

PORCHTALK



Sunday 5th October 2025 *Dedication Festival*

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
5 th October	Building Faith, Main Hall	8.00 am
<i>Dedication Festival</i>	Procession and Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
Monday	Enquirers' Course Parish Office	1.00 pm
6 th October		
Wednesday	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
8 th October	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
<i>Denys, bishop, and companions, martyrs, c.250; Robert Grosseteste, bishop, philosopher, scientist 1253</i>	Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel	4.15 pm
Thursday	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
9 th October		
Friday	Organ Teaching	9.00 am
10 th October	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
	Organ Teaching	2.15 pm
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
12 th October	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>17th Sunday after Trinity</i>	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

Evensong readings this Sunday: Jeremiah 7:1-11; Luke 19:1-10

Mass readings next Sunday: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15b; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

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

Saturday Pathsweepers: 18th Brabner & Mowat **Coffee:** 12th Clive & Penny Edwards, Jane Lindsey

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

We welcome a member of the Hornchurch Ministry Team to preside and preach at the 8am Mass this morning.

During our 9.30 Parish Mass today we welcome the Revd Canon Dr Sarah Hills, Vicar of Holy Island to preach.

All are invited to celebrate Margaret and Colin Jarvis' 60th Wedding Anniversary this morning, with cake and wine in the Main Hall after the 9.30am Mass.

Harvest Festival Lunch: Thank you to everyone that participated in and contributed to a successful afternoon. With special thanks to David Goddard for sponsoring the wine for the lunch.

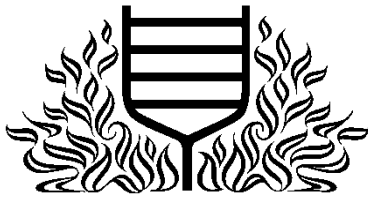
Independent Examiner for the PCC Accounts: We are seeking an accountant who could assist on a voluntary basis with the annual independent examination of the church's accounts. If you may be able to help, please speak to Tony Bloomfield, our Treasurer, or to Susannah. (NB those who are PCC members or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

Friday Coffee: We will be holding our popular **Cards, Cakes & Coffee Morning on Friday 17th October** in the Main Hall in aid of our Building Improvements Project. Once again, Gill Roome will be running her 'Raffle with a difference' which will be drawn during coffee after the 9.30am service on the following Sunday 19th October. Raffle prizes include a food hamper, a bottle of champagne, an air fryer, a chest of games and puzzles, a Scandi throw and Christmas cushion, and a hamper with Kipling handbag, scarf, socks, mug and Elemis toiletries. Cards and delicious home-made cakes will also be on sale then too! Cake donations will be very welcome

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.



AT THE MASS

Sunday 5th October 2025

Dedication Festival

Introit 814 Thy hand, O God, has guided

Setting The Addington Service – Shepard

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication
of this house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings
you have given to those who worship you here:
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple acceptable to you;
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.**

1 Chronicles 29:6-19

The leaders of ancestral houses made their freewill-offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of the thousands and of the hundreds, and the officers over the king's work. They gave for the service of the house of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. Whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the Lord, into the care of Jehiel the Gershonite. Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with single mind they had offered freely to the Lord; King David also rejoiced greatly. Then David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly; David said: 'Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, for ever and ever. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and

to give strength to all. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name. But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill-offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. I know, my God, that you search the heart, and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep for ever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts towards you. Grant to my son Solomon that with single mind he may keep your commandments, your decrees, and your statutes, performing all of them, and that he may build the temple for which I have made provision.'

Responsorial Psalm 122

Andrew Wright



I was glad when they said, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'—

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I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem;

Jerusalem, built as a city that is at unity in itself. Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. For there are set the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls and tranquillity within your palaces.'

Ephesians 2:19-22

You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Offertory hymn 715 Lord, for the years

Anthem Light of the lonely pilgrim's heart (1997) – Text:
Edward Denny, Music – Peter Nardone

Communion hymn 358 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Final hymn In our day of thanksgiving

In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer
For the saints who before us have found their reward;
When the shadow of death fell upon them, we sorrowed,
But now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.

In the morning of life, and at noon, and at even,
He called them away from our worship below;
But not till his love, at the font and the altar,
Had girt them with grace for the way they should go.

These stones that have echoed their praises are holy,
And dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;
Yet here they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims,
And still they were seeking the city of God.

Sing praise then, for all who here sought and here found Him,
Whose journey is ended, whose perils are past:
They believed in the Light; and its glory is round them,
Where the clouds of earth's sorrows are lifted at last.

Organ Voluntary Finale from the Organ Symphony Op.78 – Camille
Saint-Saëns arr. Maurizio Machella

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

Wednesday: Mary Ann Madden, Rosalind Manley, Charles Osmond, Simon Pols, Brian Shaw, Glynis Whiting, Sylvia Wilson, Maria, Marie Tyler

Additional Prayers: All those receiving Home Communion.

Recently departed: David Anderton (Priest)

Anniversaries of the departed: Steve Sowden, Barbara Rawle, Helen Clark-Lockwood, Elsie Prudden, Joan Parish, George Greenland, Marilyn Rawle, Jack Collins, Pat Shore, Charles Fillery, Sylvia Evans, Cecil Rowell, June Mason, Arthur Barwick

CHARITY OF THE MONTH OCTOBER : PARKINSON'S UK

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

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

Living with Parkinson's can feel overwhelming if you don't have the right support. Parkinson's UK helps people make the right decisions to stay in control of their life after diagnosis. When you live with a complex condition like Parkinson's, you need access to high quality local health and care services that meet your needs. Parkinson's UK work directly with the NHS to improve services for everyone with Parkinson's across the UK. They campaign for and fund specialist Parkinson's nurses, therapists and other health care professionals. And support them to give the best care possible. They also educate non-specialist health and care professionals so they better understand the condition

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



The free-to-visit Havering Low Energy Visitor Centre is showcasing various energy saving home improvements to help make it easier to learn about the energy saving products and how they will make our homes and offices become more efficient, ensuring we save money on our energy and help contribute to a greener environment. The Lodge at Raphael Park is well worth a visit. Everything from composters, a tapestry garden, swift boxes to different heating and energy choices. A wonderful place for us to get inspiration to start and continue our green journey. Visit <https://consultation.havering.gov.uk/low-energy-visitor-centre/> for more information.

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.

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Telephone

**Revd Susannah sends a weekly email about services, news and events.
Please email her if you would like to receive her emails.**