

PORCHTALK



Sunday 7th June 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
7 th June	Building Faith, Main Hall	8.00 am
<i>Trinity 1</i>	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
Monday	Organ Teaching	11.00 am
8 th June	Organ Teaching	4.30 pm
Tuesday	Organ Teaching	9.15 am
9 th June		
Wednesday	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
10 th June	Organ Teaching	7.00 pm
Thursday	Organ Teaching	9.00 am
11 th June	Organ Teaching	11.00 am
	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
Friday	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
12 th June	Organ Teaching	4.00 pm
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
14 th June	Sung Parish Mass (Parade Service)	9.30 am
<i>Trinity 2</i>	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

Evensong readings this Sunday: 1 Samuel 18.1-16, Luke 8.41-end

Mass readings next Sunday: TBC

Evensong readings next Sunday: 1 Samuel 12.1-15, Luke 11.14-28

Saturday Pathsweepers: 13th June Perchard & Brabner

Coffee: 14th June Clive, Penny and Jane

Please let Revd Susannah 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 the Ven Chris Burke to preside and preach at our 8am Mass.

Following their recent baptisms, we welcome Millie & Freddie and their family to this morning's 9.30am Parish Mass.

Quiz Night - Many thanks to all who supported last Saturday's Quiz Night. We raised £677.30 towards the Church Building Improvements Project - and are especially grateful to Tony as Quizmaster, Julie as his assistant and Debbie for organising tickets and tables!

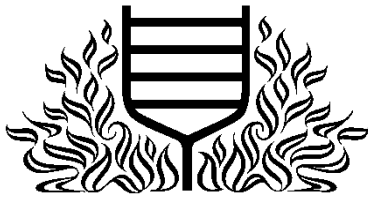
Archdeacon's Visitation - This is the annual service when outgoing Churchwardens are thanked and incoming Churchwardens are sworn in. This year's service takes place on Wednesday 24th June, 7pm for 7.30pm, at All Saints', Squirrels Heath. All are welcome to come and support our retiring and our new Churchwardens.

Junior Choir meeting - there will be a meeting for children who are interested in joining the choir, and their parents, in church at 11am on Sunday 5th July. If you cannot come on this date but your child(ren) would like to express interest, please contact Susannah or Nigel (Director of Music) before 5th July.

Parish BBQ in aid of the Church Building Improvements Project: Saturday 18th July, 4.30pm in the church grounds (hall if wet). £10 adults, £5 children. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Tickets available via the Parish Office or stlaurencefundraising@gmail.com. Please book by 8th July.

Bradwell Pilgrimage 2026 - The annual ecumenical Bradwell Pilgrimage takes place this year on Saturday 4th July from 10.30am-3.30pm. Includes a walk from one of the local churches to the ancient chapel of St Peter's, Bradwell-on-Sea, worship, reflection and talks, children's activities including Messy Church, and a variety of stalls. For more information please see www.bradwellpilgrimage.co.uk

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



AT THE MASS

7th June 2026

Trinity 1

Introit 489 From heaven you came

Setting The Addington Service - Shepherd

Collect of the Day

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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.

Hosea 5.15 – 6.6

I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favour:
Come, let us return to the Lord;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.'

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgement goes forth as the light.
For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt-offerings.

Gradual hymn 728 Meekness and majesty

Romans 4.13 – End

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Baptism Welcome	See back of service booklet
Offertory hymn	471 We pray thee
Anthem	One bread, one body, one Lord of all: Text & Music - Foley
Communion hymn	468i Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour
Final hymn	805 Thee is a Redeemer
Organ Voluntary	Exultemus (Psalm 81: 1-3) – 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: Pam Chapman, Vicki Hobbs, Bill, Dobinson Family, Ellie Burbeary, Carole Billings, Rosalind Manley, Simon Pols, Brian Shaw, Glynis Whiting, Sylvia Wilson, Maria, Marie Tyler, Alan Butcher, Spencer Croucher, Malcolm Charlton.

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

Additional Prayers: All those receiving Home Communion.

Recently departed: David Howard, Margaret Pavitt

Anniversaries of the departed: Albert Hodgson, Doris Anderson, Dorothy Edwards, Douglas Parke, Kathleen Spicer, Shirley Ellis, Greta Rose, Pam Bugler, Carol Carr, Beris Paul, Neil Edwards, Colin Edwards, Geoff Fielden, Tom Shaw, Albert Jackson, Ethel Jackson, Harry Bennett, Frank Reeves, Delia Pusey.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH JUNE: FRIENDS OF THE EARTH



**Friends of
the Earth**

'Together we can create a greener, fairer future'.

Friends of the Earth is a leading environmental organisation working to create a sustainable and fair future. They fight for climate justice through local task groups, community campaigns and legal action. Whether that's using the law to stop fossil fuel projects or pushing for greater rights to protect nature and the environment.

Their first action was to return thousands of empty bottles to the London HQ of Cadbury Schweppes, to promote re-use and better use of the planet's resources. This was in 1971 and set the tone for a peaceful and effective style of campaigning.

Their work encompasses climate and energy, nature and environment and system change.

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.

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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.**