



29th June 2025 *Peter and Paul, Apostles*

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
29 th June	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Peter and Paul, Apostles</i>	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
Monday	Footsteps	9.30 am
30 th June	Organ Teaching	11.00 am
	Organ Teaching	5.15 pm
Tuesday	Group visit to Church	1.20 pm
1 st July		
Wednesday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
2 nd July	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
	Group visit to Church	1.20 pm
	Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel	4.15 pm
	Organ Teaching	7.00 pm
Thursday	Organ Teaching	8.30 am
3 rd July	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
Friday	Organ Teaching	9.00 am
4 th July	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
Saturday	Organ Teaching	9.30 am
5 th July		
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
6 th July	Building Faith Children's Service, Main Hall	8.00 am
3 rd Sunday after Trinity	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

Evensong readings this Sunday: Ezekiel 34:11-16; John 21:15-22. **Mass readings next Sunday:** Isaiah 66:10-14; Galatians 6:7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20. **Evensong readings next Sunday:** Genesis 29:1-20; Mark 6:7-29

Coffee: 6th July – Clive, Penny and Jane

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

A big thank-you to everyone who supported our Parish Barbecue on 21st June. With your help we raised a magnificent **£799** towards our Building Improvement Project. Despite the 31°C heat it certainly looked like everybody was enjoying themselves - especially when the ice creams came round! Running an event such as this takes a real team effort on the day and so our special thanks go to Keith & Chris for manning the barbecue; John, Rosie & Rob (setting up); Carole & Christine (raffle), Jean & Sarah (Bar), Deborah & Beryl (Tombola); Margaret & Frank (Penny Memory game); Debbie (catering and generally running round like a mad woman).

The next Building Faith Children's Service will be held in the Main Hall next Sunday, 6th July at 8am. A priest from the Hornchurch Team will be the celebrant at the 8am Mass as Susannah will be leading the children's service.

Thank you from Revd Neil - Neil is very grateful for all the good wishes and cards he has received and for the kind gift from St Laurence. If you would like to come to his licensing at Christ Church, Warley at 4pm on Sunday 13th July, please let Susannah know.

Juliet, our Authorised Local Preacher, will be away from St Laurence on placement in Hutton Parish from 21st June until mid-August.

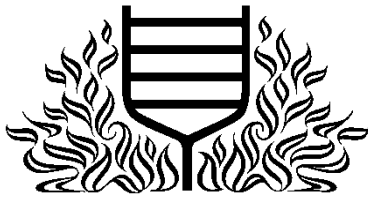
Would you like to know more about Christianity? I am thinking about running an Enquirers' Course in the autumn - an opportunity to explore some of the core elements of Christian belief through discussion and videos. This would be open to anyone who would like to know more about Christian faith, and could form part of Baptism/Confirmation preparation for those who may be interested in that. Dates and times for the course can be arranged once I know who would be interested. To register interest or to find out more, please speak to me - Revd Susannah.

Ordination of Carly Lucas: Carly, who was on placement at St Laurence last year, will be ordained to the diaconate at Chelmsford Cathedral on Sunday 14th September at 2pm. Please let Susannah know if you would like to attend.

If you would like to visit Westminster Abbey please ask Joanne in the Parish Office for the Parish Pass. The pass admits up to 4 people free of charge.

A talk about the Holden Rectors - Local historian Tony Benton will be giving a talk about 'The Holden Family: Rectors of Upminster' to the Friends of the Old Chapel at Roope Hall (Trinity URC) on Wednesday 9th July at 10.30am. All welcome.

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



AT THE MASS

29th June 2025

Peter and Paul, Apostles

Introit

312 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Setting

The Addington Service - Shephard

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul
glorified you in their death as in their life:
grant that your Church,
inspired by their teaching and example,
and made one by your Spirit,
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,
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.**

Zechariah 4:1-6a, 10b-14

The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as one is wakened from sleep. He said to me, 'What do you see?' And I said, 'I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it; there are seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. And by it there are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.' I said to the angel who talked with me, 'What are these, my lord?' Then the angel who talked with me answered me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.' He said to me, 'These seven are the eyes of the Lord, which range through the whole earth.' Then I said to him, 'What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?' And a second time I said to him, 'What are these two branches of the olive trees, which pour out the oil through the two golden pipes?' He said to me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.'

Responsorial Psalm 125

cf. v. 1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zi - on that stands for e - ver.



Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever. As the hills stand about Jerusalem, so the Lord stands round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

The sceptre of wickedness shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous turn their hands to evil.

Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are true of heart. Those who turn aside to crooked ways the Lord shall take away with the evildoers; but let there be peace upon Israel.

Acts 12:1-11

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent

his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

Alleluia

Plainsong

Matthew 16:13-19

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

Offertory hymn

Let the round world with songs rejoice,
Let heaven return the joyful voice,
All mindful of the Apostles' fame,
Let heaven and earth their praise proclaim.

Ye servants who once bore the light
Of gospel truth o'er heathen night,
Still may your work that light impart,
To glad our eyes and cheer our heart.

O God, by whom to them was given
The key that shuts and opens heaven,
Our chains unbind, our loss repair,
And grant us grace to enter there.

For at thy will they preached the word
Which cured disease, which health conferred;
O may thy healing power once more
Our souls to grace and health restore.

That when as judge thy Son shall come
To bring his ransomed people home,
He may with them pronounce us blest,
And place us in thine endless rest.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Be honour, praise and majesty,
Now and throughout eternity. Amen.

Anthem Bread of the world in mercy broken - Text: Reginald Heber. Music: Louis Bourgeois harmonised by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Communion hymn 321 Thou art the Christ, O Lord

Final hymn 683 Jerusalem the Golden

Organ Voluntary Voluntary VIII from 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: Neil Parsons, Gillian Clayton, Pam Chapman, Keith Sharp, Alan Butcher, Joan, Denise Comer, Baby Charles, Bob Bossey, Doreen, Michael Folkes, Mary Greig, Fr Tom Keighley, Stanley Oliver, Alan Jones, Sandra Clarke, Michael McSweeney, 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: Rodney Chamberlain, Delyse Maggs, David.

Anniversaries of the departed: Ronald Husted, Connie Wallace, Denis Breadding, Maureen Fielden, Madelina Fantucchio, Albert Osmond, Marjorie Harvey, Ken Edwards, Ricky Hester, Len Plumstead, Pat Twine, Geraldine Griffiths, Muriel Baker, Jeremy Comer, Robert Gay.

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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.

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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.**