

The Church of Saint Laurence, Upminster

PORCHTALK



1st September 2024 *Fourteenth 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.

Today	Holy Communion	8.00 am
1 st September	Sung Parish Mass with Baptism Welcome	9.30 am
<i>14th Sunday after Trinity</i>	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
Tuesday	Adventurers' Leaders Meeting, Parish Office	8.00 pm
3 rd September		
Wednesday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
4 th September	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
<i>Birinus, bishop, 650</i>	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
	Building Improvements Fund Raising Committee Meeting, Parish Office	7.30 pm
Thursday	Organ Teaching	2.00 pm
5 th September	Organ Teaching	8.00 pm
Friday	Organ Teaching	9.00 am
6 th September	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
Saturday	Organ Teaching	9.30 am
7 th September		
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
8 th September	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>15th Sunday after Trinity</i>	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

Evensong readings this Sunday: Exodus 12:21-27; Matthew 4:23-5:20

Mass readings next Sunday: Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-10, 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

Evensong readings next Sunday: Exodus 14:5-end; Matthew 6:1-18

Saturday Pathsweepers: 7th – Mowat and Perchard. **Coffee:** 8th – Penny, Clive and Jane.

Please let Revd Susannah 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

During our Parish Mass today we welcome Max and Erin Turner and their family following Max and Erin's recent baptism.

Ride & Stride with Heritage Open Day: Saturday 14th September. Stewards are needed to welcome visitors throughout the day, help set up in the morning and to put everything away again at the end of the day. Please use the sheet at the back of church to sign up for a slot. If you would like to contribute with sponsorship for our striders please take a form, which are also at the back of church. If you would like to join the walking team or know more about Ride and Stride, please speak with Rob Brabner - 01708 457578 or with Susannah.

Alan Smith, one time server and member of the congregation at St Laurence, died peacefully recently at Scunthorpe Hospital. His funeral will take place at St Mary's Church, Barton upon Humber, North Lincolnshire on 3rd September at 2pm.

Church Building Improvements Fundraising: Answers to Carole's latest quiz are now displayed on the notice board at the back of church. Thank you for all who took part and donated towards the fund-raising project.

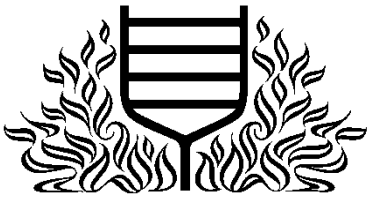
September has dawned and our Autumn Fayre is less than 6 weeks away, on October 12th. Many thanks to all of you who have been crafting away over the summer – the handmade stall is going to be fantastic! Now we are looking for prizes for the tombola – all sorts of small goodies, e.g. toiletries, nick-nacks for adults and children, etc. We will also be in need of all your delicious homemade cakes and treats (undoubtedly the most popular stall at the Fayre last year!). If you prefer not to donate items, perhaps you could spare some time on the day to help run a stall – the more volunteers we have, the easier this job will be! Let's make this year's event even more successful than last year's. Thank you!

Coffee, Cake, Cards and Chat featuring a 'Raffle with a Difference'. Friday 22nd November at 10.30am in the Main Hall.

Hornchurch Bell Ringers Coach Outing to Suffolk, Saturday 14th September leaving St Andrew's Church at 8am returning by 9pm. Visiting Bures, Sudbury, Edwardstone and Lavenham. Approx. £40 including coach and evening meal. (Lunch is own arrangements in Sudbury). Please contact Clive on 07896 342010. Members of the public are very welcome.

The Season of Creation runs between 1st September and 4th October. There will be events running throughout and culminating in an afternoon at Chelmsford Cathedral on Wednesday 2nd October. Please see the poster at the back of church or visit www.chelmsford.anglican.org/season-of-creation-2024 for more information.

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



AT THE MASS

1st September 2024

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Introit 584 All my hope on God is founded

Setting A New People's Mass - Murray

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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.**

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9

Moses spoke to the people; he said:

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Responsorial Psalm 15

Colin Mawby



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Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may rest upon your holy hill?
Whoever leads an un-corrupt life and does the thing that is right;

Who speaks the truth from the heart and bears no deceit on the tongue; Who
does no evil to a friend and pours no scorn on a neighbour;

In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed, but who honours those who fear
the Lord. Whoever has sworn to a neighbour and never goes back on that
word;

James 1:17-end

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming
down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow
due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word
of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow
to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's
righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of
wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the
power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.
For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look
at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away,
immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect
law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers
who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive
their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled
before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their
distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Alleluia

Celtic

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

Offertory hymn 748 O Jesus I have promised

Communion hymn 800 The Lord's my shepherd

Final hymn 823 Who would true valour see

Organ Voluntary Fantasy on 'Lasst Uns Erfreuen' – Rosalie Bonighton

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: Linly Lo-Yee, Revd Catherine Towner, June Mason, Alan Butcher, Camilla Jackson, Chris Barnard, Mary Ann Madden, Rosalind Manley, Michael McSweeney, Aloma Moore, Charles Osmond, Simon Pols, Brian Shaw, James Tape, Rosemary Watkins, Glynis Whiting, Sylvia Wilson, Victoria Wright.

Wednesday: Denise Comer, Baby Charles, Bob Bossey, Florence Collins, Doreen, Michael Folkes, Mary Greig, Shirley Gunary, William Holden, Fr Tom Keighley, Stanley Oliver.

Additional Prayers: All those receiving Home Communion.

Recently departed: Alan Smith, Tanya Hall, Helen Iddenden-Smith, Jacque Winsper, Fr David Meakin.

Anniversaries of the departed: Tony Mason, Vera Napier, Ruth Cator, Frank Edwards, Arthur Salter, Keith Bonny.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER: THE ESSEX COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Essex Community Foundation provides grants to charities and voluntary organisations in Essex.

They do this by working with individuals, families, businesses and charitable trusts, helping them to find and fund local groups that are tackling the issues they care about most.

They were set up by an Essex couple when they sold the family sweet-making business, Trebor, to Cadbury's in 1989. Ian and Angela Marks decided to give back to the county where their family had lived and worked for generations.

Ian and Angela believed that a community foundation could provide the route through which people could come together, make donations and support charities and voluntary groups in their local area that were improving the lives of local people. It could also foster a stronger sense of community spirit.

Thanks to the vision of Ian and Angela, they have grown to support hundreds of organisations each year and continue to inspire more and more people to join them in growing their funds to make an even bigger impact.

Their Vision remains to encourage strong, generous communities – an Essex where everyone works together to enhance the quality of local life.

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.



HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

8am Mass and 9.30am Parade Service

At our services we will be collecting donations of money and food for the Harold Hill Foodbank

Celebratory Lunch in the Main Hall

12.30pm for 1pm - Adults £10, U12s £2.50

*For lunch tickets please phone 01708 223 744
or email parish.office@upminsterparish.co.uk*



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.....

If you would like to know about sponsorship, please pick up a leaflet from the back of church or speak to Jean and Cheryl (Churchwardens), Susannah (Rector) or Joanne (Parish Administrator).

ST LAURENCE CHURCH CARE OF CREATION



Simple Swap No.7 - To reduce plastic waste and for more natural ingredients swap to a refillable deodorant such as Fussy, available from Tesco, or Wild available from Holland & Barrett.

Toothpaste tubes are difficult to recycle. Consider swapping to refillable toothpaste from Life Supplies. It is a cleaner but, more expensive option, costing approximately £13 for a 3-4 month supply. Initial purchase of the refillable bottle is an optional additional cost.

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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

**Revd Susannah sends a weekly email about services, news and events.
Please email her if you would like to receive her emails.**