



1<sup>st</sup> June 2025 *Seventh 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
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>Monday</b>	Organ Teaching	11.00 am
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Organ Teaching	4.30 pm
	Group Visit to Church	6.30 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
<i>Petroc, abbot, 6th cent.</i>	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
	Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel	4.15 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Organ Teaching	8.30 am
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Organ Teaching	2.00 pm
	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
6 <sup>th</sup> June		
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Holy Communion	8.00 am
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Procession, Sung Parish Mass and Recession	9.30 am
<i>Pentecost</i>	Churches Together service at Upminster Baptist Church	6.00 pm

**Evensong readings this Sunday:** Isaiah 44:1-8; Ephesians 4:7-16

**Mass readings next Sunday:** Acts 2:1-13; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17

**Coffee:** 8<sup>th</sup> – Joan, Christine and Julie

*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

**Building Faith** – this informal service for primary school aged children and their parents/carers takes place today 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.

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

**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.

**Quiz Night:** Our thanks go to everyone who came along and supported our recent quiz, and especially to Tony and Julie Bloomfield for providing such an entertaining night. We also thank Nigel Lockwood for setting up the sound equipment and everyone else who helped in any way. The icing on the cake was that the evening raised an impressive **£775** towards our project.

**This is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.** There will be a Churches Together United Service at Upminster Baptist Church at 6pm next 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)

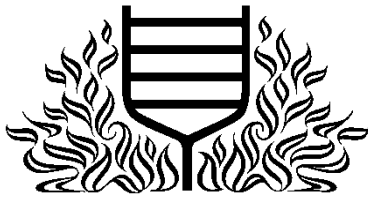
**Churches Together** are seeking a new secretary to take minutes at meetings. Meetings happen locally in the evenings three times a year. Please see Susannah if you can help.

**Midsummer Church Clean** on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June starting at 10am. Please see Jean Keen or Cheryl Hale if you can help. Refreshments supplied.

**On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June,** Acorns are holding a fundraising cake sale, in the Minor Hall, from 12.30 - 2pm. If you're out and about, come and treat yourself to some of our delicious home made bakes!

**Barbeque, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 4.30pm.** All are welcome to this summer social event. Proceeds to the Church Building Improvements Project. Adults £10, Children £5. To book please contact: [stlaurencefundraising@gmail.com](mailto:stlaurencefundraising@gmail.com)

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



# AT THE MASS

1<sup>st</sup> June 2025

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## **Introit**

228 Hail the day that sees him rise

## **Setting**

Mass of St Thomas - Thorne

## **Collect of the Day**

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Acts 16:16-34**

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

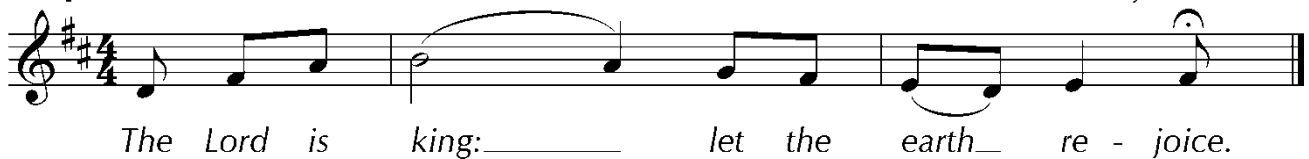
But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the

jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

### Responsorial Psalm 97

John McCann



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The Lord is king: let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isle be glad. Clouds and darkness are around about him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on ev'ry side. His lightnings lit up the world; the earth saw it and trembled. The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

Light has sprung up for the righteous and joy for the true of heart. Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name.

### Revelation 22:12-14; 16-17, 20-end

I, John, heard a voice saying to me: 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' Blessed are those

who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. 'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

**Alleluia**

Celtic

### **John 17:20-end**

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

**Offertory hymn**

227 Crown him with many crowns

**Anthem**

O God, you search me and you know me (1992) -  
Text: Based on Psalm 139; Music: Bernadette Farrell

**Communion hymn**

805 There is a Redeemer

**Final hymn**

690 Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it

**Organ Voluntary**

Cannonade – Claude Balbastre

## 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, 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.

**Recently departed:** Vera Rosindell, Darren James Meader, Iris Lilian Jiggins.

**Anniversaries of the departed:** Ida Rowland, Edith Hill, Amy Brabner, Florence Pendlebury, Albert Hodgson, Doris Anderson, Dorothy Edwards, Douglas Parke, Kathleen Spicer, Shirley Ellis, Greta Rose, Pam Bugler, Carol Carr, Beris Paul, Neil Edwards, Colin Edwards, Geoff Fielden, Tom Shaw.

## CHARITY OF THE MONTH JUNE: FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

'Together we can create a greener, fairer future'.



Friends of the Earth is a leading environmental organisation working to create a sustainable and fair future. They fight for climate justice through local task groups, community campaigns and legal action. Whether that's using the law to stop fossil fuel projects or pushing for greater rights to protect nature and the environment.

Their first action was to return thousands of empty bottles to the London HQ of Cadbury Schweppes, to promote re-use and better use of the planet's resources. This was in 1971 and set the tone for a peaceful and effective style of campaigning.

Their work encompasses climate and energy, nature and environment and system change.

## 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.

**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.

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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.**