



Sunday 9th August 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
9 th August	Procession and Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>St Laurence Patronal Festival</i>	Patronal Cream Tea, Main Hall	4.00 pm
	No Evensong	
Tuesday	Organ Teaching	9.15 am
11 th August		
Wednesday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
12 th August	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
Thursday	Organ Teaching	9.00 am
13 th August	Funeral of Marina Moy	12.00 pm
Friday	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
14 th August	Organ Teaching	2.00 pm
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
16 th August	Procession and Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

Mass readings next Sunday: Isaiah 61.10-end, Galatians 4.4-7, Luke 1.46-55.

Evensong readings next Sunday: 2 Kings 4.1-37, Acts 16.1-15

Saturday Pathsweepers: 22nd Stewart & Mowat **Coffee:** 16th Margaret & Colin and Christine

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

Funeral arrangements for Marina Moy: Some of you will remember Marina Moy who worshipped with us for several years prior to going into care at Derham House. Marina's service will be in church at 12 noon on Thursday 13th August.

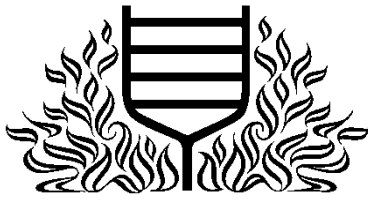
Admission of children to Holy Communion – there will be a meeting in the parish office at 11am on Sunday 30th August for children and their parents who are interested in admission to Holy Communion. This is offered to children in year 3 and above who already regularly attend church.

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.

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.

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

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.



AT THE MASS

10th August 2026

St Laurence Patronal Festival

Processional Hymn 312 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Setting Mass of St Thomas - Thorne

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
by whose grace and power your holy martyr Laurence
triumphed over suffering and was faithful unto death:
strengthen us with your grace,
that we may endure reproach and persecution
and faithfully bear witness to the name
 of 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.**

Tobit 4:5-11

‘Revere the Lord all your days, my son, and refuse to sin or to transgress his commandments. Live uprightly all the days of your life, and do not walk in the ways of wrongdoing; for those who act in accordance with truth will prosper in all their activities. To all those who practice righteousness give alms from your possessions, and do not let your eye begrudge the gift when you make it. Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor, and the face of God will not be turned away from you. If you have many possessions, make your gift from them in proportion; if few, do not be afraid to give according to the little you have. So you will be laying up a good treasure for yourself against the day of necessity. For almsgiving delivers from death and keeps you from going into the Darkness. Indeed, almsgiving, for all who practice it, is an excellent offering in the presence of the Most High.

Gradual hymn 300 Glory to you, O God

2 Corinthians 9:6-10

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.’

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

Alleluia

Plainsong

Matthew 6:19-24

Jesus said to the disciples ‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

‘No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Offertory hymn

1. Sing today the praises telling
of our Patron Martyr's fame,
In this holy house, God's dwelling,
dedicated to his name.
2. As a faithful deacon serving
at the altar day by day,
Filled with zeal and love unswerving;
firm when tempted to betray.

3. Guarding well the treasures holy
from the pagan spoilers' hands;
Working for the poor and lowly,
bringing light to heathen lands.
4. Fearless of the foes around him
while they planned his torment dread;
Never flinching when they bound him
stretched upon his fiery bed.
5. Joyfully his Lord he praises,
heedless of the cruel flame,
Loud in prayer his voice upraises
calling on the Holy Name.
6. Strong and mighty to deliver
is the Everlasting Arm,
Leading him across the river
To receive the martyr's palm.
7. Lord, to Thee be all the merit,
whom the blessed saints adore,
Father, Son, and Gracious Spirit,
praise and glory evermore.

*Words by R. H. ROBERTS
Original Music by G. E. SYKES*

Anthem Praise the Lord, O Praise the Lord. Text: Psalm 135 vv. 1-5,21. Music: Nardone

Communion hymn 556 Alleluia! Alleluia! Raise the Gospel over the earth

Final hymn 683 Jerusalem the Golden

Organ Voluntary Carillon – David Bedford

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, Denise Comer, Baby Charles, Doreen, Michael Folkes, Mary Greig, Stanley Oliver, Alan Jones, Sandra Clarke, Michael McSweeney, Terry Evens, Spencer Croucher, Malcolm Charlton, Christine Matthews, Ann O'Riordan.

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

Additional Prayers: All those receiving Home Communion.

Recently departed: Marina Moy, Alice Sarpong, Vicki

Anniversaries of the departed: Edwin Wallen, Paul Wilson, Chris Francombe, George Gill, Ivy Dowding, Bill Wesley, Kate Rowell, Thelma Wesley, Revd Barry Arscott, Fiona Holloway, Margaret Roome, Doug Collyer.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH THE MARILLAC NEUROLOGICAL CARE CENTRE

The Marillac is an independent, not for profit care home which relies on good will and generosity to provide quality and comfort for residents. We always look for new ways to extend our services for younger people with physical and neurological disabilities - sponsorship for this is invaluable.

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

Charity Registration No. 1184495 Eagle Way, Warley Brentwood CM13 3BL

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).

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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.**