

The Church of Saint Laurence, Upminster

PORCH TALK



Sunday 11th January 2026

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
11 th January	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>The Baptism of Christ</i>	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
Monday	CM&FG Meeting, Parish Office	8.00 pm
12 th January		
Tuesday	Organ Teaching	9.15 am
13 th January		
Wednesday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
14 th January	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
	Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel	4.15 pm
Thursday	Organ Teaching	8.30 am
15 th January	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
Friday	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
16 th January		
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
18 th January	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</i>	Baptism	12.00pm
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

Evensong readings this Sunday: Joshua 3:1-8, 14-end; Hebrews 1:1-12

Mass readings next Sunday: Isaiah 49:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42

Evensong readings next Sunday: Ezekiel 2: 1-3,4, Galatians 1, 11-end.

Saturday Pathsweepers: 24th Jan Brabner & Perchard **Coffee:** 18th Jan Clive, Penny & 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

Thanks to the generosity of so many people who attended the Crib Services and left presents, we have a number of Christmas bags. These will be available to purchase in the Main Hall today at coffee for a donation to Crisis.

Carole's quiz, if anyone still has a quiz sheet can they please return them to either Jean Keen or Susannah. Many thanks and good luck.

A big thankyou also from Carole for all her lovely cards and gifts she received for her birthday.

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



AT THE MASS

Sunday 11th January 2026

The Baptism of Christ

Introit

99 Hail to the Lord's anointed

Setting

A New People's Mass - Murray

Collect of the Day

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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.**

Isaiah 42:1-9

Thus says the LORD:

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,

who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gradual hymn

108 When Jesus came to Jordan

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Alleluia

Plainsong

Matthew 3:13-end

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Offertory hymn

104 Songs of thankfulness and praise

Anthem

A New Year Carol; Text – Walter de la Mare, Music – Benjamin Britten.

Communion hymn

109 When Jesus comes to be baptised

Final hymn

494 I, the lord of the sea and sky

Organ Voluntary

Voluntary VII 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: Pam Chapman, Keith Sharp, Josie Milford, Steve Martin, Vicki Hobbs, David Goddard, Fr Gareth Bowen, Ricky Schrembri, Denise Comer, Baby Charles, Doreen, Michael Folkes, Mary Greig, Stanley Oliver Alan Jones, Sandra Clarke, Michael McSweeney, Terry Evans.

Wednesday: Mary Ann Madden, Rosalind Manley, Simon Pols, Brian Shaw, Glynis Whiting, Sylvia Wilson, Maria ,Marie Tyler.

Additional Prayers: All those receiving Home Communion.

Recently departed: David Bouic Hawkins, Nova Metcalfe, David Lewin.

Anniversaries of the departed: Peggy Lockwood, Phyllis Knight, Maurice Harper (Priest), David Hill, Christine Forrest, Howard Jones, Maidie Gay, Pauline Lee, Frances Pryer (Deaconess), Bill Shore, William Rose Holden, Ian Tresadern.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH



Youth PWR Charity, Weatherill House,
23 Whitestone Way, Croydon, CR0 4WF.
Registered charity number 1193805

Donation envelopes are on the notice board at the back of church.

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.

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 Verity (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.

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.**