



13th July 2025 *Fourth Sunday after Trinity*

## 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
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	Revd Neil's licensing at Christ Church, Warley	4.00 pm
<b>Monday</b>	Organ Teaching	5.15 pm
14 <sup>th</sup> July		
<b>Tuesday</b>	Group Visit to Church	1.15 pm
15 <sup>th</sup> July		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
<i>Osmund, Bishop, 1099</i>	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
	PCC Meeting, Parish Office	7.30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Organ Teaching	8.30 am
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Funeral of Carol Sharp	12.30 pm
	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
18 <sup>th</sup> July		
<b>Saturday</b>	Organ Teaching	9.30 am
19 <sup>th</sup> July		
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Holy Communion	8.00 am
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

**Mass readings next Sunday:** Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10.38-42

**Evensong readings next Sunday:** Genesis 41:1-16, 25-37; 1 Corinthians 4:8-13

**Coffee:** 20<sup>th</sup> – Margaret, Christine and Carole

*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

**All are invited** to celebrate Deborah and Peter Masterson's Golden Wedding Anniversary next Sunday with cake and wine in the Main Hall after the 9.30am Mass.

**First Communion:** There will be a meeting on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 11am in the Parish Office for parents and children in year 3 and above who are interested in being prepared for First Communion. Please see Susannah or Deborah for further information.

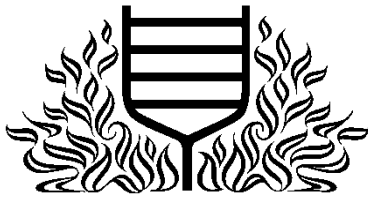
**The Parish Office** will be closed for most of August due to Joanne being on leave followed directly by jury service. We hope to be able to open as usual again on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August. Any scheduled meetings will take place as usual during this time and further information will be given when it becomes available.

**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.

**Save the Date: Patronal Festival Cream Tea** on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August at 4pm in the Main Hall.

**St Laurence is taking part in** the Friends of Essex Churches Trust Annual Ride & Stride event on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Leaflets are available at the back of church. Please talk with Rob Brabner if you would like to join our team of walkers or for further information visit: [friendsofessexchurches.org.uk/ride-stride](http://friendsofessexchurches.org.uk/ride-stride)

**Girls' and Boys' Brigade leaders:** Cranham Baptist Church are seeking new leaders - who are committed Christians - for 1<sup>st</sup> Cranham Girls' Brigade, and would also welcome helpers for the Boys' Brigade. For more information, please contact the Revd Helen Harrigan (Minister at Cranham Baptist Church) on 07436 720911.



# AT THE MASS

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## **Introit**

537 For the beauty of the earth

## **Setting**

A New People's Mass - Murray

## **Collect of the Day**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

Moses spoke to the people, saying, The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

**Colossians 1:1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Alleluia****Celtic****Luke 10:25-37**

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half

dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

<b>Offertory hymn</b>	451 Just as I am
<b>Anthem</b>	Because the Lord is my shepherd (1985) - Text: Based on Psalm 23. Music: Christopher Walker
<b>Communion hymn</b>	468 Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour
<b>Final hymn</b>	604 Brother, sister, let me serve you
<b>Organ Voluntary</b>	King's Lynn from the Six Hymn-Preludes – Percy Whitlock

## 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, Stanley Oliver, Alan Jones, Sandra Clarke, Michael McSweeney, Terry Evens.

**Wednesday:** Mary Ann Madden, Rosalind Manley, Charles Osmond, Simon Pols, Brian Shaw, Glynis Whiting.

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

**Recently departed:** David, Carol Sharp, Fr Tom Keighley.

**Anniversaries of the departed:** Robert Gay, Rita Langler, Dennis Watkins, Penny Mulholland, David Marshall, Terry Gallagher, David Rose, Winifred Murrell, Nora Worton.

## CHARITY OF THE MONTH

### JULY: CHRISTIAN AID

Donation envelopes are available at the back of church.

Christian Aid, 35-41 Lower Marsh, London SE1 7RL.

Registered charity number 1105851.



### 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

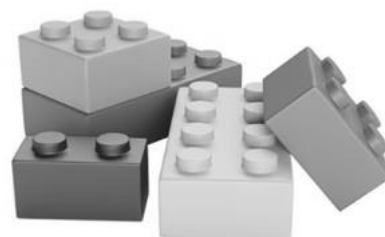
The church is registered (as St Laurence Church, Upminster) on [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) - if you register an account, select the church as a cause and download the web browser extension then every time you spend money on many retail websites and have activated the extension,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

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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THE PARISH CHURCH OF UPMINSTER



# BUILDING FAITH

A new, informal early morning service  
for primary school aged children  
with their parents/carers

Refreshments, prayer, Bible story  
and building blocks activity

First Sundays (6th July, 7th Sept, 5<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov, 7<sup>th</sup> Dec)  
8am-8.45am  
Main Hall, St Laurence Church

For more information please contact the Parish Office:  
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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.**