



Sunday 19th July 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
19 th July	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
Trinity 7	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
Tuesday	Organ Teaching	9.15 am
21 st July		
Wednesday	Organ Teaching	7.00 pm
22 nd July		
Thursday	Organ Teaching	9.00 am
23 rd July	Organ Teaching	11.00 am
Friday	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
24 th July		
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
26 th July	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
Trinity 8	Service of Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child	12.00 pm
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

Evensong readings this Sunday: 1 Kings 2.10-12, 3.16-end, Acts 4.1-22

Mass readings next Sunday: Romans 8.26-end, 1 Kings 3.5-12

Evensong readings next Sunday: 1 Kings 6.11-14, 23-end, Acts 12.1-17.

Saturday Pathsweepers: 25th July Mowat & Perchard **Coffee:** 26th Becky & Simon and Pauline

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 our sermon at the 9.30am Mass will take the form of a talk given by Sherry Owolabi from Church Army about their work.

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.

Summer Read - We will be holding a Summer Read this year (where we read a novel individually and then meet up to talk about it). This year's book is 'Light Perpetual' by Francis Spufford. It has received many excellent reviews and is a re-imagining of what the lives of children killed in a blast in the Blitz could have been like had they lived, and with this an interesting overview of the social history of London in the latter part of the 20th Century. We will meet to discuss the book at 11am on Sunday 6th September. Please let Susannah know if you would like to come along.

The Parish Office will be closed the week beginning Sunday 26th July as Verity will be on leave. Any meetings scheduled to take place in the office that week will go ahead as normal.

Servers' meeting there will be a meeting for all who serve at the 9.30 mass in church at 11 am on Sunday 6th September.

Admission of children to Holy Communion in the parish office at 11 am on Sunday 30th August for children and their parents who are interested in admission to Holy Communion. This is offered to children in year 3 and above who already regularly attend church.

Patronal festival Cream Tea is to be held on Sunday 9th August, 4pm in the main hall. All are welcome. Please book by Sunday 2nd August by contacting Jean Keen or Deborah Masterson. Cost £6 per person and £2 for under 12s.

Would you like to be Confirmed, or are you curious to learn more about Christianity? -Confirmation is the rite where Christians affirm the promises made at their baptism and the Bishop prays that they may receive the strengthening power of God's Holy Spirit to help them to continue on their faith journey. It is also the point at which people are admitted to Holy Communion if they have not been admitted previously. We plan to run Confirmation preparation during September and October for any teenagers or adults who wish to be confirmed this year. The course would consist of four sessions before the Confirmation (dates and times to be discussed with those who are interested) and one afterwards. The course is also open to those who might want to be confirmed but aren't sure, and to anyone who would appreciate an opportunity to explore some of the foundational aspects of Christian faith - whether as a 'refresher' or for the first time. The Confirmation service itself will take place on the afternoon or evening of Sunday 25th October at Rainham Parish Church. Please speak to me, ideally by Sunday 19th July, if you would like to join the course and/or if you have any questions about Confirmation or related matters Susannah

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

AT THE MASS

19th July 2026

Trinity 7

Introit 557 Beauty for brokenness

Setting A New People's Mass - Murray

Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.**

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

There is not any god besides you, Lord, whose care is for all people,
to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly;
For your strength is the source of righteousness,
and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.
For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your
power,
and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.
Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness,
and with great forbearance you govern us;
for you have power to act whenever you choose.

Through such works you have taught your people
that the righteous must be kind,
and you have filled your children with good hope,
because you give repentance for sins.

Responsorial Psalm 86. 11-15



Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; knit my heart to you that I may fear your name.

I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name for evermore; For great is your steadfast love towards me, for you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave.

O God, the proud rise up against me and a ruthless horde seek after my life; they have not set you before their eyes. But you, Lord are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and full of kindness and truth.

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Offertory hymn 466 The love of God comes close

Anthem Here is the Place ; Text & Music Haugen

Communion hymn 427 Behold the Lamb

Final hymn 505 Tell all the world of Jesus

Organ Voluntary Praeludium in F Major, BuxWV 145 - Buxtehude

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, Spencer Croucher, Malcolm Charlton, Joan Prudden.

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

Additional Prayers: All those receiving Home Communion.

Recently departed: Alan Butcher, Marina Moy

Anniversaries of the departed: David Rose, Winifred Murrell, Nora Worton, Hilda Wood, Barbara Holden, Dorothy Morley, Jacqui Sexton, Ellen Fillery.



Book Recommendation

Badgerland by Patrick Barkham

Badgers are elusive and enigmatic. In this book Patrick Barkham speaks to farmers, scientists and badger enthusiasts about the iconic badger. He looks into the historic introduction of badgers to the UK, their place in our literary heritage, TB, and so much more. It is

interesting and informative. A mix of studies and personal experiences and is without sentimentality. A good read

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35-41 Lower Marsh
London SE1 7RL.
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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 - 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.

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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.**