



Sunday 6th September 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
6 th September	Building Faith – Main Hall	8.00am
Trinity 14	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
	Servers' Meeting in Church	11.00 am
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
Wednesday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
9 th September	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
	Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel	4.15pm
	CM&FG meeting, Parish Office	8.00pm
Thursday	Organ Teaching	9.00 am
10th	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
September		
Friday	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
11 th		
September		
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
13 th	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
September	Fiona's Ordination Chelmsford Cathedral	2.00 pm
Holy Cross	No Evensong	

Evensong readings this Sunday: Ezekiel 12.21-13.16, Acts 19.1-20

Mass readings next Sunday: Philippians 2.6-11

Saturday Pathsweepers: 19th September Brabner & Perchard **Coffee:** 13th September Becky, Simon & Pauline

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

Today we welcome the a member of the Hornchurch Team to preside and preach at our 8am Mass.

Today - Servers' meeting - there will be a meeting for all who serve at the 9.30 Mass in church at 11am.

Today - Summer read - We will meet to discuss the book below at 11am on Sunday 6th September, in the Parish Office. 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.

Not Dead Yet UK campaign regarding Assisted Dying - Churches across the Church of England have received some postcards from Not Dead Yet UK, a network led by disabled people who believe that there is a direct link between the assisted dying debate and the treatment of disabled and seriously ill people. The postcards have been sent with the endorsement of members of the House of Lords (Lord David Alton, Baroness Jane Campbell and Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson) and are for people to send to their MP ahead of the Second Reading of the Assisted Suicide Bill due to take place this Friday, 11th September. The postcards raise objections to the bill on the grounds of inadequate safeguarding and lack of investment in alternatives (e.g. better palliative care and care for the disabled). If you wish to send a postcard, please take one from the back of church today.

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.

World Scout Jamboree - Some of you may already know that Imogen has been selected to attend the 2027 World Scout Jamboree in Poland. She's absolutely delighted to be part of this incredible experience. As part of her journey, she is raising funds towards the cost of the trip, with the fundraising also helping to ensure that Scouts who might not otherwise be able to attend have the opportunity to do so. If you are able to support her I hope you can come to this event! Please see poster at end of Porch talk for more information

Harvest Festival, Sunday 27th September. 8am Mass and 9.30am Parade Service. At our services we will be collecting donations of money and food for the Harold Hill Foodbank. A celebratory lunch will be held in the Main Hall at 12.30pm for 1pm. Adults £12.50, U12s £2.50. For lunch reservations please see Joan Prudden on Sunday mornings or phone or email parish.office@upminsterparish.co.uk

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

Sunday Trinity 14

327 Awake, awake, fling off the night

The Addington Service – Shephard

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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.**

The word of the Lord came to me:

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die', and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Responsorial Psalm 119

Richard Lloyd



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Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes and I shall keep it to the end.
Give me understanding and I shall keep your law; I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for therein is my delight.
Incline my heart to your testimonies and not to unjust gain.

Turn away my eyes lest they gaze on vanities; O give me life in your ways.
Confirm to your servant your promise, which stands for all who fear you.

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Alleluia

Taizé

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus spoke to his disciples. 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the

member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Offertory hymn **635** For the healing of the nations.

Anthem Author of life divine. Text – Charles Wesley, Music – John Edwards

Communion hymn **464** Sweet sacrament divine

Final hymn **507** We have a gospel to proclaim

Organ Voluntary Procession – Herbert Sumsion

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, Ann O'Riordan.

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

Additional Prayers: All those receiving Home Communion.

Recently departed: Christine Matthews

Anniversaries of the departed: Arthur Salter, Keith Bonny, Valentine Brabner

CHARITY OF THE MONTH THE FISHERMAN'S MISSION



The Fishermen's Mission is the only national charity in the UK that works solely to support fishermen (both active and former) and their families. They are a charity founded on Christian faith. Their mission is to provide practical welfare, spiritual care, and friendship to active and former fishermen, along with their families.

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

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As Autumn sets in, it is a suitable time to think ahead and plan for our Spring gardens. Friends of the Earth Havering have produced a handy guide to help us plant bee friendly plants that do not need pesticides and will flower throughout Spring, Summer, and Autumn.

Spring: Achillea, Cherry, Chives, Cowslip, Flowering Currant, Hawthorn, Hazel, Lesser Knapweed, Red Campion, Rosemary, Sage & Thyme

Summer: Angelica, Blackberry, Echinops/Globe Thistle, Fennel, Hyssop, Lemon Balm, Meadow Clary/Salvia, Oxeye Daisy, Scentless Mayweed, Selfheal, Water Avens, Wild Carrot.

Autumn: Buddleia, Centaurea, Cornflower, Escallonia, Greater Knapweed, Hebe, Lavender, Marjoram, Phacelia Tanacetifolia, Rock-Rose, Scabious, Sunflower.

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).

Candle-Making Fundraiser

Supporting Imogen's Jamboree Journey



**Sunday 11 October 2026
2-4pm**



**St Laurence Church Hall,
Upminster, RM14 2Bb**



Tickets: £30

Prosecco and soft drinks
available, first glass free
Contact us at 07939112787 to book tickets



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POLAND 2027



**We will also be selling handmade items such as cushions,
scrunchies, crocheted items and more. All money raised from
this will go towards Imogen's jamboree journey.**

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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

Telephone

**Revd Susannah sends a weekly email about services, news and events.
Please email her if you would like to receive her emails.**