



25<sup>th</sup> May 2025 *Sixth 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.

<b>Today</b>	Holy Communion	8.00 am
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Sung Parish Mass with Baptism Welcomes	9.30 am
6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	No Evening Service today	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
Rogation Day; Lanfranc, monk, archbishop, scholar, 1089	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
<b>Thursday</b>	Procession and Sung Parish Mass with members of All Saints', Cranham	8.00 pm
29 <sup>th</sup> May		
Ascension Day		
<b>Friday</b>	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
30 <sup>th</sup> May	Organ Teaching	2.15 pm
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Holy Communion	8.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Building Faith, Main Hall	8.00 am
7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
<b>Mass readings next Sunday:</b> Acts 16:16-34; Revelation 22:12-14; 16-17, 20-end; John 17:20-end		
<b>Evensong readings next Sunday:</b> Isaiah 44:1-8; Ephesians 4:7-16		
<b>Saturday Pathsweepers:</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> – Skinner & Stewart. <b>Coffee:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> – Margaret, Christine & Carole		
Please let 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 we welcome and thank:** Revd Julian Patching from Holy Cross, Hornchurch who will be celebrating at the 8am Mass and Fr Chris Bishop at the 9.30am.

**During the 9.30am Mass** we will be welcoming Florence and Arthur following their Baptisms last Sunday.

**Ascension Day, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May:** There will be a Mass at 8pm at St Laurence shared with members of All Saints', Cranham. Their Rector, the Revd Marion Williams, will be officiating. We thank Marion and extend a warm welcome to anyone who wishes to attend the Mass.

**Building Faith** - our second informal service for primary school aged children and their parents/carers will take place next Sunday from 8-8.40am in the Main Hall, and again on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July. If you would be interested in volunteering to welcome people and serve refreshments so that the service can continue on a monthly basis beyond July, please contact Susannah. Please note that it will be necessary to have a Basic DBS check and undertake some online safeguarding training, but this is not onerous.

**Revd Neil** will be moving on from St Laurence to another Parish at the end of June. Neil's last Sunday with us will be 15<sup>th</sup> June, where we will wish him well with special refreshments.

**Date for your Diary:** Midsummer Church Clean on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Please see Jean Keen or Cheryl Hale if you can help. Refreshments supplied.

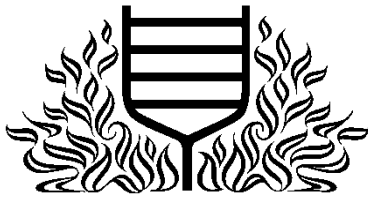
**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> June.** The week will conclude with a Churches Together United Service at Upminster Baptist Church at 6pm on Pentecost (Whit Sunday) 8<sup>th</sup> June. All will be made welcome. Someone is needed to offer a word of greeting at the services on behalf of St Laurence. If you can help with this, please speak with Susannah. For information visit: [cte.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity](http://cte.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity)

**Churches Together** are seeking a new secretary to take minutes at meetings. Meetings happen locally in the evenings three times a year. Please see Susannah if you can help.

**Please note:** The Parish Office will be closed next week. Any scheduled meetings will take place as normal.

**Repair Café:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June between 11am and 2pm at Havering Asian Social and Welfare Association (HASWA) Hall, Greenfields, Kilmartin Way, Elm Park, RM12 5NB. Repair Cafés are free meeting places where expert volunteers, tools and materials are available to help you repair all manner of things.

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



# AT THE MASS

25<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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## **Introit**

644 God is Love: let heav'n adore him

## **Setting**

The Addington Service - Shephard

## **Collect of the Day**

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

## **Acts 16:9-15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

## **Gradual hymn**

764 Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin

## **Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day - and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

**Alleluia**

Plainsong

## **John 14:23-29**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'

<b>Baptism Welcome</b>	See page 10 of service booklet
<b>Offertory hymn</b>	453 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour
<b>Anthem</b>	O Sons and Daughters (1918) - Text: Jean Tisserand (d.1494) translated J. M. Neale (1851); Music: Sir Henry Walford Davies
<b>Communion hymn</b>	717 Lord, make us servants of your peace
<b>Final hymn</b>	491 Go to the world!
<b>Organ Voluntary</b>	Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Her BWV 711 – Johann Sebastian Bach

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

**Wednesday:** 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.

**Additional Prayers:** All those receiving Home Communion.

**Recently departed:** Rosemary Watkins, Vera Rosindell, Darren James Meader.

**Anniversaries of the departed:** Stanley Lawes, Maureen Gunary, Gwen Gallagher, Ida Rowland, Edith Hill, Amy Brabner, Florence Pendlebury, Albert Hodgson, Doris Anderson.

## CHARITY OF THE MONTH

### MAY: USPG

Donation envelopes are available at the back of church.

USPG, 5 Trinity Street, London SE1 1DB.  
Registered charity number 234518



### 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

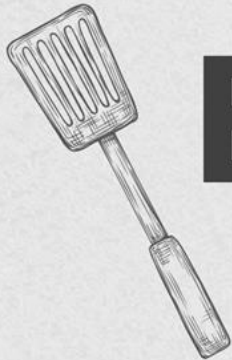
The church is registered (as St Laurence Church, Upminster) on [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) - if you register an account, select the church as a cause and download the web browser extension then every time you spend money on many retail websites and have activated the extension, 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..... FOR 12 MONTHS

Charles and Linda Hardwidge-Page are sponsoring the Altar and Paschal Candles in Celebration of their 2<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary.



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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.**