



12th November 2023 *Remembrance Sunday*

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 Derham Hall after the 9.30 Mass.

Today	Holy Communion	8.00 am
12 th November	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial (Parade Service)	10.50 am
	No Evensong today	
Monday	Organ Teaching	5.15 pm
13 th November	PCC Meeting, Parish Office	7.30 pm
Tuesday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	9.10 am
14 th November		
Wednesday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
15 th November	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
	Funeral of Lance Jackson	11.00 am
	No Evening Prayer today	
Thursday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	9.10 am
16 th November	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
Friday	Coffee Morning with extras, Main Hall – see back page advert	10.30 am
17 th November		
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
19 th November	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Second Sunday before Advent</i>	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

Mass readings next Sunday: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Evensong readings next Sunday: 1 Kings 1:15-40; Revelation 1:4-18

Coffee: 19th November - Penny, Clive and Jane

Please let Revd Susannah, 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

Lance Jackson's funeral will be in Church this Wednesday, 15th November at 11am followed by refreshments in the Minor and then the Main Hall. The family have requested that people wear colourful clothing. Donations can be given to the St Laurence Building Improvements Fund (cheques payable to 'PCC of Upminster' but marked 'In memory of Lance Jackson').

'Friday Coffee' this week is well worth attending as, once again, your Building Improvements Team will be 'putting the fun into fundraising'. Not only will there be the usual coffee, tea and biscuits on offer but also a few extras to tickle your fancy. Gill Roome will be selling her home-made cards (she has been busy making extra stock following our successful Autumn Fayre last month!) and there will be home-made cakes and preserves on sale too. Gill will also be holding a 'Raffle with a difference' - come along this Friday to find out that what that difference is and bring your friends too! All monies raised will go towards our Building Improvements Project. (See the separate advert in *on the inside back page*).

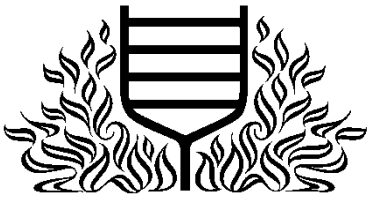
Building Improvements Team (*Debbie Stewart, Penny Edwards, Sarah Keen, Revd Susannah, Christine Clifford & Chris Mowat*)

Carole Billings has produced a Quiz to raise funds for the Church Building Improvements Project. Please see the sidesperson after the 8am Service or Chris and Nancy Mowat after the 9.30am for a copy.

A big thank you from everyone on The Children's Society Committee to Beryl Speed who has stepped down. Beryl has been a longstanding and greatly valued member of the St Laurence Committee. Her unstinting support and help has been appreciated by all.

Looking to the future: St Laurence Church has had a connection with The Children's Society for over a century. The charity leads vital work with vulnerable young people and their families. Work that is as, if not more, relevant today than in the late 19th century when the organisation was founded.

The St Laurence committee is looking for and needs people to continue this connection. Current and past members have been committed and dedicated to raising funds and awareness; however, fresh ideas and leaders are needed to take it into the future. If you feel this could be you, please speak to Susannah Brasier, Penny Edwards, Becky Perchard, Katie Bowman, Sally Thomson or Carole Billings. Please consider this opportunity. The current membership will change in the New Year and the Committee will not be able to continue without new volunteers.



AT THE MASS

12th November 2023

Remembrance Sunday

Introit 577 Eternal God, before whose face we stand

Setting Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne

Collect of the Day

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Alleluia Taizé

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the

foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Offertory hymn 635 For the healing of the nations

Anthem O God of earth and altar (1906)
Words: G.K. Chesterton. Music: 'King's Lynn'
arr. R. Vaughan Williams

Communion hymn 725 Make me a channel of your peace

Final hymn 746 O God, our help in ages past

Organ Voluntary King's Lynn from the Six Hymn-Preludes
- Percy Whitlock

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: Florence Collins, Jean Biggs, Carole Billings, William Holden, Anne Hendra, Charles Osmond.

Wednesday: Rosemary Watkins, Mary Greig, Denise Comer, James Tape, Rosalind Manley, Brian Shaw, Bob Bossey, Baby Charles, Glynis Whiting, Michael Folkes, Fr Tom Keighley, Bill and Shirley Gunary, Sylvia Wilson, Simon Pols, Mary-Anne Madden.

Additional Prayers: All those receiving Home Communion. Rob and Jenna as they prepare for Confirmation.

Recently departed: Janet Cramp, Jody Boon, Lance Jackson, Valerie Wright.

Anniversaries of the departed: Doris Harding, Peter Hodgson, Ken Hill, Teddy Osmond, Pat Collyer, Bert Shaw, Bill Reading.

THE CHARITY OF THE MONTH PARKINSON'S UK

Donation envelopes are available at the back of church.

Parkinson's UK, 215 Vauxhall Bridge Road,
London, SW1V 1EJ.
Registered charity number 209603.

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CHANGE ATTITUDES.
FIND A CURE.
JOIN US.

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 - 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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP.....

There are no items currently being sponsored. If you would like to know more about sponsoring please pick up a leaflet from the back of church or speak to Jean and Cheryl (Churchwardens), Susannah (Rector) or Joanne (Parish Administrator).

NOTICES CONTINUED

Carol Singing - Churches Together in Upminster, Cranham and North Ockendon have once again been asked to sing carols at the Upminster Christmas event to be held in the town centre during the late afternoon of Thursday 23rd November. Details of the precise time and location will be notified in due course, but for now, please save the date if you would be willing to come along and sing.

Scouting adventure in The Gambia. Next year Finlay Course will return to The Gambia with his Scout unit and while there will help with a building project to support the local community. To raise funds he has organised a Traditional Christmas Wreath Making Afternoon in the Main Hall from 2-4pm on Sunday 3rd December. Professional lesson and materials will be provided along with seasonal refreshments and there will also be a raffle. To book please contact Kerry at kerry.course@gmail.com or text to 07939112787. Cost £40 per person to be paid in advance. Thank you.

Friends of Essex Churches Trust Musical Evening. Friday 24th November, 7pm-9pm at St John the Baptist Church, Danbury, CM3 4NG. Wine and canapes included. Tickets £15 each and are available from Caroline at ce@bdkproperties.co.uk

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

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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.

Name

Telephone

Coffee, Cake Cards and Chat!

featuring a
'Raffle with a Difference'

Friday 17th November

10.30 - 12.00

Main Hall

In aid of



St Laurence Church
Building Improvements