



Sunday 26th November 2023 *Christ the King*

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.

Today	Holy Communion	8.00 am
26 th November	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Christ the King</i>	Deanery Confirmation, St Andrew's, Hornchurch	6.30 pm
	No Evensong today	
Monday	Footsteps	9.30 am
27 th November	Organ Teaching	5.15 pm
	Church Buildings Improvements Committee Meeting, Parish Office	7.30 pm
Tuesday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	9.10 am
28 th November		
Wednesday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
29 th November	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
<i>Day of intercession and Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church</i>	Mass	11.00 am
	Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel	4.15 pm
Thursday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	9.10 am
30 th November	Burial of Lance Jackson's Ashes	11.00 am
	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
Friday	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
1 st December		
Saturday	Organ Teaching	9.30 am
2 nd December		
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
3 rd December	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	Advent Carol Service	6.30 pm

Mass readings next Sunday: Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-end

Coffee: 3rd December – Margaret, Carole and Christine Foot

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

In celebration of Pam Chapman's 80th Birthday, cake and wine will be served after the 9.30am Mass today. Everyone is welcome.

At the Deanery Confirmation Service this evening, Rob and Jenna will be confirmed. Anyone is very welcome to come along to support them and the other candidates. The service will be at St Andrew's Church, Hornchurch and starts at 6.30pm.

Joan Jackson and family wish to thank the congregation for all the lovely flowers and cards which have been sent. They have been greatly comforted by your kind expressions of sympathy.

Please add your name to the lists at the back of church if you would like to read at the Advent Carol Service on Sunday 3rd December or at the Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 17th December. Both will be at 6.30pm. We will also need people to serve mulled wine and mince pies after the service on the 17th. Please see Susannah if you can help with that.

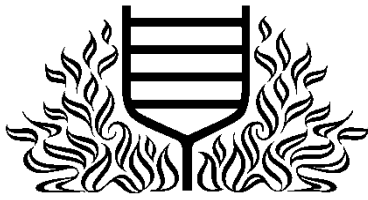
We are seeking volunteers to clean and tidy the church in preparation for the Christmas Services. The date is Saturday 9th December from 10am and coffee and biscuits will be supplied. Please see Jean Keen or Cheryl Hale if you can help.

We will be holding short Christmas Services at The Oaks Home on 14th and Little Gaynes Home on 21st December, both are Thursdays and at Derham House Nursing Home on Monday 18th December. All will be at 11am. If you feel you can support one or all of these events please speak to Susannah.

Many thanks to everyone who supported **the Coffee, Cake, Cards and Raffle Morning** on Friday 17th November. We raised a magnificent £732 towards our Building Improvements Project. We are especially grateful to Gill Roome, whose idea it was and who also provided all the raffle prizes and beautiful home-made cards. Raffle prize winners were as follows: Games and puzzles - Frank Kemp; Wine Hamper - Beryl Speed; Reindeer Soft Toy - Maria Courtier; Glasses & Gin - Margaret Goddard; Bottle of Pimm's - Frank Kemp; Sweets & Biscuits - Keith Stewart.

Your Building Improvements Team will be meeting this coming week to discuss our next fundraising event which will be in January. More details will be in Porchtalk soon, so keep a lookout!

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



AT THE MASS

Sunday 26th November 2023

Christ the King

Proclamational hymn 223 All hail the power of Jesus' name

Setting A New People's Mass - Murray

Collect of the Day

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and

wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Gradual hymn 728 Meekness and majesty

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Alleluia Celtic

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord,

when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Offertory hymn	227 Crown him with many crowns
Anthem	Fling wide the gates, unbar the ancient doors Text: Michael Perry (Psalm 24 – A Song of the King’s Glory). Music: Sydney H Nicholson
Communion hymn	87 Thou who wast rich
Final hymn	612 Christ triumphant
Organ Voluntary	Ciacona in C Minor, BuxWV 159 - Dietrich Buxtehude

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, Penny Went.

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.

Please pray for: All those receiving Home Communion, Rob and Jenna and the Confirmation Service at St Andrew’s this evening.

Recently departed: Valerie Wright, Joan Edge.

Anniversaries of the departed: Whyne Green, Edith Lovett, Walter Baker, Frank Morley, Stanley Oliver, Ethel Marshall, Carole Skinner, Michael Brabner, John Johnston.

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.

PARKINSON'S^{UK}
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).

CONTACTS

Rector The Revd Susannah Brasier

01708 220174 susannah.brasier@upminsterparish.co.uk

Assistant Curate The Revd Catherine Towner

01708 225374 catherine.towner@upminsterparish.co.uk

Pastoral Assistant Deborah Masterson

01708 609816 deborah.masterson@upminsterparish.co.uk

Churchwardens Jean Keen and Cheryl Hale

parish.office@upminsterparish.co.uk

Safeguarding Representative Katie Bowman

01708 640133 safeguarding@upminsterparish.co.uk

Acting Director of Music Nigel Lockwood

parish.office@upminsterparish.co.uk

Parish Office Joanne Chapman

01708 220696/07592 946992 parish.office@upminsterparish.co.uk

Open: Tue. 3.30-6pm, Wed. 9-11am (Staff Meeting), Thur. 9-11.30am.

Hall Bookings Becky Perchard

07341 434798 halls.bookings@upminsterparish.co.uk

Planned Giving treasurer@upminsterparish.co.uk

Website www.upminsterparish.co.uk

Address St Laurence Church, Corbets Tey Road, Upminster, RM14 2BB

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

NOTICES CONTINUED

Please note: There will be no Zoom Evensong until 7th January. This is due to the other services (Confirmation, Christingle, etc.) which will be occurring each Sunday afternoon or evening from today until the end of the December.

The Upminster Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival opens with a Christmas Market on Saturday 2nd December and runs until Sunday 10th December. Please see the poster at the back of church for more information.

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

Join us for the Christingle Service



Sunday 10th December
4.00 pm
St Laurence Church
Upminster

Raising Funds for
The Children's Society
For info: 01708 220696

