

The Church of Saint Laurence, Upminster

PORCHTALK



6th April 2025 *Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passion 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.

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| Today | Holy Communion | 8.00 am |
| 6th April | Sung Parish Mass | 9.30 am |
| <i>5th Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday</i> | Palm Sunday read-through | 11.00 am |
| | Compline on Zoom | 6.30 pm |
| Monday | Organ Teaching | 9.00 am |
| 7th April | Organ Teaching | 11.00 am |
| Tuesday | Adventurers' Leaders Meeting, Parish Office | 10.30 am |
| 8th April | | |
| Wednesday | Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel | 8.45 am |
| 9th April | Staff Meeting, Parish Office | 9.00 am |
| <i>Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran pastor, martyr, 1945</i> | Said Mass, Lady Chapel | 11.00 am |
| | Lent Group, Parish Office | 11.45 am |
| | Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel | 4.15 pm |
| Friday | Coffee Morning, Main Hall | 10.30 am |
| 11th April | Organ Teaching | 2.15 pm |
| | Stations of the Cross, St Joseph's Church | 7.30 pm |
| Next Sunday | Holy Communion with Reading of the Passion | 8.00 am |
| 13th April | Liturgy of the Palms in the Main Hall, Procession and Sung Parish Mass with Reading of the Passion | 9.30 am |
| <i>Palm Sunday</i> | Compline on Zoom | 6.30 pm |

Compline reading this Sunday: Luke 22:1-13

Mass reading next Sunday: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Compline reading next Sunday: Isaiah 5:1-7

Coffee: 13th - Margaret, Colin, Christine and Carole

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

All are invited to celebrate the birthdays of Linda Lockwood and Debbie Stewart with cake and coffee in the Main Hall following the Parish Mass today.

Many thanks to all those who organized and supported our Lent lunch on Thursday 27th March. It was a lovely time of fellowship, with delicious soup while raising about £92.90 for WaterAid.

The 9.30am Mass next Sunday will start from the Main Hall and we will walk in procession outside before entering church for the service. If you wish not to take part in the procession, please go directly from the hall into church.

Holy Week and Easter: We will need donations of greenery to dress the Altar of Repose on Maundy Thursday. Please leave donations in the tower area on Tuesday 15th or Wednesday 16th April, thank you.

If you would like to make a donation towards Easter lilies, please give the money to one of the Churchwardens or clergy.

People are needed to have a foot washed on Maundy Thursday, 17th April, at the 8pm service and to stay for the watch afterwards, which, due to the current lack of heating, will be until 10pm only. We also need readers on Holy Saturday, 19th April, at 8pm. If you can volunteer, please speak with Susannah or sign up on the forms on the cabinet at the back of church.

Good Friday Children's Activities in the Main Hall, Friday 18th April between 12pm and 3pm. If your child/children would like to join in all or part of the time please contact Deborah at deborah.masterson@upminsterparish.co.uk or a member of the Clergy (contact details on back page).

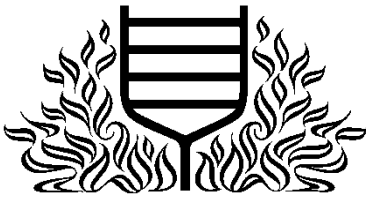
We will be holding short Easter Services at Little Gaynes Home on Thursday 24th April at 11am, Derham House Nursing Home on Tuesday 29th April at 10.30am and at The Oaks Home on Tuesday 6th May at 10.30am. If you feel you can support one or all of these events please speak to Susannah.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting: Sunday 27th April in Church after the Parish Mass. All are invited to attend and everyone on the electoral roll is able to vote. Please see Jean Keen, Cheryl Hale or Keith Stewart if you wish to check your entry on the Electoral Roll.

If you would be interested in standing to be a member of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) or as a Deanery Synod representative, please speak to Susannah, Jean Keen, Cheryl Hale or any other member of the current PCC.

Paul O'Neill will be confirmed at the Deanery Confirmation Service on Sunday 27th April at 4pm in St Nicholas Church, Elm Park. If you would like to support Paul by attending the service, please speak with Susannah or Jean Keen.

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



AT THE MASS

6th April 2025

*Fifth Sunday of Lent,
Passion Sunday*

Introit 671 I will sing the wondrous story

Setting St Anne's Mass - MacMillan

Collect of the Day

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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.**

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Responsorial Psalm 126

Keith Duke



The Lord has done great things for us and we re-joiced.

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When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with songs of joy.

Then said they among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.' The Lord has indeed done great things for us, and therefore we rejoiced. Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, as the river beds of the desert.

Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them.

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lent Prose

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

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting : falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced, save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

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| Offertory hymn | 145 It is a thing most wonderful |
| Anthem | Like as the hart (1998). Text: Psalm 42 vv 1-3. Music: Noel Rawsthorne |
| Communion hymn | 181 O sacred head, surrounded |
| Final hymn | 707 Lift high the Cross (omit * verses) |
| Organ Voluntary | Ciacona in E Minor, BuxWV 160 – Dietrich Buxtehude |

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: Neil Parsons, Gillian Clayton, Anne Hendra, Pam Chapman, Denise Comer, Baby Charles, Bob Bossey, Doreen, Michael Folkes, Mary Greig, Fr Tom Keighley, Stanley Oliver, Alan Jones, Sandra Clarke, Alice Sarpong, Michael McSweeney, Delyse Maggs, Terry Evens.

Wednesday: Mary Ann Madden, Rosalind Manley, Charles Osmond, Simon Pols, Brian Shaw, James Tape, Rosemary Watkins, Glynis Whiting, Sylvia Wilson, Camilla Jackson, Alan Butcher.

Additional Prayers: All those receiving Home Communion. Paul O'Neill preparing for Confirmation.

Anniversaries of the departed: Ron Green, Margaret Brereton, Diana Norledge, Iris Stewart, Marion Gunary, Don Mowat, Krystyna Wojtecka, Rene Knight, Diane Bonny, Ivy Brame, Joan Menah, Kathleen Jones, Jimmy Turner, Gladys May, Bess Jones.

QUIZ NIGHT

in aid of the Church Building Improvements Project.

Saturday 17th May, 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Main Hall.

Tickets £8 per person, tables of 8, come as a team or come to join a table of others. Bring your own food and drink if you wish. Please book in advance by 14th May with Joanne in the Parish Office or speak to Debbie Stewart or Susannah after a service.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH

APRIL: WATERAID

Donation envelopes are available at the back of church.

WaterAid, 6th Floor, 20 Canada Square, London, E14 5NN.

Registration number: 288701



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.

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).

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AT ST LAURENCE

Sunday 13th April (Palm Sunday)

- 8am Mass with Reading of the Passion
9.30am Liturgy of the Palms, Procession and Parish Mass with Reading of the Passion
6.30pm Compline on Zoom

Monday of Holy Week (14th April)

- 10.30am Children's service in the Derham Hall - story, Lego, prayers and refreshments

Tuesday of Holy Week (15th April)

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday of Holy Week (16th April)

- 11am Said Mass
4.30pm Evening Prayer

Maundy Thursday (17th April)

- 11.00am Chrism Mass at Chelmsford Cathedral
8pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by the Watch until 10pm

Good Friday (18th April)

- 10am Walk of Witness from Upminster Methodist Church
10.30am Churches Together Service in Upminster Park or Trinity Church if wet weather
12-3pm Children's Good Friday Activities in the Main Hall (please book in advance)
2-3pm Liturgy of the Day in church

Holy Saturday (19th April)

- 8pm Easter Vigil

Easter Day (20th April)

- 8am Said Mass
9.30am Parish Mass
No Evening Service



Building Faith

A new, informal early morning service for primary school aged children with their parents/carers

Refreshments, prayer, Bible story and building blocks activity

4th May, 1st June, 6th July
from 8am - 8.45am

Main Hall, St Laurence Church

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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.**