

The Church of Saint Laurence, Upminster

PORCHTALK



27th October 2024 *Bible 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 Main Hall after the 9.30 Mass.

Today	Holy Communion	8.00 am
27 th October	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Bible Sunday</i>	Baptism	12 noon
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
Wednesday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
30 th October	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
Thursday	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
31 st October		
Friday	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
1 st November		
Saturday	Organ Teaching	9.30 am
2 nd November		
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
3 rd November	Procession and Sung Parish Mass with Baptism	
<i>All Saints' Sunday</i>	Welcome	9.30 am
	Commemoration of All Souls'	6.30 pm

Evensong readings this Sunday: Deuteronomy 32:1-4; John 14:15-26

Mass readings next Sunday: Wisdom 3:1-9; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

All Souls' readings next Sunday: Lamentations 3:17-26; John 5:19-25

Saturday Pathsweepers: Mowat and Skinner. **Coffee:** 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

Commemoration of All Souls': There will be a service of remembrance held at 6.30pm on Sunday 3rd November at which we will be remembering those now apart from us through death. If you would like people included in our prayers please write their name(s) on the sheet on the cabinet by the main door or contact Joanne in the Parish Office by email.

We will be dressing the church with white lily flowers, if you would like to donate money towards the cost of the lilies please speak with Jean Keen or Cheryl Hale.

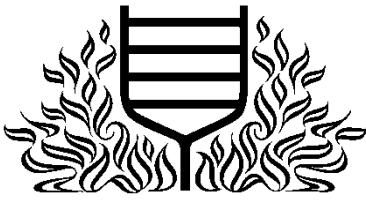
Remembrance Sunday: There will be a Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial on Sunday 10th November at 10.45am. Extra people will be needed to assist with giving out service sheets. If you can help please give your name to Jean Keen or Cheryl Hale, thank you.

June Mason's funeral will be taking place in church on Thursday 14th November at 12 noon and will be a Requiem Mass. There will be refreshments directly afterwards at Top Meadow Golf Club. Please let Susannah know if you would like to attend afterwards to assist with the catering.

A massive thank-you to everybody who helped at the **Autumn Fayre**. We raised the magnificent total of £2476 for the Building Improvement Project, including £572 from the raffle alone (an impressive £216 on the day itself). These events take a lot of planning so we are very grateful to Sarah Keen and Debbie Stewart for their hard work beforehand and to all of you who ran or organised stalls, served refreshments, and made lunches for the helpers. Sally Thomson's Guides got involved too by running the Treasure Hunt and Sweets in the Jar. The Raffle winners were Ian Mitchell (Sweet Rose Cakery Afternoon Tea Voucher); Chris Mowat (Cooking Set); Joan Prudden (Tesco's Hamper); Daphne Martineau (Radley Handbag); Sally Thomson (Port); John Leaback and Brenda Brind (both Baylis & Harding Gift Sets). Mia from the Guides won the Treasure Hunt and Isabel Masterson won the Sweets in the Jar.

Coffee, Cake, Cards and Chat featuring a 'Raffle with a Difference': Friday 22nd November from 10.30am - 12pm in the Main Hall in aid of St Laurence Church Building Improvements.

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



AT THE MASS

27th October 2024

Bible Sunday

Introit 810 Thou whose almighty Word

Setting The Addington Service - Shephard

Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Isaiah 55:1-11

The Lord says this:

Everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Gradual hymn 389 Spirit of God

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge

you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Alleluia

Taizé

John 5:36-end

Jesus said to the Jews “I have a testimony greater than John’s. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

‘You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?’

Offertory hymn

390 Thanks to God whose word was spoken

Communion hymn

383 Lord, thy word abideth

Final hymn

505 Tell all the world of Jesus

Organ Voluntary

‘Litanies’ by Jehan Alain

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, Paul Jackman, Noel Lyons, Mary Ann Madden, Rosalind Manley, Charles Osmond, Simon Pols, Brian Shaw, James Tape, Rosemary Watkins, Glynis Whiting, Sylvia Wilson, Camilla Jackson, Revd Catherine Towner, Hugh Winn.

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, Chris Barnard.

Additional Prayers: All those receiving Home Communion.

Recently departed: June Mason, Margaret Walker, John Newman.

Anniversaries of the departed: William Sharp, Betty Reeves, May Lawes, Bill Jordan, Florence Smith, Lance Jackson, Richard Drozdowski, Florence Masterson, Nancy Rowe, Richard Marrable, Wilfred Murrell, John Bowman, Johanna Cox, Frank Norledge, Maurice Wilson, Leonard Hall.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH OCTOBER: GLAUCOMA UK

Donation envelopes are available at the back of church.

Glaucoma UK, Woodcote House,
15 Highpoint Business Village, Henwood,
Ashford, Kent, TN24 8DH.

Registered Charity Number 274681.

Company Number 1293286.



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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.....

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.8 - Toilet Paper. Swap to 100% recycled loo paper. There are many companies offering different options for recycled loo paper with varying costs. Supermarkets are an easy option. For cost comparison: *Aldi Everyday Toilet Paper in plastic packaging £2.89 for 9 rolls – 15p per 100 sheet, Sainsburys Recycled in paper packaging £3.30 for 9 rolls – 17p per 100 sheets.*

The Course in Christian Studies is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith with others from across the Diocese. Taster sessions for the 2025 course are detailed on the poster at the back of church. To book please visit: chelmsford.anglican.org/vocations-and-discipleship/discipleship/course-in-christian-studies or contact Joanne in the parish office.

Christian Aid recently held a prayer vigil to mark one year since the conflict in the Holy Land intensified. Resources for praying for peace can be found on their website: www.christianaid.org.uk - as well as details of how to donate to their appeal helping victims in Gaza.

Haverling Singers Autumn Concert: Saturday 16th November at 7:30 pm in St Peter's Church, Harold Wood. Adults £15, children free, tickets available at: www.haverlingsingers.org.uk/buy-tickets/

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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.**