

The Church of Saint Laurence, Upminster

PORCHTALK

17th March 2019 *Second Sunday of Lent*

Welcome to Saint Laurence. Adventurers (groups for children and young people) meet during the 9.30 am Mass in term-time. 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 17 th March <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	Holy Communion Sung Parish Mass with Baptism Welcome Said Compline	8.00 am 9.30 am 6.30 pm
Monday 18 th March		
Tuesday 19 th March	Adventurers' Meeting, Parish Office	7.30 pm
Wednesday 20 th March <i>Cuthbert, bishop, missionary</i>	<i>NB: The Parish Office is closed today</i> Staff Meeting, Parish Office Memorial Service for Jean Blow Lent Group, Parish Office	9.10 am 11.00 am 7.30 pm
Thursday 21 st March	Service, Little Gaynes Home Lent Lunch, Minor Hall Lunchtime Concert Choir Practice	11.00 am 12.15 pm 1.05 pm 7.45 pm
Friday 22 nd March	Lent Group, Parish Office Coffee Morning, Main Hall Stations of the Cross, St Joseph's Church	10.00 am 10.30 am 7.30 pm
Saturday 23 rd March		
Next Sunday 24 th March <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	Holy Communion Sung Parish Mass PCC Meeting, Parish Office Said Compline	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.15 am 6.30 pm

Compline reading this Sunday: Luke 14:27-33. **Mass readings next Sunday:** Isaiah 55:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9. **Compline reading next Sunday:** John 1:35-end

Morning and Evening Prayer: 8.45 am Tuesday to Thursday, 4.30 pm Wednesday

Coffee: Bev, Maureen and Deborah

Please let Fr Roy 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 with or visit from him for any reason.

Notices

This morning we welcome and thank Fr Mike Power from St Edwards, Romford, who will be celebrating at 8am, and Marco Lopes who will be preaching at both 8am and 9.30am services. Marco is an Ordinand from St Mellitus College.

During our Parish Mass today we welcome Georgina Edge as a baptised member of the Church.

Rector's Remarks from the APCM. If you were unable to be at the APCM last Sunday copies of the Rector's Remarks are available. Please see a Sidesperson if you would like a copy.

PCC Members: Please note there will be a PCC Meeting in the Parish Office on Sunday 24th March at 11.15am.

Hazel, Sally and the family would like to say a big thank you for the many cards, kind words, financial donations and prayers that we have received following mum's death. We are blessed to have such a loving extended family at St Laurence and have really felt the power of your prayers as we come to terms with our loss.

Jean and Sarah would like to thank everyone who helped, in any way, to make Edward's funeral such an uplifting occasion. The myriads of cards and messages we have received and the numbers attending the service itself have shown us in what love and esteem he was held and have been a wonderful comfort and support to us at such a sad time. Thank you all so very much.

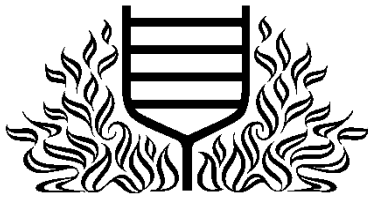
Gill Roome will be selling her handmade greeting cards in the Main Hall following the 9.30 Mass next Sunday, 24th March, in aid of our Lent Charities.

Lunchtime Concerts at 1.05pm to 1.50pm are free to attend and open to all who would like to come. 21st March – Tiago Gomes, guitar, from London and 4th April – Anna Lapwood, organ, from Pembroke College, Cambridge.

Mothering Sunday Daffodil Posies will be made up on Friday 29th March from 9.30am. If you can help please speak with Rita Pike. Donations of greenery can be left in the church tower on Thursday 28th March, thank you.

15th June Summer Fête and BBQ. Volunteers are needed to help set up and take down the stalls and tables for this event. Please sign up on the sheet on the notice board in the church tower if you can help.

The Camerata Singers present: An evening of beautiful choral music, sacred and secular. Hosted by the Friends of Essex Churches Trust at Holy Trinity Church, Pleshey on Saturday 30th March at 7pm. Tickets £15 each, drinks and canapés included. Contact Victoria Toler on 01376 572197 or email to vtolerfect@hotmail.co.uk



AT THE MASS

17th March 2019
Second Sunday of Lent

Introit 228

Setting A New People's Mass - *Dom Gregory Murray*

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 27

Keith Duke



The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be a-fraid?

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The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid, and though there rise up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek his will in his temple.

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Lent Prose

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us : for we have sinned against thee.

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated : bow down and hearken to thy weeping children : pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 13:31-end

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to

gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Offertory hymn 312

Anthem Mine eyes for beauty pine – *Herbert Howells*

Communion 500
hymns 460

Final hymn 372

Organ voluntary Herr, Ich habe Missgehandelt – *F.W Marpug*

Lent Lunches

Served in the Minor Hall from 12.15pm to 1.30pm and everyone will be made welcome

Thursday's March 21st and 28th
and April 4th and 11th

The cost of lunch is a donation to our Lent charities:
Little Havens Hospice and Saint Francis Hospice.



Lent Course

The Prophetic Voice of the Church

This course is open to anyone who would like to attend and will be held in the Parish Office on:

Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm to 8.30pm
March 20th and 27th
April 3rd and 10th

Friday mornings from 10am to 11am
March 22nd and 29th
April 5th and 12th



March and April Lenten Charities: Little Havens Hospice and St Francis Hospice

Little Havens cares for children and young people, up to the age of 19, and their families from Essex and the surrounding London Boroughs. Whether caring for a child or young person for years, months or even hours they can make a real difference to their life. They focus on the individual needs of the children they care for, 'making every day count'.



At Little Havens the whole family is looked after. This may include emotional or educational support for the child's siblings, counselling for parents, grandparents and carers or assistance with social issues. They also provide family accommodation.



St Francis Hospice is an independent charity and one of the largest adult hospices in the UK. It's been 34 years since they first opened their doors. Their existence is thanks to a local group of passionate people who supported the ideas and approach of the hospice movement. The theory of prioritising the things that really matter in life and placing humanity above institutional procedure still lie at the heart of the work they do today.

Their team of specialist consultants, doctors, nurses and a range of other health and social care professionals provide care and support to individuals with a life-limiting illness, as well as their carers and family members, completely free of charge. They serve the populations of Havering, Brentwood, Barking & Dagenham, Redbridge and West Essex

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

Address

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The prayer lists are updated on the first day of each month. If you would like to renew or add a name to the list, please fill in a form at the back of church and leave it in the Prayer Box. Those on the list for Special Concern will be held in our prayers every Sunday and will be mentioned by name either at 8.00 am or 9.30 am. Please remember all in your prayers throughout the week.

Special concern:

(8.00 am) Jim Turner, Edgar Iffland, Michael McSweeney, Lorna Wells, Albert and Jean Clements.

(9.30 am) Yvonne Rattley, Pat Silverlock, Agnes Trievner, Pam, Nick Hale, Hayden Keeling, Steven Roome.

Those receiving Home Communion this week: Pauline Wheeler and other residents of Freshfields Residential Home, Phyllis Knight, Residents of Derham House Nursing Home.

The departed: Jean Blow, Edward Keen, Marjorie Todd.

Anniversaries: Harry Pasquale, Hilda Halestrap, Alf Todd, Albert Parish, Geoffrey Piper, Freda Soko, Hilda King, Evelyn Metson, Stan Matthews, Janet and Norman Vigers, Jean Bond, Phil Norledge, Ruth Cross.

Please remember those who mourn.

If you would like a name added to the Anniversary list please speak to the Parish Office.

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Daily Prayers, Psalms and Readings are included in the *Time for God* Prayer Diary which you can receive on request. You may also wish to use the *Time for God* Daily Office. If you would like to receive the Prayer Diary, or would like further information, please contact the Parish Office with your contact details (email address or postal address). If you would like to update any of the 'People' information on the Prayer Diary, please speak to Nick Butler on nickbutlerupm@gmail.com or 07792123630.