

The Church of Saint Laurence, Upminster

PORCHTALK

24th August 2025 *Bartholomew the Apostle*

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
24 th August	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Bartholomew the Apostle</i>	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
Thursday	Interment of Ashes - Carmel Armstrong	9.50 am
28 th August		
Friday	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
29 th August		
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
31 st August	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</i>	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

Evensong readings this Sunday: Ecclesiasticus 39:1-10; Matthew 10:1-22

Mass readings next Sunday: Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Evensong readings next Sunday: Isaiah 33:13-22; John 3:22-36

Coffee: 31st August – Sally and Michelle

Please let 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 welcome to St Laurence Revd Canon Ken Wylie from the Hornchurch Team to preside and preach at the 8am Mass and Fr Chris Bishop at the 9.30am.

Cheryl Goddard invites you all to share cake and wine next Sunday in the Main Hall following the 9.30am Mass in celebration of her 70th birthday.

Thank you to everyone who helped with and attended the Patronal Cream Tea making it an enjoyable, social occasion.

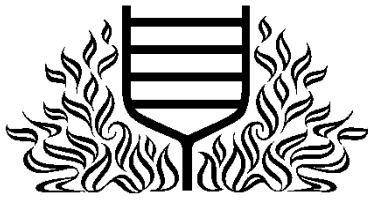
Wednesday 11am service: Please note that this will not take place this Wednesday, 27th August as neither Susannah nor Deborah are available.

The next Building Faith Service will be on Sunday 7th September from 8am to 8.45am in the Main Hall. This is an informal early morning service for primary school aged children with their parents/carers with refreshments, prayer, bible story and building block activity.

First Communion: There will be a meeting on Sunday 7th September at 11am in the Parish office for parents and children who are interested in preparing for First Communion. Please contact Deborah Masterson before the meeting.

Ride and Stride, Saturday 13th September. A team from St Laurence will be participating in 'Ride and Stride' with a lengthy, sponsored walk around different churches to raise money for the Friends of Essex Churches Trust and our own church. Please see the letter in the notice stand at the back of church and speak to Rob Brabner if you would like to join the walkers and/or contribute sponsorship money.

Enquirers' Course: This will take place on Monday afternoons from 15th September to 20th October inclusive, from 1pm - 2.15pm in the Parish Office. Anyone who would like an opportunity to reflect on the foundations of Christian faith would be very welcome. Please contact Susannah if you are intending to come.



AT THE MASS

24th August 2025

Bartholomew the Apostle

Introit 312 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Setting A New People's Mass - Murray

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God,
who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace
truly to believe and to preach your word:
grant that your Church
may love that word which he believed
and may faithfully preach and receive the same;
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 43:8-13

Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, 'It is true.' You are my witnesses, says the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no saviour. I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the LORD. I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?

Gradual hymn 421 All for Jesus

1 Corinthians 4:9-15

I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day. I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

Alleluia

Celtic

Luke 22:24-30

A dispute also arose among the twelve as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table of the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Offertory hymn

748 O Jesus I have promised

Communion hymn

299 Give us the wings of faith to rise

Final hymn

510 Will you come and follow me?

Organ Voluntary

March from the Prelude to Richard III – William Walton (Battle of Bosworth Field, 22 Aug. 1485)

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, Alan Butcher, Joan, Denise Comer, Baby Charles, Bob Bossey, Doreen, Michael Folkes, Mary Greig, Stanley Oliver, Alan Jones, Sandra Clarke, Michael McSweeney, Terry Evens.

Additional Prayers: All those receiving Home Communion. Carly Lucas, preparing for ordination.

Recently departed: Janet Hammond, Gillian Clayton, Jean Clements, Carmel Armstrong, Chris Barnard.

Anniversaries of the departed: Eric Evans (Priest), Penny Hale, Eileen Hall, Pat Harding, Tony Mason, Vera Napier, Ruth Cator, Frank Edwards.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH AUGUST: MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES/DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS

Donation envelopes are available at the back of church.

MSF UK, Level 5 (Units 12&13),
Artesian, 9 Prescott Street,
London, E1 8PR.

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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.

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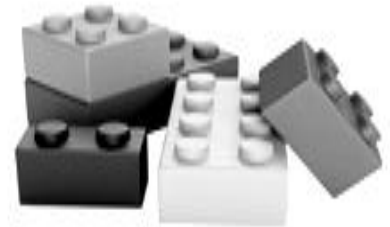
The church is registered (as St Laurence Church, Upminster) on easyfundraising.org.uk - if you register an account, select the church as a cause and download the web browser extension then every time you spend money on many retail websites and have activated the extension, a percentage of your spend 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).



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THE PARISH CHURCH OF UPMINSTER



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

First Sundays (6th July, 7th Sept, 5th Oct, 2nd Nov, 7th Dec)
8am-8.45am
Main Hall, St Laurence Church

For more information please contact the Parish Office:
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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

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