

The Church of Saint Laurence, Upminster  
**PORCHTALK**



27<sup>th</sup> August 2023 *Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*

**Welcome to Saint Laurence.**

Adventurers (groups for children and young people) meet during the 9.30 am Mass. 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.

<b>Today</b>	Holy Communion	8.00 am
27 <sup>th</sup> August	Sung Parish Mass with Baptism	9.30 am
<i>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	Baptism	12 noon
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Organ Teaching (2 hours)	10.00 am
29 <sup>th</sup> August		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Prayer, Choir Vestry	8.45 am
30 <sup>th</sup> August	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
	Mass	11.00 am
	Evening Prayer, Choir Vestry	4.15 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Organ Teaching	10.00 am
31 <sup>st</sup> August		
<b>Friday</b>	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
1 <sup>st</sup> September		
<b>Saturday</b>	Organ Teaching	9.30 am
2 <sup>nd</sup> September		
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Holy Communion	8.00 am
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Sung Parish Mass with Baptism Welcome	9.30 am
<i>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	Baptism	12 noon
	No Evensong today	

**Evensong readings this Sunday:** 2 Kings 6:8-23; Acts 17:15-end

**Mass readings next Sunday:** Jeremiah 15:15-21; Romans 12:9-end; Matthew 16:21-end

**Coffee:** 27<sup>th</sup> August – Alison, Mark and Margaret

*Please let Revd Catherine or Deborah Masterson 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 or visit for any reason.*

## NOTICES

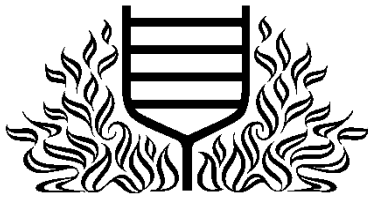
**We welcome Oliver and Erin** and their family to our Parish Mass today. Oliver and Erin will be baptised during the service.

**Chris & Nancy** would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for your cards and good wishes. We had a wonderful weekend of celebration with family and friends and it was great to share it all in true St Laurence fashion.

**Please note** that there is no Evensong next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

**Ride & Stride and Heritage Open Day**, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Church stewards, walkers, and sponsors are wanted. The church will be welcoming visitors between 9.30am and 4pm - could you help for an hour or two? For the more energetic - join the church walking team visiting churches in Chelmsford. Two willing car drivers will also be needed to take the walkers to their starting point and then later to pick them up at the end, around 5pm. Sponsors are also needed for our walkers. 50% of funds we raise is assigned back to St Laurence. The other 50% goes towards the worthy work of the Friends of Essex Churches Trust. This year the 'Friends' supported St Laurence, so this is our chance to thank them! The 'Friends' website is [www.foect](http://www.foect). For further information speak with Rob Brabner - 01708 457578 or to one of the Churchwardens. If you have ideas for Heritage Open Day or would be willing to assist with setting up in the morning and clearing away in the evening, please speak with Susannah.

**Building Improvement Project - putting the FUN into fundraising.** The Building Improvement Project team meets regularly and we have now welcomed Sarah Keen on to the team. We have wasted no time in planning several future fundraising events, the first of which will be an **Autumn Fayre to be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October**. Some outside organisations have already shown an interest in participating and we intend to run our own stalls and activities too to make this a really worthwhile event. If you know of anybody who would be interested in hiring a table please let us know. The Autumn Fayre is for us and the whole parish so we will need plenty of volunteers to make it a success. If you are able/willing to support your church with this, please speak to one of the team (Revd Susannah, Chris Mowat, Debbie Stewart, Penny Edwards, Christine Clifford, Sarah Keen, Richard Brasier). Further details about the Autumn Fayre (and other future events) will follow soon - watch this space!



# AT THE MASS

27<sup>th</sup> August 2023

*Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*

**Introit** 667 I danced in the morning

**Setting** Mass of St. Thomas - Thorne

## **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.**

## **Isaiah 51:1-6**

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and

those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

**Gradual hymn**                    385 Praise the God of all creation

### **Romans 12:1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

**Alleluia**                            Plainsong

### **Matthew 16:13-20**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessèd are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**Baptism**                            See separate service sheet

<b>Offertory hymn</b>	787 Take my life, and let it be
<b>Communion hymn</b>	594 Be still my soul
<b>Final hymn</b>	652 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
<b>Organ Voluntary</b>	March from the Prelude to Richard III Suite – William Walton

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

*Prayer request forms are available at the back of church. Please use them if you wish us to pray for someone.*

**Sunday:** Bob, Hilary Tonkin, Florence Collins, Simon Pols, Jean Biggs, Joan Jackson, Carole Billings.

**Wednesday:** Rosemary Watkins, Mary Greig, Denise Comer, James Tape, Poppy and Thomas, Rosalind Manley, Brian Shaw, Bob Bossey, Baby Charles, Barbara Akerman, Glynis Whiting, Michael Folkes, Fr Tom Keighley, Bill and Shirley Gunary, Frank Kemp, Sylvia Wilson.

All those receiving Home Communion.

**Recently departed:** Penny Hale.

**Anniversaries of the departed:** Eileen Hall, Pat Harding, Tony Mason, Vera Napier, Ruth Cator, Frank Edwards, Arthur Salter, Keith Bonny.

## THE CHARITY OF THE MONTH BUNGOKHO RURAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Donation envelopes are available at the back of church.

Church Army (Bungokho Rural Development Centre)  
Wilson Carlile Centre, 50 Cavendish Street,  
Sheffield, S3 7RZ.

Registered charity number 226226

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## **REPAIR WORK**

The church will continue to be open daily during this time and we hope that all services and events will take place as planned, but please be aware that some areas of the church will be inaccessible at various points. If you would like to donate towards the cost of the repairs please scan the QR code.



## **CARD PAYMENT DONATIONS**

We are always pleased to welcome both visitors and regular attendees to share our worship in this beautiful Grade 1 listed building. Please feel free to use our safe and secure card payment machine for confidential donations, located by the main door exit. Contributions help us maintain the substantial upkeep of this building for the benefit of the local community and our broader work as a church in general. Donations help to ensure that the church can continue to benefit future generations and the building can remain open to all as a haven of God's peace. Whatever you feel disposed to give will be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

## **EASYFUNDRAISING**

The church is registered (as St Laurence Church, Upminster) on [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://easyfundraising.org.uk) - if you register an account, select the church as a cause and download the web browser extension then every time you spend money on many retail websites and have activated the extension, a percentage of your spend will be donated to St Laurence at no cost to you. The individual amounts are small but every little adds up - please help us via this route if you can.

## NOTICES CONTINUED

**Harvest Festival Services followed by Celebration Lunch** on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September in the Main Hall at 12.30 for 1pm. If you would like to come to the lunch please see Joan Prudden or Deborah Masterson. Adults £12, under 12s £2.50.

**Date for your Diary:** Pet Service, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 4pm. People and pets are welcome.

**Organ recital at Westminster Abbey** - Richard Brasier, our former Director of Music, will give a 30 minute recital on the Grand Organ of Westminster Abbey at 5pm on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Free entry, all welcome.

**Hall Lock Up.** We are seeking a few more people to lock up the church halls and the car park gate in the evenings. The rota is done on a weekly basis starting on Monday and finishing on Sunday. Currently there are six people on the rota, but from January there will be four. The time is variable as some days the halls are being used later than others, but the latest is 11pm which is usually only one day. If you feel you could help please contact Joanne in the Parish Office.

**Thank you to all who took part in Carole's latest quiz.** Congratulations to Hugh Winn for winning the first prize and well done to the runners up who each received a bar of chocolate for coming a close second. Answers are on the board at the back of church.

**On 13<sup>th</sup> October,** Upminster Baptist Church and Regeneration Church are hosting Artless Drama and their current production 'If Prison Walls Could Speak'. This is a piece of live theatre designed for churches that tells the true story of Petr Jasek, a Czech national and Christian aid worker who was imprisoned in Sudan for his work assisting the persecuted church. The play was developed alongside Release International, and tells Petr's story using innovative multi-media effects. Please see the poster at the back of church for booking tickets. NB: This production is not suitable for children under 12 years.

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**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.

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