

The Church of Saint Laurence, Upminster

PORCHTALK



Sunday 29th September 2024 *Harvest Festival*

Welcome to Saint Laurence.

Adventurers (groups for children and young people) will not meet this morning. 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
29 th September	Sung Parish Mass, Parade Service with	
<i>Harvest Festival</i>	Baptism Welcome	9.30 am
	Harvest Festival Lunch, Main Hall	12.30 pm
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
Monday	Footsteps in Church	9.30 am
30 th September		
Tuesday	Painting of Churchyard railings and gates	9.30 am
1 st October	Confirmation Preparation Session, Parish Office	7.30 pm
Wednesday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
2 nd October	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
Thursday	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
3 rd October		
Friday	Organ Teaching	9.00 am
4 th October	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
6 th October	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Dedication Festival</i>	Solemn (Choral) Evensong, Procession, Benediction	6.30 pm

Evensong readings this Sunday: Daniel 10:4-end; Revelation 5

Mass readings next Sunday: Genesis 28:11-18; 1 Peter 2:1-10; John 10:22-29

Evensong readings next Sunday: Jeremiah 7:1-11; Luke 19:1-10

Saturday Pathsweepers: 5th - Thomas and Stewart. **Coffee:** 6th - Joan, Christine and Julie

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

We welcome Olivia and her family to the 9.30am Mass this morning following Olivia's recent baptism.

At both services this morning we will be collecting donations of money and food for the Harold Hill Foodbank. Please note that refreshments after the 9.30 Mass will be served in the Derham Hall.

Please gather for the Harvest Lunch today in the Minor Hall from 12.30pm. Lunch will be served in the Main Hall from 1pm.

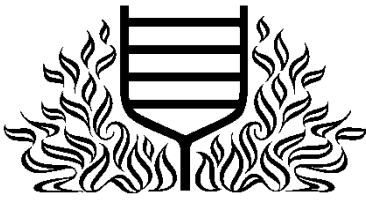
Autumn Fayre Raffle tickets are on sale from today (see Christine Clifford and Sarah Keen). We have some lovely prizes: Tesco hamper of treats; Tesco cooking set; Radley leather handbag; a bottle of Tawny Port; £44 gift voucher from Sweet Rose Tearoom & Cakery, Upminster (equates to afternoon tea for 4 at current prices but can be spent on anything from the menu), We thank Tesco's, Sweet Rose and others who have donated prizes for their generous support. **The Fayre is now less than 2 weeks away** and it's shaping up to be a great community event but we still need a couple more volunteers on the day please! We would also love to have some help from 8pm on Friday 11th October, to set up the hall in advance. Are you a baker? We are in need of your tasty home-made treats for our cake stall! If you can help with any of the above, or have any other donations, please see Sarah or email stlaurencefundraising@gmail.com. Thank you!

Painting the church railings and gates. Thank you to those who have indicated their availability to help the team from Metro Bank to paint the railings and gates on Tuesday 1st October. We start at 9.30am. Please come in suitable clothing with your paint brush/es and, if you have one, a wire brush. Coffee/tea will be organised. Chris Mowat

Everybody is very welcome to Choral Evensong and Benediction in church on Sunday 6th October which is in place of the usual Said Service on Zoom. This will be for Dedication Sunday where we give thanks for the founding of this church.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School's Open Evening takes place on Wednesday 2nd October at 6pm. The school often has places available for children of other Christian denominations and encourages anyone from Upminster who would appreciate a Christian education for their child to visit.

Confirmation service, Sunday 13th October - this will take place at 6pm at St John's, Havering-atte-Bower. Paul from our congregation will be confirmed and Ian will be baptised and confirmed. You are warmly invited to come along and support them. If you are intending to come, please let Susannah know so that we have some idea of numbers.



AT THE MASS

Sunday 29th September 2024

Harvest Festival

8am Mass only

For 9.30am please use separate service sheet.

Collect of the Day

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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.**

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 6:25-33

Jesus said to his disciples 'Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly

Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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, Camilla Jackson, Chris Barnard, Paul Jackman, Mary Ann Madden, Rosalind Manley, Michael McSweeney, 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, Alan Jones.

Additional Prayers: All those receiving Home Communion. Paul who is to be confirmed and Ian who is to be baptised and confirmed on 13th October. The Revd James Rigby and his family as they settle into life at St Luke’s and Moor Lane Church.

Anniversaries of the departed: Bob Bowman, Arthur May (Priest), Bert Groves, Doris Moore, Shirley Hodgson, Steve Sowden, Barbara Rawle, Helen Clark-Lockwood, Elsie Prudden, Joan Parish, George Greenland, Marilyn Rawle, Jack Collins, Pat Shore, Charles Fillery, Sylvia Evans.

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).

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.

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.

NOTICES CONTINUED

Ride & Stride. Our 7 walkers, plus Ruby the dog, visited 15 local churches on Saturday 7th September and on the following Saturday a further 20 churches in London. We are still able to accept your sponsorship. The money we raise will be split 50/50 between the Friends of Essex Churches Trust and St Laurence Church. St Laurence also received a £15,000 grant towards last year's repair works. For more information on the Friends visit: www.friendsofessexchurches.org.uk. If you are able to sponsor us please speak with Rob Brabner (01708 457578) or Susannah. Thank you to those who have already given, your support has been gratefully received.

Christingle will be on Sunday 8th December. As we no longer have a Children's Society Committee, we are asking for volunteers to prepare the oranges on Friday 6th December and to assist at the service on the 8th. If you would like to be involved, please see Susannah by 13th October. We can only hold the service if enough volunteers come forward.

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

Raising funds for
St Laurence Church
Building Improvements



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

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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.**