



23rd November 2025 *Christ the King*

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
23 rd November	Procession and Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Christ the King</i>	First Communion Preparation, Parish Office	3.00 pm
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
Monday	Footsteps, Lady Chapel	9.30 am
24 th November	Funeral of Barbara Izzard	11.30 am
	Organ Teaching	4.30 pm
Tuesday	Organ Teaching	9.15 am
25 th November	Beavers visit to Church	6.00 pm
Wednesday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
26 th November	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
	Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel	4.15 pm
Thursday	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
Friday	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
30 th November	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Advent Sunday</i>	Organ Teaching	3.00 pm
	Advent Carol Service	6.30 pm
	<i>NB No Evensong on Zoom</i>	

Evensong readings this Sunday: 1 Samuel 8:4-20; John 18:33-37

Mass readings next Sunday: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-end; Matthew 24:36-44

Saturday Pathsweepers: 29th Mowat & Perchard **Coffee:** 30th Clive, Penny & Jane

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

Today we will be making a presentation to Alan Butcher during the 9.30 Mass to thank him for his many years of service as Sacristan. This will be followed by special refreshments.

Also today Gill Roome will again be selling hand made cards at refreshments after the 9.30 mass. This will be in aid of The Children's Society which is the November Charity of the Month

Barbara Izzard's funeral will take place on Monday 24th November at 11.30am in church. It will be a Requiem Mass. There will be refreshments afterwards at Sir Henry's in Aveley.

Advent Book and Course - please note change of dates/times: Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani, our Diocesan Bishop, has written a book for Advent entitled 'Listening to the music of the soul'. It is widely available to purchase and you may wish to obtain a copy to read during Advent. We will be holding a parish discussion group to talk about the book together. This will now take place on Wednesdays after the 11am Mass (approx 11.45am-12.45pm) - 3rd, 10th and 17th December - in the Parish Office. Please let Susannah know if you would like to come to this group - and/or if you need assistance with ordering the book.

Christmas is coming, and it is time to give the church a clean through before the decorations go up. If you are able to lend a hand on Saturday 6th December from 10am please can you let Jean or Cheryl know so they are able to plan the session and the refreshments Thank you.

Cappella Singers of Upminster are holding their Christmas Concert in the Church on Thursday 4th December at 7.30pm. All are welcome, with free entry, but donations are welcome.

Carol Services: There will be an Advent Carol Service at 6.30pm on Sunday 30th November (Advent Sunday) and a Christmas Carol Service at 6.30pm on Sunday 21st December. All are very welcome to attend these beautiful services of seasonal music, prayers and readings. If you would like to do a reading, please sign the sheets at the back of church. We also need volunteers to serve mulled wine and mince pies after the service on 21st December - if you can help, please contact Susannah

The Annual Hall Mead Christmas Afternoon Tea is being held on Tuesday 16th December at 1.30pm at Hall Mead School and is free to attend. There will be food, drink and musical entertainment for the more elderly members of the

community. Please let Verity in the church office know if you wish to attend by Thursday 11th December.

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

AT THE MASS

23rd November

Christ the King

Introit 227 Crown him with many crowns

Setting Mass of St Thomas - Thorne

Collect of the Day

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Gradual hymn

728 Meekness and majesty

Colossians 1:11-20

Brothers and sisters:

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Alleluia

Celtic

Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over

him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Offertory hymn 593 At the name of Jesus

Anthem Fling wide the gates, unbar the ancient doors
Text:- Michael Perry, Music:- Sydney Nichols

Communion hymn 87 Thou who wast rich

Final hymn 645 God is our strength and refuge

Organ Voluntary No.VI Six Short Preludes & Postludes –
Charles Villiers Stanford

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, Josie Milford, Steve Martin, Vicki Hobbs, Mary Ann Madden, Rosalind Manley, Simon Pols, Brian Shaw, Glynis Whiting, Sylvia Wilson, Maria, Marie Tyler, David Lewin.

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: Barbara Izzard, Jenny Roberts, Charles Osmond

Anniversaries of the departed: Bert Shaw, Susan Bartlett, Bill Reading, Whyne Green, Edith Lovett, Walter Baker, Frank Morley, Stanley Oliver, Ethel Marshall, Carole Skinner, Michael Brabner.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

**The
Children's
Society**

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

The Children's Society, Whitecross Studios,
50 Banner Street, London, EC1Y 8ST.
Registered Charity Number 221124.

ECO-FRIENDLY TIPS



Now is a good time to look at investing and saving our money with a bank or institution that reflects our own values. The website Bank.green is a great place to start to find a bank that suits. Some banks, such as the Which? Banking Brand of the year, Nationwide, on occasions give a gift of money as a welcome to new clients.

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 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.**