer to the PCC account and email the Parish Office to say that you have done so. Thank you.

From Keith and Beryl Sharp: Thank you to everyone who has collected aluminium foil and cans for sale in aid of St Francis Hospice. The amount paid for aluminium is now so low that it took 8 years to raise £125. We have decided to stop collecting from now on, and once again thank you for your support over the years. (We will accept any foil you may have saved so far).

A message from the Christian charity working with the homeless and formerly known as Hope4Havering - Hope4Havering has undergone a change of name. This is because we are now reaching out into different areas, alongside Havering. We are now called Ahava Community. Ahava is a Hebrew word which means the feeling of intense longing for a person or place. It is a word which is translated "love" but is an active verb implying a generous, giving love. Our mission to the homeless is undiminished, although, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are currently unable to run our Catalyst Night Shelter. We are very involved with over 50 people who are in our Thrive supported living studio flats across the borough. Since vacating Sennen Cottage, we are actively seeking a property to continue the Transformations Programme which was run from there. We now have 3 shops and a café operating in Romford. Two of the shops are in Atlanta Boulevard and one is in the Brewery Car Park. The Café is in the Market Place but also has dresses for sale.

FROM THE LECTONARY

SUNDAY 16TH MAY 2021, SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; *Sunday after Ascension Day*

Morning worship: Acts 1:15-17, 21-end; John 17:6-19

Evening worship: Psalm 147:1-12; Isaiah 61; Luke 4:14-21

Collect of the day: O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

SUNDAY 23RD MAY 2021, PENTECOST; *Whit Sunday*

Morning worship: Acts 2:1-13; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Evening worship: Psalm 139:1-11; Ezekiel 36:22-28; Acts 2:22-38

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.**

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 17TH MAY

Morning worship: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 31:1-13; 1 John 2:18-end

Evening worship: Psalm 18; Numbers 22:1-35; Luke 7:36-end

TUESDAY 18TH MAY

Morning prayer: Psalm 99; Deuteronomy 31:14-29; 1 John 3:1-10

Evening prayer: Psalm 68; Numbers 22:36-23:12; Luke 8:1-15

WEDNESDAY 19TH MAY, Dunstan, archbishop, monastic reformer, 988

Morning prayer: Psalm 29; Deuteronomy 31:30-32:14; 1 John 3:11-end

Evening prayer: Psalm 46; Numbers 23:13-end; Luke 8:16-25

Collect of the day: Almighty God, who raised up Dunstan to be a true shepherd of the flock, a restorer of monastic life and a faithful counsellor to those in authority: give to all pastors the same gifts of your Holy Spirit that they may be true servants of Christ and of all his people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THURSDAY 20TH MAY, Alucin, deacon, abbot, 804

Morning prayer: Psalm 24; Deuteronomy 32:15-47; 1 John 4:1-6

Evening prayer: Psalm 139; Numbers 24; Luke 8:26-39

Collect of the day: God of wisdom, eternal light, who shone in the heart of your servant Alucin, revealing to him your power and pity: scatter the darkness of our ignorance that, with all our heart and mind and strength, we may seek your face and be brought with all your saints to your holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FRIDAY 21ST MAY, *Helena, protector of the Holy Places, 330*

Morning prayer: Psalm 28; Deuteronomy 33; 1 John 4:7-end

Evening prayer: Psalm 147; Numbers 27:12-end; Luke 8:40-end

SATURDAY 22ND MAY

Morning prayer: Psalm 43; Deuteronomy 32:48-end, 34; 1 John 5

First Evening prayer of Pentecost: Psalm 48; Deuteronomy 16:9-15; John 7:37-39

MONDAY 24TH MAY, John and Charles Wesley, evangelists, hymn writers, 1791 and 1788 (Ordinary Time resumes today)

Morning prayer: Psalm 126; Job 1; Romans 1:1-17

Evening prayer: Psalm 127; Joshua 1; Luke 9:18-27

Collect of the day: God of mercy, who inspired John and Charles Wesley with zeal for your gospel: grant to all people boldness to proclaim your word and a heart ever to rejoice in singing your praises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

TUESDAY 25TH MAY, The Venerable Bede, monk, scholar, historian, 735; *Aldhelm, bishop, 709*

Morning prayer: Psalm 132; Job 2; Romans 1:18-end

Evening prayer: Psalm 135; Joshua 2; Luke 9:28-36

Collect of the day: God our maker, whose Son Jesus Christ gave to your servant Bede grace to drink in with joy the word that leads us to know you and to love you: in your goodness grant that we also may come at length to you, the source of all wisdom, and stand before your face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WEDNESDAY 26TH MAY, Augustine, archbishop, 605; *John Calvin, reformer, 1564; Philip Neri, founder of the Oratorians, spiritual guide, 1595*

Morning prayer: Psalm 119:153-end; Job 3; Romans 2:1-16

Evening prayer: Psalm 136; Joshua 3; Luke 9:37-50

Collect of the day: Almighty God, whose servant Augustine was sent as the apostle of the English people: grant that as he laboured in the Spirit to preach Christ's gospel in this land, so all who hear the good news may strive to make your truth known in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THURSDAY 27TH MAY

Morning prayer: Psalm 143; Job 4; Romans 2:17-end

Evening prayer: Psalm 138; Joshua 4:1-5:1; Luke 9:51-end

FRIDAY 28TH MAY, *Lanfranc, monk, archbishop, scholar, 1089*

Morning prayer: Psalm 144; Job 5; Romans 3:1-20

Evening prayer: Psalm 145; Joshua 5:2-end; Luke 10:1-16

SATURDAY 29TH MAY

Morning prayer: Psalm 147; Job 6; Romans 3:21-end

First Evening prayer of Trinity Sunday: Psalm 97; Isaiah 40:12-end; Mark 1:1-13

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Special concern:

Sunday 16th and Wednesday 26th May: Pat Silverlock, Pam, Hayden Keeling, Stewart Ranson, Annie Phillips, Doris Harding, Revd David Sherwood, Pat Harding, Dennis and Rosemary Watkins, Revd Alan McFarland.

Wednesday 19th and Sunday 23rd May: Edgar Iffland, Michael McSweeney, Lorna Wells, Jean Clements, Poppy and Thomas, Katie Louise Tape, Ellen Stone, Kathleen Jones, Daniel, Jeffrey, Shiela Wing, Tony Mason.

Long term concern:

Wednesday 19th May: John Herbert, Jean Biggs, Betty McAteer, Penny Hale, Denise Comer, Margaret Turner, Christine Coleman.

Wednesday 26th May: Alison Jervis, Ann Gospage, Ivy Oliver, Freya Risdon, Rosalind Manley, Diane Taylor.

Those who would normally receive Holy Communion at home:

Sunday 16th May: Pauline Wheeler and other residents of Freshfields Home, Phyllis Knight.

Wednesday 19th May: Residents of Derham House Nursing Home.

Sunday 23rd May: N/A.

Wednesday 26th May: Margaret Roome, Dorothy Sykes, Vera Richards, Brenda Taylor.

Those recently departed: Jean Nicholls, Jean Booton.

Anniversaries of the departed:

Sunday 16th May: Emily Pasquale, Mem Gosland, David Harding, Hilda Matthews, Stanley Lawes, Maureen Gunary, Gwen Gallagher.

Sunday 23rd May: Hilda Matthews, Stanley Lawes, Maureen Gunary, Gwen Gallagher, Ida Rowland, Edith Hill, Amy Brabner, Florence Pendlebury.

Please remember those who mourn.

Other prayers:

Give thanks for the emergency response services.

Remember those who work or volunteer in these organisations.

Pray that funding and resources will be available to them.

Give thanks for our judicial system, court services and support bodies.

Remember victims, their families and those caught up in circumstances that lead them into committing crimes.

Pray for prisoners engaged in and those assisting them through rehabilitation programmes.

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.

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