



Sunday 1st November 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	Building Faith, Main Hall	8.00 am
1 st November	Holy Communion	8.00 am
<i>All Saints' Day</i>	Procession and Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>& All Souls'</i>	All Souls' Service, followed by refreshments	6.30 pm
Monday	Organ Teaching	9.00 am
2 nd November	Organ Teaching	11.00 am
Wednesday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
4 th November	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
	Morning Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
	Evening Prayer	4.15 pm
Thursday	Organ Teaching	9.00 am
5 th November	Funeral Service David Nelson	11.30 am
	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
Friday	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
6 th October	Organ Teaching	2.00 pm
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
7 th November	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Remembrance</i>	Remembrance Parade Service at War Memorial	10.45 am
<i>Sunday</i>	Coffee in Derham Hall	11.15 am
	<i>N.B: No Evensong on Zoom</i>	

Mass reading next Sunday – 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end, Matthew 25.1-13

Saturday Pathsweepers: 14th November Mowat & Skinner **Coffee: 8th November** Clive, Penny & Jane

Please let Revd Susannah, Revd Fiona 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

8am Mass: This morning we welcome the Archdeacon Chris Burke to preside at the 8am Mass.

Tonight is our All Souls' service at 6.30pm, followed by refreshments. Our annual All Souls' service is an opportunity to remember before God those who have died, and to light candles in their memory. All are very welcome to attend. If you would like the name of someone who has died to be read during the prayers, please write it on the list at the back of church.

This year we are also offering the opportunity to sponsor a ceramic forget-me-not in memory of a person or people which will be displayed outside the church until Advent.

There are labels for you to write the names of a loved one(s) at the back of church if you place in the box, that will be placed with a flower in the Memory Garden. Sponsorship can be any amount and donations will go to the charity **Cruse Bereavement Support**. (Registered Charity No. 208078.) <https://www.cruse.org.uk/>

Thankyou: to all who came along despite the atrocious weather to support our Cards, Cakes & Coffee Morning on Friday 23 October. A very pleasing £594 was raised in aid of our Building Improvement Project. Thanks to everyone who donated cakes and/or helped on the day and especially to Gill & Steve Roome for providing the raffle prizes in addition to their usual splendid variety of homemade cards.

Remembrance Sunday, 8th November - as usual, there will be an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial beginning at 10.50am. We need people to hand out service sheets prior to this and act as stewards. Please contact Susannah or one of the Churchwardens if you can assist.

Carol singing at the Upminster Christmas event - once again Churches Together will be singing carols at the Upminster Christmas event, which this year takes place on Friday 20th November. Volunteers to come and sing would be much appreciated - please meet on the Upminster Junior School playground (near the traffic lights) ready to begin at 4pm.

Halls Manager - we are seeking a volunteer Halls Manager to provide general oversight/co-ordination of maintenance issues affecting the church halls. The role does not need to be onerous or take a lot of time, and could be modelled to fit individual circumstances. If you think this may be something that you could offer, please speak to Susannah.

INEQE Independent Safeguarding Audit - Safeguarding procedures in the Diocese of Chelmsford are due to be independently audited in February

2027. Ahead of this, INEQE would like people in church communities to engage with confidential surveys about their experience of safeguarding. The surveys are open until the end of November and can be found online at <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/chelmsford/>. Please select the category of participant that best applies to you.

Diocesan Course in Christian Studies: Diocesan Course in Christian Studies: Registration is now open for the next intake of this course, beginning in January. Students study CCS on a two year part-time basis at centres across the Diocese. There will be at least one locally. The first year embraces Foundations in Theology and the second year Foundations in Ministry. The aim of the course is to provide an opportunity to study the Bible, Church traditions, Doctrine and different forms of church ministry. It is open to everyone - whether you are new to Christianity or a lifelong believer, and whether you are looking to explore vocation within or beyond the Church or would just like to do the course for interest. If you would like to know more, please speak to Susannah, or scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church.

Becket Keys Sixth Form Open Evening -Prospective students in Year 10 and 11 and their parents/carers are warmly invited to attend the Open Evening on Wednesday 11th November from 4.30-7.30pm. This is an opportunity to learn more about our high achieving Sixth Form, explore our wide range of courses, and discover how our distinctive Christian ethos supports students to flourish academically, personally and spiritually. Visitors will have the chance to meet staff and students, hear about enrichment and leadership opportunities, and learn about the excellent progression pathways available to our young people. Please book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/becket-keys-sixth-form-open-event-tickets-2001868098371>

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.

AT THE MASS

1st November 2026

All Saints Day

Introit **296** For all the saints

Setting A New People's Mass – Murray

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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.

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of

the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

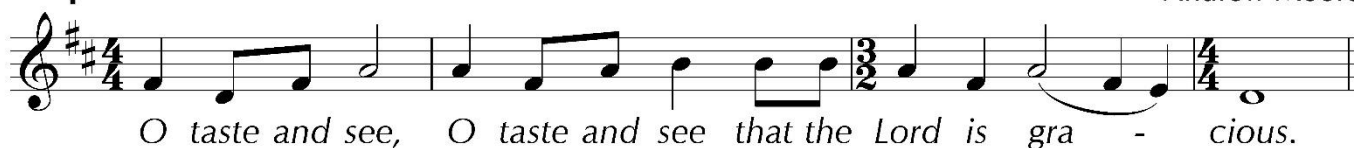
for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Responsorial Psalm 34

Andrew Moore



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I will bless the Lord at all times; ♦
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall glory in the Lord; ♦
let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me; ♦
let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord and he answered me ♦
and delivered me from all my fears.

Look upon him and be radiant ♦
and your faces shall not be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me ♦
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him ♦
and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; ♦
blessed is the one who trusts in him.

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we

will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Alleluia

Celtic

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Offertory hymn

312 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Anthem

For all the saints who showed your love. Text – Bell /
Maule, Music - Tredinnick

Communion hymn

556 Alleluia! (Raise the Gospel over the earth)

Final hymn

310 Thanks be to God for his saints

Organ Voluntary

Fantasy on “Lasst Uns Erfreuen” - Bonighton

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, Alan Anderson, Hugh Winn, Daphne Martineau, Denise Comer, Baby Charles, Doreen, Michael Folkes, Mary Greig, Stanley Oliver, Alan Jones, Sandra Clarke, Michael McSweeney, Terry Evens, Ann O'Riordan, Russel James Eammon.

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

Additional Prayers: All those receiving Home Communion. Isabel and Edward preparing for their First Communion.

Recently departed: David Nelson, Keith Ambrose, Doris Slade

Anniversaries of the departed: Nancy Rowe, Frank Shipp, Barbara Izzard, Richard Marrable, Wilfred Murrell, John Bowman, Johanna Cox, Frank Norledge, Maurice Wilson, Leonard Hall, Henry Hill, Paul Holden, Doris Harding, Peter Hodgson

CHARITY OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER: THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Children's Society

The Children's Society provides specialist support that empowers young people to make positive changes and rediscover their hope. They want a future they can look forward to and The Children's Society is there to make sure they get it.

Working alongside young people, their families and community, the Society will not rest until together, step-by-step, they've created a society built for all children. Young people come to the Society when they have low self-esteem, when they're living in families who can't afford the next meal/school uniform or when there's no one else to hear them. The Society also listens to their needs and campaign and lobby on their behalf. The Society wants to make sure they are heard at local and nation level.

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

SAFEGUARDING

If you have a concern about your own welfare or that of someone else, please do contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Akosua Boachie (details on the back page of Porchtalk) or please feel free to speak to the clergy. If you think that there is an urgent risk, please contact the police.

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

Telephone

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