

The Church of Saint Laurence, Upminster

PORCHTALK



8th September 2024 *Fifteenth 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
8 th September	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>15th Sunday after Trinity</i>	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
Monday	Organ Teaching	11.00 am
9 th September	Organ Teaching	5.15 pm
	CM&FG Meeting, Parish Office	8.00 pm
Tuesday	Confirmation Preparation Session, Parish Office	7.30 pm
10 th September		
Wednesday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
11 th September	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
	Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel	4.15 pm
	Halls Committee Meeting, Parish Office	7.30 pm
Thursday	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
12 th September		
Friday	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
13 th September		
Saturday	Ride & Stride and Heritage Open Day	10 am – 4 pm
14 th September		
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
15 th September	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Holy Cross Day</i>	Baptism	12 noon
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

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

Mass readings next Sunday: Numbers 21:4-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

Evensong readings next Sunday: Isaiah 63:1-16; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Coffee: 15th – Sally and Michelle

Please let Revd Susannah, Revd Neil 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

Ride & Stride with Heritage Open Day is next Saturday, 14th September. We still need Stewards 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.

The Parish Office will be closed this week as Joanne is on leave. Any scheduled meetings will take place as planned.

Painting the church railings and gates. I am looking for volunteers to spare an hour or two on Tuesday 1st October to help brush down and then paint the church railings and gates. We are very fortunate in that Jane Lindsey has organised a group of fellow employees from Metro Bank to come along and give their time, but it would not be right if members of the congregation could not help as well. It is not a difficult task, does not involve ladders, interior decorating skills, nor a degree from art college!

If you can spare an hour or two, please speak with me as soon as possible. Wire brushes and paint will be supplied and you would only need some suitable clothes and a paint brush.

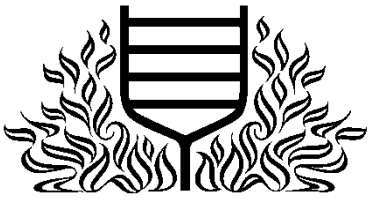
Church Building Improvements Fundraising: Answers to Carole's latest quiz are now displayed on the notice board at the back of church. Thank you for all who took part and donated towards the fund-raising project.

September has dawned and our Autumn Fayre is less than 5 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.

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

8th September 2024

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Introit 742 O for a thousand tongues

Setting Mass of St Thomas – Thorne

Collect of the Day

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.**

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Gradual hymn 639 Give thanks with a grateful heart

James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Alleluia

Plainsong

Gospel

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Offertory hymn	675 Immortal love for ever full
Anthem	Author of life divine (Rhosymedre) Text: Charles Wesley. Music: John Edwards
Communion hymn	358 Be still for the presence of the Lord
Final hymn	765 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Organ Voluntary	Sarabande & Interlude – Herbert Sumsion

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

Wednesday: 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.

Additional Prayers: All those receiving Home Communion.

Anniversaries of the departed: Arthur Salter, Keith Bonny, Valentine Brabner, Jake Robertson, Doreen Elsam.



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*



CHARITY OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER: ESSEX COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Donation envelopes are available at the back of church.

Essex Community Foundation,
3 Hoffmanns Way, Chelmsford, CM1 1GU.
Registered Charity Number 1052061
Company Number 3062567.



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.

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).

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.

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.

The poster features a central rectangular frame with a decorative border of autumn leaves. The text is arranged as follows:

**Raising funds for
St Laurence Church
Building Improvements**



**Autumn
Fayre**

**Saturday 12 October
10.00 am - 3.00 pm**

St Laurence Church Main Hall,
Corbets Tey Rd, Upminster
RM14 2BB

With

**Handmade crafts,
cakes, cards, small
local businesses,
fun and games**

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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.**