



4th May 2025 *Third Sunday of Easter*

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
4 th May	Building Faith, Main Hall	8.00 am
3 rd Sunday of Easter	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
	Baptism	12 noon
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
Tuesday	Easter Service, The Oaks Home	10.30 am
6 th May		
Wednesday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
7 th May	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
	Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel	4.15 pm
Thursday	Organ Teaching	8.30 am
8 th May	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
Friday	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
9 th May		
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
11 th May	Sung Parish Mass with Baptism Welcome	9.30 am
4 th Sunday of Easter	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

Evensong readings this Sunday: Isaiah 38:9-20; John 11:27-44

Mass readings next Sunday: Revelation 7:9-end; Acts 9:36-end; John 10:22-30

Evensong readings next Sunday: Isaiah 63:7-14; Luke 24:36-49

Coffee: 11th May – Becky, Simon and Pauline

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

Today, as Susannah is leading the first of our Building Faith Services in the Main Hall, we welcome Archdeacon Chris Burke to preside and preach at our 8am Mass.

Building Faith is a new, informal early morning service for primary school aged children with their parents/carers. Refreshments, prayer, Bible story and building blocks activity. Sundays 4th May, 1st June and 6th July from 8am - 8.45am in the Main Hall. Please see Susannah if you would like to attend.

Jane Lindsey invites you all for cake and wine following the 9.30am Mass today in celebration of running in the London Marathon last Sunday. Jane ran to support our Building Improvements Project and Millwall Lions Food Hub. You can still donate online at: Church donations page: www.gofundme.com/f/janes-london-marathon and Millwall donations page: www.gofundme.com/f/jane-v-london-marathon or give cash to Jane this morning.

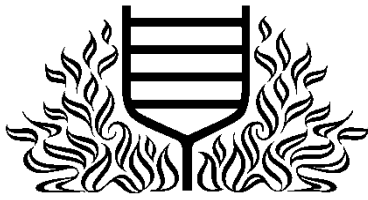
Quiz Night in aid of the Church Building Improvements Project. Saturday 17th May, 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Main Hall. Tickets £8 per person, tables of 8, come as a team or come to join a table of others. Bring your own food and drink if you wish. Please book in advance by 14th May with Joanne in the Parish Office or speak to Debbie Stewart or Susannah after a service.

Jeanie Keen has 1 spare ticket at £34 for The Bach Choir singing Belshazzar's Feast at the Festival Hall this coming Thursday, May 8th. Free interval wine included! More tickets are still available through the Southbank booking office, drinks not included!! Please see Jean or Sarah Keen after service this morning if you are interested.

Charity of the Month: There are still a couple of slots to fill for this year so please let me have any suggestions for organisations which you think we should support. Many thanks. *Beryl Speed (PCC Secretary)*

Parish Barbecue, Saturday 21st June. We are hoping to hold a barbecue during the late afternoon/early evening on this date, both as a social event and a fundraiser for the Building Improvements Project. However, in order to run it we will need volunteers to be able to help before, during and afterwards. Please speak to Susannah or to Debbie Stewart if you would be able to assist.

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



AT THE MASS

4th May 2025

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Setting The Addington Service - Shephard

Collect of the Day

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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.**

Acts 9:1-6

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

Offertory hymn 198 At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Anthem Oh, to see the dawn (The Power of the Cross)
(2006). Text & Music: Stuart Townend & Keith
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Communion hymn 220 Word that formed creation

Final hymn 217 The strife is o'er

Organ Voluntary Canticle on 'St. Fulbert' – Gordon Slater

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, Pam Chapman, Keith Sharp, Darren James Meader, Denise Comer, Baby Charles, Bob Bossey, Doreen, Michael Folkes, Mary Greig, Fr Tom Keighley, Stanley Oliver, Alan Jones, Sandra Clarke, Michael McSweeney, Delyse Maggs, Terry Evens.

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

Additional Prayers: All those receiving Home Communion. Paul O'Neill who was Confirmed last Sunday.

Recently departed: Neil Carr, Pope Francis, Sam Mangion, Rosemary Watkins.

Anniversaries of the departed: Kerry Langler, Barbara Hill, Lucy Ellis, John Roome, Alf Ellis, Cecily Ashwin, Ron Wood, Dorothy Bradley, Betty Allan, Vic Dowding, Isabel McClellan.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH

MAY: USPG

USPG is an Anglican mission agency who partner with churches and communities to enliven faith, strengthen relationships, unlock potential and champion justice.



USPG has played a significant role in Christian mission since its foundation in 1701. They have a global perspective, long-standing relationships with churches of the Anglican Communion and over 60 programmes working in partnership and supporting churches across their communities and contexts. They encourage words and actions which express love and solidarity and go beyond self-interest and national boundaries.

Their vision is for the churches of the Anglican Communion to experience a deeper fellowship together in Christ and to be sources of transformation within their communities and beyond.

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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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.**