



27<sup>th</sup> July 2025 *Sixth 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
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Sung Parish Mass with Baptism	9.30 am
6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
<b>Monday</b>	Organ Teaching	9.00 am
28 <sup>th</sup> July		
<b>Tuesday</b>	Organ Teaching	9.00 am
29 <sup>th</sup> July		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
30 <sup>th</sup> July	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
William Wilberforce, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
	Organ Teaching	7.00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Organ Teaching	9.30 am
31 <sup>st</sup> July		
<b>Friday</b>	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
1 <sup>st</sup> August		
<b>Saturday</b>	Organ Teaching	9.30 am
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Organ Teaching	10.30 am
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Holy Communion	8.00 am
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

**Evensong readings this Sunday:** Genesis 42:1-25; 1 Corinthians 10:1-24

**Mass readings next Sunday:** Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

**Evensong readings next Sunday:** Genesis 50:4-end; 1 Corinthians 14:1-19

**Coffee:** 3<sup>rd</sup> – Alison, Mark and Margaret

*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

**Today we welcome Albert** and his family to our Parish Mass. Albert will be baptised and welcomed into the Church family during this morning's service.

**All are invited to join Frank Kemp** in celebrating his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday with cake and wine in the Main Hall after the 9.30am Mass today.

**Peter and Deborah** thank you all for your good wishes and cards which they received to celebrate their wedding anniversary.

**Next Sunday** Revd Mark Smeed from the Hornchurch Ministry Team will preside at both morning services.

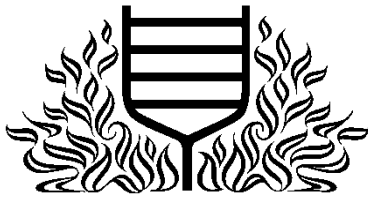
**Fr Tom Keighley's funeral** will take place this Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> July at St Nicholas' Church, Elm Park at 1pm with the burial at All Saints', Cranham, at 2.30pm. The wake follows at All Saints'. If you wish to attend, please let Susannah know and tell her which parts you will be attending, so that those organising the funeral have an idea of numbers. Car sharing is recommended where possible - or St Nicholas is easily accessible from the District line - as parking is limited at both locations. Please remember Fr Tom, his wife Amanda and their family in your prayers.

**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 normal 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.

**Parish Administrator:** Joanne has decided it is time to step back from this role, after over a decade of dedicated service. We will have an opportunity to thank her properly soon - a date will be arranged once the date for her to finish has been agreed. In the meantime, we are seeking a new Parish Administrator - please see the job advert on the page 7 and please do share it with anyone you know who may be interested.

**Patronal Festival** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August, 4pm in the Main Hall. The time has finally come for you to buy your tickets for the Cream Tea! Book early to avoid disappointment (by Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August). See Sarah Keen, email [stlaurencefundraising@gmail.com](mailto:stlaurencefundraising@gmail.com) or phone Joanne in the Parish Office on 01708 220696. Cost is £5 per person and £2 for under 12s.

**Carole's next quiz** is on sale in aid of the building improvements project. Please see a sideperson or Carole after the service to purchase a copy.



# AT THE MASS

27<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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**Introit**

601 Blessed assurance

**Setting**

Mass of St Thomas - Thorne

## **Collect of the Day**

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
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.**

## **Genesis 18:20-32**

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre and said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again Abraham spoke to

the LORD, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then Abraham said, 'Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' The LORD answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' Abraham said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there.' The LORD answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' The LORD answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

## **Gradual hymn**

775 Seek ye first

## **Colossians 2:6-15**

Brothers and sisters, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

## **Alleluia**

Celtic

## **Luke 11:1-13**

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And

he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

<b>Baptism</b>	See separate sheet
<b>Offertory hymn</b>	712 Lord Jesus Christ
<b>Anthem</b>	A new commandment (1988) - Text: John 13:34-5; Music: Richard Shephard
<b>Communion hymn</b>	330 Do not be afraid
<b>Final hymn</b>	494 I, the Lord of sea and sky
<b>Organ Voluntary</b>	Chorale Prelude on 'Croft's 136 <sup>th</sup> ' - C Hubert H Parry

## 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, Sylvia Wilson.

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

**Recently departed:** David, Fr Tom Keighley

**Anniversaries of the departed:** Nora Worton, Hilda Wood, Barbara Holden, Dorothy Morley, Jacqui Sexton, Ellen Fillery, Ted Worton, John Hendra, Edwin Wallen.

## **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).

## NOTICES CONTINUED

**Westminster Abbey Parish Pass:** If you would like to use the Parish Pass to visit Westminster Abbey in the school holidays please contact Joanne in the Parish Office – [parish.office@upminsterparish.co.uk](mailto:parish.office@upminsterparish.co.uk). The pass admits up to 4 people free of charge.

**The next Building Faith service** will be on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September in the Main Hall. This is an informal 8am service for primary school aged children and their parents or carers with refreshments, prayer, bible story and building blocks activity.

**Volunteers Wanted!** St Laurence Church will be supporting the Ride & Stride event on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September to raise funds for the work of the Friends of Essex Churches Trust. We are seeking volunteers to join our walking team and will be visiting churches on a route from Rainham to Upminster. 50% of the money we raise goes direct to St Laurence's Fabric Fund for repairs necessary in our Grade I listed church. For more information about the Friends of Essex Churches Trust please visit their website: [www.foect](http://www.foect). If you are interested in joining the St Laurence walkers please speak to Rob Brabner on 01708 457578 or email: [robertbrabner@icloud.com](mailto:robertbrabner@icloud.com)

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

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

St Laurence Church, Corbets Tey Road, Upminster RM14 2BB.

#### **We are looking for a new Parish Administrator.**

The job entails undertaking a range of administrative tasks to support the running of the church's life and worship. It requires someone who is efficient and self-motivated, but able to work as part of a team and to respond well to all those who contact the office and visit the church site.

The role is based on site in the Parish Office. The time commitment is 16 hours per week, paid at £13.85 per hour. The pattern of days and hours to be worked needs to be fixed from week to week but can be decided following discussion with the successful applicant.

The postholder would need to be sympathetic to the aims and ethos of St Laurence Church.

If you would be willing to consider the role, and/or would like more information, please email [susannah.brasier@upminsterparish.co.uk](mailto:susannah.brasier@upminsterparish.co.uk)

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Open: Tue. 3.30-6pm, Wed. 9-11am (Staff Meeting), Thur. 9-11.30am.

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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.**

**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.