



Sunday 23rd 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
23rd August	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
Trinity 12	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
Tuesday	Adventurers Planning Mtg, - Parish Office	8.00 pm
25 th August		
Wednesday	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
26 th August	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
Friday	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
28th August		
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
30 th August	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
Trinity 13	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

Evensong readings this Sunday: 2 Kings 6.8-23, Acts 17.15-end

Mass readings next Sunday: Jeremiah 15.15-21, Romans 12.9-end

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Saturday Pathsweepers: 5th September Thomson & Masterson **Coffee:** 30th August Alison and Mark

Please 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 we welcome the Revd Canon Ken Wylie to preside and preach at our 8am Mass and Fr Chris Bishop to preside and preach at our 9.30 am Mass.

The Parish Office will be closed the week beginning Sunday 16th August until week beginning Sunday 30th August as Verity will be on leave. Any meetings scheduled to take place in the office those weeks will go ahead as normal.

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.

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

Ride and Stride, raising money for the Friends of Essex Churches Trust and giving some money straight back to St Laurence, will take place again on Saturday 12th September. If anyone would like to join our team of walkers who are most likely to be walking around churches in Leytonstone, please speak to Rob Brabner, or Susannah and she will put you in touch with him.

Ordination of our new Assistant Curate -Fiona will be ordained Deacon on Sunday 13th September 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. It would be helpful to know who is planning to come, so please speak to Susannah if you are intending to be there or if you have any queries. 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.

Christingle – Looking ahead: We are hoping to hold our Christingle Parade as usual at 4pm on Sunday 6th December. However, this year it will not be possible for it to go ahead unless someone is able to volunteer to coordinate teams to prepare the Christingles on Friday 4th or Saturday 5th December and to assist with running the service. Please contact Susannah by Sunday 13th September if you can help

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.

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

AT THE MASS

23rd August 2026

Sunday Trinity 12

Introit **634** Firmly I believe and truly

Setting A New People's Mass – Murray

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray

and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
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.**

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Responsorial Psalm 124

Colin Mawby



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If the Lord himself had not been on our side,
now may Israel say;
If the Lord had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;
Then would they have swallowed us alive,
when their anger burned against us;

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us,
and the torrent gone over our soul;
over our soul would have swept the raging waters.
But blessed be the Lord,
who has not given us over to be a prey to their teeth.

Our soul has escaped
as a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken and we are delivered.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who has made heaven and earth.

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Alleluia

Celtic

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessèd are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates

of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.**Amen.**

Offertory hymn **748** O Jesus I have promised

Communion hymn **421** All for Jesus

Final hymn **805** There is a Redeemer

Organ Voluntary March from the Prelude to Richard III - Walton

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: Alice Sarpong, Vicki

Anniversaries of the departed: Bill Wesley, Kate Rowell, Thelma Wesley, Revd Barry Arscott, Fiona Holloway, Margaret Roome, Doug Collyer, Eric Evans (Priest), Penny Hale, Eileen Hall, Pat Harding, Tony Mason, Vera Napier.

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.

Name

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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.**