

The Church of Saint Laurence, Upminster

PORCHTALK

5th May 2019 *Third Sunday of Easter*



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	Holy Communion	8.00 am
5 th May	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	Said Evensong	6.30 pm
Monday		
6 th May		
Tuesday	Parish Office Closed today	
7 th May		
Wednesday	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.10 am
8 th May	Mass	11.00 am
<i>Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer</i>	PCC Meeting, Parish Office	7.30 pm
Thursday	Choir Practice	7.45 pm
9 th May		
Friday	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
10 th May		
Saturday	Children's Society Fun Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
11 th May		
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
12 th May	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	Said Evensong	6.30 pm

Evensong readings this Sunday: Isaiah 38:9-20; John 11:27-44

Mass readings next Sunday: Acts 9:36-end; Revelation 7:9-end; John 10:22-30

Evensong readings next Sunday: Isaiah 63:7-14; Luke 24:36-49

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

Saturday Pathsweepers: Masterson and Lillington **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

Carole's Quiz: Completed sheets can be given to a sides-person this morning or to Carole at Friday's coffee morning.

Well done and thank you to all who helped to raise the total of £2,036.36 during March and April for Little Havens and St Francis hospices.

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 7th May.

Children's Society Fun Morning 11th May. If you are able to make a cake for the cake stall we would be very grateful. Please leave in the parish office, give to Joan Prudden or one of the Children's Society Committee members, thank you.

Lunchtime Concerts: 1.05pm to 1.50pm with free admission. Thursday 2nd May - James Parsons, organ and Thursday 16th May - Charlotte Diamond and Claire Habbershaw, Mezzo-Soprano and Piano.

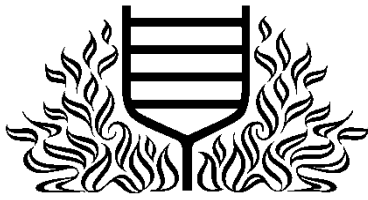
St Laurence Church Building Improvements Committee and Choir Association are holding a joint Summer Fete and BBQ on Saturday 15th June from 1 to 6pm.

St Laurence has a very supportive community with the congregation actively involved in many parts of church life. Time is valuable and whilst it is often difficult to offer more, we are asking every member of the church to give at least 30 minutes of their time to support this event. This might be to help set up the stalls in the morning or take them down in the late afternoon, to take a turn in managing a stall, to generally be available to help, to manage the car park control, sell raffle tickets, help with the BBQ or support behind the scenes in the run up to the event. With collective help we will be able to move towards the vision of our Church Improvement.

There are forms at the back of the church, please put your details down indicating how and when you can help. Alternatively, please speak to one of the committee members or Joanne in the office. There are many small tasks that need not be onerous. We are looking forward to a very enjoyable day. Thank you.

From Adelaide and Gordon Wesley. Many of you will know that our daughter Sarah's one year old James has a chronic liver condition. Sarah will be doing a marathon distance throughout the month of May to raise money for the charity 'The Children's Liver Disease Foundation'. If you would like to sponsor Sarah, she would be very grateful. You can do so via Sarah's contact page <https://mmm19.everydayhero.com/uk/my-may-marathon> or, alternatively, we would be happy to receive donations towards the charity on Sarah's behalf. Thank you.

Gridiron is seeking an editor for two issues per year. If you would like to join our small team please speak with either Arlette Wiggins or Joanne Chapman. Editors meet informally throughout the year to keep in touch over a cup of coffee and a slice of cake.



AT THE MASS

5th May 2019

Third Sunday of Easter

Introit 30

Setting Mass of St Thomas - *David Thorne*

Collect of the Day

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and 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.**

Acts 9:1-6

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn 442

Revelation 5:11-end

I, John, looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Alleluia *Celtic*

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

John 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said

to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Offertory hymn 26

Anthem O sing unto the Lord – *Noel Rawsthorne*

Communion 108

hymns 246

Final hymn 27

Organ voluntary Fugue in G major – *Felix Mendelssohn*



FUN MORNING


SATURDAY 11th MAY

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

St. Laurence Church Main Hall,

Upminster RM14 2BB

**Facepainter Homemade Cakes Raffle
Handmade Cards Refreshments Attractions**



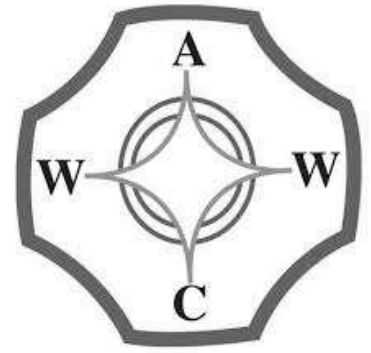
The
Children's
Society

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

For more information: 07957276317

Charity of the Month

Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) is the largest international organisation for rural women and has a uniquely down-to-earth approach, offering mutual support, friendship and practical help to its members. It funds group projects on literacy, health, education, nutrition, home economics, agriculture, income generation, water and sanitation, leadership and entrepreneurship. It also funds individual scholarships in social and community welfare.



The organisation has a membership of nine million in 75 countries worldwide. ACWW is entirely dependent for income on annual dues paid by Member Societies and Individual Member donations. It receives no government funding.

Thank you for your sponsorship... The flowers in church have been sponsored for May by Melvyn Gallagher "in memory of my mother Gwen".

Sponsorship Scheme: This scheme helps to finance our common life, worship and mission as a Christian community in Upminster. You might like to remember a loved one, or celebrate a wedding, anniversary, baptism or other special occasion that is significant for you or your family. All sponsorships go straight to church funds to finance the object sponsored. Please take a leaflet from the back of church or see Christine Foot for more details.

Can you help us light up the world in prayer? Join the global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray for more people to come to know Jesus Christ between Ascension (30th May) and Pentecost (9th June). Visit www.thykingdomcome.global to register your light and to find more information and resources. A free prayer journal is available from the back of church if you would like to take one.

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) Yvonne Rattley, Pat Silverlock, Agnes Trievner, Pam, Hayden Keeling, Steven Roome, Stewart Ranson.

(9.30 am) Jim Turner, Edgar Iffland, Michael McSweeney, Lorna Wells, Albert and Jean Clements, Poppy and Thomas, Ricky Hester, Alison.

Those receiving Home Communion this week: Margaret Roome, Jean Cant, Dorothy Sykes, Vera Richards, Brenda Taylor, Denise Comer.

The departed: Tracy Pepper, Esther Reid.

Anniversaries: Barbara Hill, Lucy Ellis, John Roome, Alf Ellis, Cecily Ashwin, Ron Wood, Dorothy Bradley, Betty Allan, Vic Dowding, Isabel McClellan.

Please remember those who mourn.

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

Please pray for: The people of Sri-Lanka; Young people preparing for exams.

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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.