

The Church of Saint Laurence, Upminster

PORCHTALK



30th March 2025 *Fourth Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday*

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
30 th March	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>4th Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday</i>	Compline on Zoom	6.30 pm
Tuesday	Interment of Ashes	12 noon
1 st April		
Wednesday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
2 nd April	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
	Lent Group, Parish Office	11.45 am
	Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel	4.15 pm
Thursday	Organ Teaching	8.30 am
3 rd April	Organ Teaching	2.00 pm
	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
Friday	Organ Teaching	9.00 am
4 th April	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
	Organ Teaching	2.15 pm
	Stations of the Cross, St Laurence Church	7.30 pm
Saturday	Organ Teaching	9.30 am
5 th April		
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
6 th April	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>5th Sunday of Lent, Passiontide begins</i>	Palm Sunday read-through	11.00 am
	Compline on Zoom	6.30 pm

Compline reading this Sunday: Isaiah 40:27-41:13. **Mass readings next Sunday:** Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8. **Compline reading next Sunday:** Luke 22:1-13

Saturday Pathsweepers: 5th – Stewart and Skinner. **Coffee:** 6th – Sally and Michelle.

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

Footsteps - unfortunately once again cannot be held as a public service in church due to the lack of heating. We hope to resume it on Monday 28th April.

All are invited to celebrate the birthdays of Linda Lockwood and Debbie Stewart with cake and coffee in the Main hall following the Parish Mass next Sunday, 6th April.

Holy Week and Easter: If anybody is willing to read a part of the script at the 9.30am Parish Mass on Palm Sunday, 13th April, please contact Deborah Masterson this morning. There will be a short read-through next Sunday, 6th April, at 11am in church.

We will need donations of greenery to dress the Altar of Repose on Maundy Thursday. Please leave donations in the tower area on Tuesday 15th or Wednesday 16th April, thank you.

If you would like to make a donation towards Easter lilies, please give the money to one of the Churchwardens or clergy.

People are needed to have a foot washed on Maundy Thursday, 17th April, at the 8pm service and to stay for the watch afterwards, which, due to the current lack of heating, will be until 10pm only. We also need readers on Holy Saturday, 19th April, at 8pm. If you can volunteer, please speak with Susannah or sign up on the forms on the cabinet at the back of church.

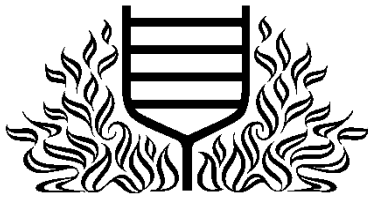
Good Friday Children's Activities in the Main Hall, Friday 18th April between 12pm and 3pm. If your child/children would like to join in all or part of the time please contact Deborah at deborah.masterson@upminsterparish.co.uk or a member of the Clergy (contact details on back page).

We will be holding short Easter Services at Little Gaynes Home on Thursday 24th April at 11am, Derham House Nursing Home on Tuesday 29th April at 10.30am and at The Oaks Home on Tuesday 6th May at 10.30am. If you feel you can support one or all of these events please speak to Susannah.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting: This will take place on Sunday 27th April in Church at 11am Mass. All are invited to attend and everyone on the electoral roll is able to vote. Please see Jean Keen, Cheryl Hale or Keith Stewart if you wish to check your entry on the Electoral Roll.

If you would be interested in standing to be a member of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) or as a Deanery Synod representative, please speak to Susannah, Jean Keen, Cheryl Hale or any other member of the current PCC. Whilst these roles require a level of commitment, they can also be flexible. It is important for the overall health of the church that we have a good number of people involved and representing a variety of viewpoints from the congregation.

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



AT THE MASS

30th March 2025

*Fourth Sunday of Lent,
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Introit 537 For the beauty of the earth

Setting St Anne's Mass - MacMillan

Collect of the Day

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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.**

Exodus 2:1-10

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?'

Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Gradual hymn 141 Beneath the cross of Jesus

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Lent Prose

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us : for we have sinned against thee.

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee: with true contrition, now no more we veil them: grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

John 19:25b-27

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Offertory hymn 721 Love Divine

Anthem As water to the thirsty 'Oasis'
Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith; Music: Brian Coleman
Arranged – John Barnard

Communion hymn	604 Brother, sister, let me serve you
Final hymn	739 Now thank we all our God
Organ Voluntary	Toccata from the Plymouth Suite – 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, Alice Sarpong, Elizabeth Medley, Gillian Clayton, Anne Hendra, Pam Chapman, Mary Ann Madden, Rosalind Manley, Charles Osmond, Simon Pols, Brian Shaw, James Tape, Rosemary Watkins, Glynis Whiting, Sylvia Wilson, Camilla Jackson, Alan Butcher.

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. Paul O'Neill preparing for Confirmation.

Recently departed: Barbara Playle, Janet Prestwood.

Anniversaries of the departed: Phil Norledge, Ruth Cross, Rachel Piper, Frances Martin, Keith Hall, Pauline Wallen, Carol Lendon, Ron Green, Margaret Brereton, Diana Norledge, Iris Stewart, Marion Gunary, Don Mowat, Krystyna Wojtecka, Rene Knight, Diane Bonny.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH MARCH: WATERAID

Donation envelopes are available at the back of church.

WaterAid, 6th Floor, 20 Canada Square,
London, E14 5NN.

Registration number: 288701



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP.....

Palm crosses and altar candles have been sponsored for March 'In memory of my parents' wedding anniversary.'

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 - 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.

Jane Lindsey has gained a place in this year's London Marathon on Sunday 27th April. She will be supporting two causes; our Building Improvements Project and, also, Millwall Lions Food Hub where she has volunteered in the past. Please take some time to read about Jane and her journey on the donation pages below and if you can, donate. No amount is too small. Please see separate donation pages: (Church) www.gofundme.com/f/janes-london-marathon or (Millwall) www.gofundme.com/f/jane-v-london-marathon. Cash donations can also be given to Jane. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE

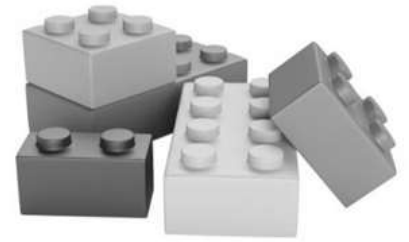
Sunday 27th April - Deanery Confirmation Service,
St Nicholas' Church, Elm Park at 4pm.

Sunday 8th June - Churches Together United Service,
Upminster Baptist Church at 6pm.

Saturday 13th September - Ride & Stride.



SAINT LAURENCE
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 (4th May, 1st June, 6th July)
8am-8.45am
Main Hall, St Laurence Church

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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

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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.**