

The Church of Saint Laurence, Upminster  
**PORCHTALK**



Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 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.

<b>Today</b>	Holy Communion	8.00 am
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Procession and Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Easter Day</i>	No Evening Service	
<b>Friday</b>	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
10 <sup>th</sup> April		
<b>Saturday</b>	Organ Teaching	9.30 am
11 <sup>th</sup> April		
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Holy Communion	8.00 am
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	Organ Teaching	3.00 pm
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

**Mass readings next Sunday:** Acts 2.14a, 22-32, 1 Peter 1.3-9, John 20. 19-end

**Evensong readings next Sunday:** Daniel 6. 6-23, Mark 15.46 – 16.8

**Saturday Pathsweepers:** 18<sup>th</sup> April Masterson & Thomson

**Coffee:** 12<sup>th</sup> April Beryl, Maureen & Walter

*Please let 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

**Many thanks** to everyone who has prepared the Church and contributed to services during Holy Week. Your help is much appreciated

**We will be holding Easter services** at local care homes as follows: Derham House - 14<sup>th</sup> April, 11am; The Oaks 21<sup>st</sup> April 10.30am, Little Gaynes - 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 11am. Volunteers to come and sing/read at these services would be much appreciated - please let Susannah know if you can help.

**CHURCHWARDENS NEEDED:** You will have seen the Churchwardens Duties and Role that Susannah circulated with the Saturday email. We didn't know we did so much! It's been a fascinating few years and we've both thoroughly enjoyed our terms of office, but it's time to stand down and let others take their turn.

Could that be you? Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes, or wished you'd been able to influence some decision directly??

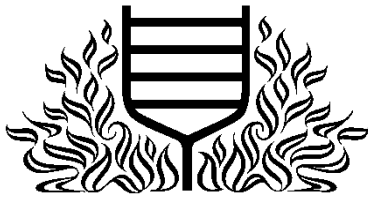
We need 2 good candidates ready and willing before the APCM on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The parish cannot function properly if these 2 vital roles remain unfilled. Please give this some serious thought, and come and chat to either of us for more interesting details.....! Jean and Cheryl.

**Leading your Church into Growth.** This is a practical and experienced-based programme which helps to equip parishes in their mission and ministry. Two of us from St Laurence participated on an online version in 2021. The programme is now being run again for the Barking Archdeaconry over the following two sessions: Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 6-9.30pm at St Chad's, Chadwell Heath, and a residential conference (though it is not obligatory to stay overnight) from 4pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept to 8.30pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept at the Royal Foundation of St Katherine (near Limehouse Station). It is possible for up to 3 people from each parish to attend. If anyone would be interested in attending, please Susannah know. St Laurence could cover the cost of participation.

**Save the Dates** -Building Improvements fundraising events: Quiz (run by Tony Bloomfield) - evening of Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May; BBQ - late afternoon/early evening of Sat 18<sup>th</sup> July. More details to follow!

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting.** Please note that the date for this year's APCM is Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April, after the 9.30am Mass. At this meeting we will be electing Parochial Church Council members, Church Wardens and representatives for Deanery Synod - important decision-making roles and groups in the life of the church. Please speak to Susannah if you would be interested in considering these roles.

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



# AT THE MASS

5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

*Easter Day*

**Processional hymn**      205 Jesus Christ is risen today

**Setting**                      Mass of St Thomas - Thorne

## **Collect of the Day**

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

## **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.'

**Colossians 3:1-4**

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

**Alleluia**

Celtic

**John 20:1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended

to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**Offertory hymn**            453 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

**Anthem**                      This joyful Eastertide. Text – George Woodward.  
Music – Melody from Psalmen 1685,  
harmonised by C Wood

**Communion hymn**        207 Jesus lives, thy terrors now

**Final hymn**                218 Thine be the glory

**Organ Voluntary**        Choral Prelude on "In dir ist Freude" - Bach

## 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, Vicki Hobbs, Fr Gareth Bowen, Ricky Schrembri, Bill, Dobinson Family, Denise Comer, Baby Charles, Doreen, Michael Folkes, Mary Greig, Stanley Oliver, Alan Jones, Sandra Clarke, Michael McSweeney, Terry Evens, Alan Butcher, Spencer Croucher, Malcolm Charlton.

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

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

**Anniversaries of the departed:** Ron Green, Margaret Brereton, Diana Norledge, Iris Stewart, Marion Gunary, Don Mowat, Krystyna Wojtecka, Rene Knight, Diane Bonny, Ivy Brame, Joan Menah, Kathleen Jones, Jimmy Turner.

## CHARITY OF THE MONTH APRIL : THE KING'S TRUST



Almost a million young people in the UK are out of work, education or training. Without the right support, many are losing faith in themselves and their futures.

That's why the focus of our strategy for 2025 to 2030 is on supporting young people to break the cycle of unemployment. Together, we can help them build the confidence and skills they need to succeed, no matter what challenges they are facing.

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

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## **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 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.

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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.**