

The Church of Saint Laurence, Upminster

PORCHTALK



19th January 2025 *Second Sunday of Epiphany*

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
19 th January	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</i>	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
Wednesday	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
22 nd January	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
<i>Vincent of Saragossa, deacon, martyr, 304</i>	Halls Committee Meeting, Parish Office	7.30 pm
Thursday	Organ Teaching	2.00 pm
23 rd January	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
Friday	Organ Teaching	9.00 am
24 th January	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
26 th January	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>3rd Sunday of Epiphany</i>	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

Evensong readings this Sunday: 1 Samuel 3:1-20; Ephesians 4:1-16

Mass readings next Sunday: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

Evensong readings next Sunday: Numbers 9:15-end; 1 Corinthians 7:17-24

Saturday Pathsweepers: 25th – Stewart and Thomson **Coffee:** 26th - Becky, Simon and Pauline

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

The funeral of Shirley Gunary is to be held at St Mary's Church Olveston, Bristol at 1pm on Thursday 23rd January. A Memorial service will be held at St Laurence at 1pm on Friday 31st January and will be followed by refreshments in the Main Hall. For catering purposes, please let Susannah or Deborah know if you will be staying for refreshments.

18th - 25th January is the International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. For information visit: www.cte.org.uk/wpcu2025/

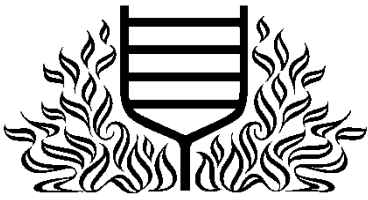
Everybody is very welcome to Choral Evensong and Benediction in church on Sunday 2nd February to celebrate Candlemas.

There will be a meeting for parents and children, who are in Year 3 and above, who are interested in preparing to receive Holy Communion. This will be held in the parish office at 11am on Sunday 9th February.

February Feast on 25th February at Top Meadow - If you haven't already got a menu and booking form (issued last Sunday), and would like to join us, please ask a sidesperson for a copy. Menu choices and payment due to Debbie Stewart by Sunday 26th January latest please!

Acorns Day Opportunities would like to thank everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre. We raised £400, which we will put towards new resources.

Thank you so much for all your donations to Harold Hill Foodbank. In 2024, over 1500kg of food and other important items were donated by St Laurence to help local people in need.



AT THE MASS

19th January 2025

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Introit 506 The Church's one foundation

Setting The Addington Service - Shephard

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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 62:1-5

The Lord says this:

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;

for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Responsorial Psalm 36

John McCann



How pre-cious is your lov-ing mer-cy, O God.

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Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens and your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you, Lord, shall save both man and beast.

How precious is your loving mercy, O God! All mortal flesh shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings. They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house; they shall drink from the river of your delights.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Alleluia

Taizé

John 2:1-11

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Offertory hymn 102 Jesus, come! for we invite you

Anthem Christ's is the world (A Touching Place) (1989) -
Music: Dream Angus arr. John Bell. Text: John Bell
& Graham Maule

Communion hymn 462 Soul of my Saviour

Final hymn 721 Love divine

Organ Voluntary Voluntary IX Opus 7 - John Stanley

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: Linly Lo-Yee, Noel Lyons, Baby Florence, Alan Butcher, Terry Evens, Delyse Maggs, Paul Jackman, Mary Ann Madden, Rosalind Manley, Charles Osmond, Simon Pols, Brian Shaw, James Tape, Rosemary Watkins, Glynis Whiting, Sylvia Wilson, Camilla Jackson, Revd Catherine Towner.

Wednesday: Denise Comer, Baby Charles, Bob Bossey, Doreen, Michael Folkes, Mary Greig, William Holden, Fr Tom Keighley, Stanley Oliver, Alan Jones, Sandra Clarke, Paul Matthews.

Additional Prayers: All those receiving Home Communion.

Recently departed: Claire Easton, Shirley Gunary, Doreen Mulley, Daphne Freeman, Desmond Gammon.

Anniversaries of the departed: Maurice Harper (Priest), David Hill, Christine Forrest, Howard Jones, Maidie Gay, Pauline Lee, Frances Pryer (Deaconess), Bill Shore, Ian Tresadern, Bill Harding, Ray Mulley, Margaret Holden, Reg Watson, Brian Coleman, Sam Potton, Maggie Holden, Valerie Smith, Amy Parsons, William Gunary, Sarah Millington.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH JANUARY: YOUTH PWR CHARITY

Donation envelopes are available at the back of church.

Youth PWR Charity, Weatherill House,
23 Whitestone Way, Croydon, CR0 4WF.
Registered charity number: 1193805.



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).

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Simple Swap No.11 - Consider swaps for more sustainable food products: Odd box is a company delivering weekly boxes of fruit and veg that would otherwise be foodwaste. It is either 'too odd' or 'too many' for the supermarkets. It is possible to exclude items you do not like. A small fruit and veg box contains 7 types of vegetable and 3 types of fruit @ £14.49. Other sizes available. www.oddbox.co.uk. Refill Cabin is at South Ockendon Garden Centre on Saturdays 10am - 3pm. Refill your dried goods and household products in 'Ermintrude' the Eco Cabin.

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