

PORCHTALK



Sunday 12th October 2025 *Seventeenth 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 12 th October	Holy Communion	8.00 am
	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
	PCC Meeting, Parish Office	11.00 am
	First Communion Preparation, Parish Office	3.00 pm
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
Monday 13 th October	Organ Teaching	11.00 am
	Enquirers' Course Parish Office	13.00 pm
	Organ Teaching	4.30 pm
Tuesday 14 th October	Organ Teaching	9.15 am
Wednesday 15 th October <i>Teresa of Avila</i>	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
	Morning Prayers	11.00 am
Thursday 16 th October	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
Friday 17 th October	Cards, Cakes & Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
Next Sunday 19 th October 18 th Sunday after <i>Trinity</i>	Holy Communion	8.00 am
	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
	First Communion preparation, Parish Office	3.00 pm
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

Evensong readings this Sunday: Nehemiah 6:1-16; John 15:12-end

Mass readings next Sunday: Genesis 32:22-31; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Evensong readings next Sunday: Nehemiah 8:9-end; John 16:1-11.

Saturday Pathsweepers: 18th Brabner & Mowat **Coffee:** 19th – Sally & Michelle

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

A really big thankyou from Margaret and Colin Jarvis for all the kind thoughts and cards they received; and to all those that were able to help them celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary last Sunday after Mass.

Please note there will not be coffee mornings held on either Friday the 24th or Friday the 31st of October,

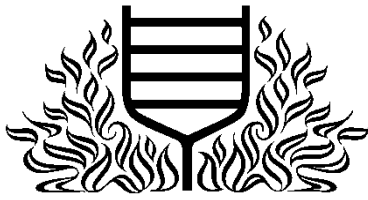
Different ministries in church life - could God be calling you to try something new? The life of our church is supported by the gifts and commitment of many different people. We are currently in need of more people to serve, lead prayers, welcome people to church, read and join the choir (choir commitment can be regularly or more occasionally). If you would like to find out more about any of these roles, please speak to Susannah or to any of the people currently involved in them. They are open to children and young people as well as adults. We would also like to continue our engagement with environmental issues and the Care of Creation - if anyone would like to be involved with this, please speak to Susannah.

Independent Examiner for the PCC Accounts: We are seeking an accountant who could assist on a voluntary basis with the annual independent examination of the church's accounts. If you may be able to help, please speak to Tony Bloomfield, our Treasurer, or to Susannah. (NB those who are PCC members or employees of St Laurence would not be eligible).

We will be holding our popular Cards, Cakes & Coffee Morning this Friday 17th October in the Main Hall in aid of our Building Improvements Project. Any Cake donations will be very welcome and should you wish to donate any cakes please contact Deborah Masterson or Joan Prudden.

Commemoration of All Souls': There will be a service of remembrance held at 6.30pm on Sunday 2nd 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 Verity in the Parish Office by email. We would very much like to serve refreshments afterwards as part of our mission and ministry to the recently bereaved but, can only do so if we have some people to help. Please see Susannah if you can. 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.

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



AT THE MASS

Sunday 12th October
17th Sunday after Trinity

Introit

667 Lord of the Dance

Setting

A New People's Mass - Murray

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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.**

2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15b

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.' But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry

and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; Naaman came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.'

Gradual hymn 639 Give thanks with a grateful heart

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David - that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful - for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Alleluia Taizé

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud

voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to the Samaritan, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Offertory hymn 451 Just as I am

Anthem Holy Spirit, gift bestower – Text: author unknown,
Music: Welsh traditional melody YR HUN GÁN

Communion hymn 427 Behold the Lamb

Final hymn 739 Now thank we all our God

Organ Voluntary Eclogue, Op10 – Gerald Finzi (Arr. R.Gower)

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: Pam Chapman, Keith Sharp, Barbara Izzard, Mary Ann Madden, Rosalind Manley, Charles Osmond, Simon Pols, Brian Shaw, Glynis Whiting, Sylvia Wilson, Maria, Marie Tyler.

Wednesday: Denise Comer, Baby Charles, Doreen, Michael Folkes, Mary Greig, Stanley Oliver, Alan Jones, Sandra Clarke, Michael McSweeney, Terry Evens

Additional Prayers: All those receiving Home Communion. Those preparing for First Communion.

Recently departed: David Anderton (Priest), Jane Goodall

Anniversaries of the departed: Charles Fillery, Sylvia Evans, Cecil Rowell, June Mason, Arthur Barwick, Donald Baker (Priest), Dorothea Baker, Kevin Harris, Lilian Sharp, David Pike, Richard Hennessy, Margaret Turner, Sid Cardy, Barbara Mowat, Dora Collins, David Hall, Audrey Comer, Norman Ward.

Ride and Stride 2025 Our church team of walkers visited 17 churches on the sponsored walk from Rainham back to Upminster - in aid of St Laurence Church and the valuable work of the Friends of Essex Churches Trust. We are still accepting contributions for the next couple of weeks - if you have not yet sponsored our walkers please see Rob Brabner or one of the Churchwardens, sponsorship forms are available on the table in the tower area near the notice boards. All contributions are most welcome and remember the church has had to meet some very large bills in the last year i.e new boilers and other repairs etc. Rob Brabner (01708 457578)

CHARITY OF THE MONTH OCTOBER -PARKINSON'S UK

Donation envelopes are on the notice board at the back of church.

Parkinson's UK
215 Vauxhall Bridge Road
London, SW1V 1EJ
Registered charity number 209603

PARKINSON'S^{UK}
CHANGE ATTITUDES.
FIND A CURE.
JOIN US.

DONATIONS

A cash collection will be taken during Sunday morning services for church funds, which support our mission and ministry including the upkeep of this historic site. If you do not carry cash, we also have a card machine located by the main door which can be used before or after the service.

If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider Gift Aiding your donation - either via the machine or (for cash) using the envelope available in the pew. This means that your donation will be worth more to the church but at no extra cost to you.

If you would like information about joining our Planned Giving scheme, leaflets are available from the back of church.

Thank you - 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.

AUTUMN ECO-FRIENDLY TIPS



As Autumn sets in, it is a suitable time to think ahead and plan for our Spring gardens. Friends of the Earth Havering have produced a handy guide to help us plant bee friendly plants that do not need pesticides and will flower throughout Spring, Summer, and Autumn.

Spring: Achillea, Cherry, Chives, Cowslip, Flowering Currant, Hawthorn, Hazel, Lesser Knapweed, Red Campion, Rosemary, Sage & Thyme

Summer: Angelica, Blackberry, Echinops/Globe Thistle, Fennel, Hyssop, Lemon Balm, Meadow Clary/Salvia, Oxeye Daisy, Scentless Mayweed, Selfheal, Water Aven, Wild Carrot.

Autumn: Buddleia, Centaurea, Cornflower, Escallonia, Greater Knapweed, Hebe, Lavender, Marjoram, Phacelia Tanacetifolia, Rock-Rose, Scabious, Sunflower.

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 Verity (Parish Administrator).

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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.**