



Sunday 13th September 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
13 th September	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Holy Cross</i>	Fiona's Ordination - Chelmsford Cathedral	2.00 pm
	No Evensong	
Monday	Organ Teaching	9.00 am
14 th September		
Wednesday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
16 th	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
September	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
	Confirmation preparation, starting in Parish Office	11.45 am
	Organ Teaching	7.00pm
Thursday	Organ Teaching	9.00 am
17 th September	Organ Teaching	11.00 am
	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
Friday	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
18 th September	Organ Teaching	2.00 pm
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
20 th September	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Trinity 16</i>	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

Mass readings next Sunday: *Philippians 1.21-end; Jonah 3.10 – end of 4*

Evensong readings Next Sunday: *Ezekiel 33.23, 30-34.10; Acts 26.1, 9-25*

Saturday Pathsweepers: 19th September Brabner & Perchard **Coffee:** 20th September 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

Today - Ordination of our new Assistant Curate -Fiona will be ordained Deacon today at 2pm at Chelmsford Cathedral by Bishop Guli. This is a significant occasion, not only for Fiona but for our whole parish, as we celebrate God's faithfulness and give thanks for the beginning of Fiona's ministry as Assistant Curate in our parish. Members of St Laurence are warmly invited to attend the service. Places are not ticketed and there should be room to accommodate all who wish to attend. Please hold Fiona in your prayers in the coming weeks, asking that the Holy Spirit will fill her with wisdom, grace, compassion and courage for her ministry.

Confirmation/enquirers'/refresher course: The dates for this are now confirmed - we will be meeting after the Wednesday Mass (i.e. approx 11.45-12.45pm) on 16th and 23rd September and 7th and 21st October. The next Confirmation service will take place on the afternoon or evening of Sunday 25th October at Rainham Parish Church. However, participation in the course carries no obligation to be confirmed, and is open to those who have already been confirmed - anyone who would like to explore, revisit and discuss some of the foundational aspects of Christian faith would be very welcome. Please let Susannah know if you would like to join.

Threads through Creation - 4 September - 7 October, Chelmsford Cathedral. This autumn, Chelmsford Cathedral will host one of the largest textile art projects ever undertaken by a single artist. Twelve monumental, hand-stitched panels by Jacqui Parkinson bring the Genesis creation story to life in an explosion of colour, pattern and texture. Entry is free – booking recommended. Open: Mon – Sat, 9.30am – 5.00pm

Bread & Wine for Communion - If you would like to take up the bread & wine for Communion at the Offertory on a Sunday to mark a special occasion or in memory of someone or for any other reason, please speak with the Churchwardens who will be happy to diarise a particular Sunday with you.

World Scout Jamboree - Some of you may already know that Imogen has been selected to attend the 2027 World Scout Jamboree in Poland. She's absolutely delighted to be part of this incredible experience. As part of her journey, she is raising funds towards the cost of the trip, with the fundraising also helping to ensure that Scouts who might not otherwise be able to attend have the opportunity to do so. If you are able to support her I hope you can come to this event! Please see poster at end of Porch talk for more information

Harvest Festival, Sunday 27th September. 8am Mass and 9.30am Parade Service. At our services we will be collecting donations of money and food for the Harold Hill Foodbank. A celebratory lunch will be held in the Main Hall at 12.30pm for 1pm. Adults £12.50, U12s £2.50. For lunch reservations please see Joan Prudden on Sunday mornings or phone or email parish.office@upminsterparish.co.uk

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

AT THE MASS

13th September 2026

Holy Cross

Introit **157 – When I survey**

Setting The Addington Service – Shephard

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
who in the passion of your blessed Son
made an instrument of painful death
to be for us the means of life and peace:
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,

he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Alleluia

Taizé

John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

‘No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.’

Offertory hymn

147 My song is love unknown

Anthem

Now let us from this table rise. Text – Kann; Music – Swiss Traditional

Communion hymn

182 Oh, to see the dawn

Final hymn

671 I will sing the wondrous story

Organ Voluntary

Trumpet Voluntary – John Bennet

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, Vicki Hobbs, Bill, Carole Billings, Rosalind Manley, Simon Pols, Brian Shaw, Glynis Whiting, Sylvia Wilson, Maria, Marie Tyler, Ellie Burbeary, Spencer Croucher, Malcolm Charlton, Ann O'Riordan .

Wednesday: Denise Comer, Baby Charles, Doreen, Michael Folkes, Mary Greig, Stanley Oliver, Alan Jones, Sandra Clarke, Michael McSweeney, Terry Evens, Rebecca Mitcham, Janet Goodman.

Additional Prayers: All those receiving Home Communion.

Recently departed: Christine Matthews

Anniversaries of the departed: Valentine Brabner, Jake Robertson, Doreen Elsam, Edward Cox, Peter Cook, Richard McKane, Don Stewart

CHARITY OF THE MONTH THE FISHERMAN'S MISSION



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

The Fishermen's Mission – known as the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen – is a charity registered in England and Wales: No. 232822 and in Scotland: No. SC039088 A company limited by guarantee, registered in England: No. 24477. Registered office: Mather House, 4400 Parkway, Solent Business Park, Whiteley, Hampshire, PO15 7FJ



Buying from smaller producers can help protect the diversity of our foods in the future. For instance, there are over 7,500 varieties of apples grown worldwide. How many can be found for sale at the supermarket? Less than 30 in the UK. The way they are cultivated and stored for supplying supermarkets impacts the quality of flavour; breeding focuses more on issues of size and transport durability than taste. We can also try growing the more unusual varieties of fruit and vegetables at home. Look out for seed swap libraries where seeds are often free/low cost.

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 Chris and Nancy (Churchwardens), Susannah (Rector) or Verity (Parish Administrator).

Candle-Making Fundraiser

Supporting Imogen's Jamboree Journey



**Sunday 11 October 2026
2-4pm**



**St Laurence Church Hall,
Upminster, RM14 2Bb**



Tickets: £30

Prosecco and soft drinks
available, first glass free
Contact us at 07939112787 to book tickets



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POLAND 2027



**We will also be selling handmade items such as cushions,
scrunchies, crocheted items and more. All money raised from
this will go towards Imogen's jamboree journey.**



Create
something
beautiful,
support
something
meaningful.

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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.**