



Sunday 4th October 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
4 th October	Building Faith, Main Hall	8.00 am
Dedication	Procession and Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
	Junior Choir Practice	11.00 am
	Baptism	12.00 pm
	First Communion Preparation meeting, Parish Office	3.00 pm
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
Monday	Organ Teaching	9.00 am
5 th October	Organ Teaching	11.00 am
Wednesday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
7 th October	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
	Confirmation preparation, starting in Parish Office	11.45 am
	Evening Prayer	4.15 pm
Thursday	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
8 th October		
Friday	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
9 th October		
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
11 th October	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
Trinity 19	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

Evensong readings this Sunday: Jeremiah 7.1-11, 1 Corinthians 3. 9-17

Mass reading next Sunday – Philippians 4.1-9, Isaiah 25.1-9, Matthew 22.1-14

Evensong readings Next Sunday: Proverbs 3.1-18, John 3.1-15

Saturday Pathsweepers: 17th October Stewart & Brabner **Coffee:** 11th October Joan, Gareth & Kate

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 Revd Beth Joss-Pothen, Vicar of St Andrew's, Romford, to preside at the 8am Mass.

A very big thankyou – to all those that helped and put in so much work for the Harvest celebratory lunch. It was a great success and enjoyed by all those attended.

Thankyou – Ann O’Riordan would like to say a thankyou to everyone for their kind messages and lovely cards she has received since she has been unwell, she is extremely grateful.

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.

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.

Threads through Creation - 4 September - 7 October, Chelmsford Cathedral. This autumn, Chelmsford Cathedral is hosting one of the largest textile art projects ever undertaken by a single artist. Twelve monumental, hand-stitched panels by Jacqui Parkinson bring the Genesis creation story to life in an explosion of colour, pattern and texture. Entry is free – booking recommended. Open: Mon – Sat, 9.30am – 5.00pm

Christians against Poverty - CAP operate a successful help centre out of St Luke's, Cranham which has helped many local people. They are holding a service to celebrate their 15th anniversary at St Luke's on Sunday 11th October at 10.30am - anyone who wishes to attend is welcome. If you would like to know more about CAP or would be interested in volunteering, please contact Mark, the Debt Centre Manager: markrider@capuk.org

Burial of ashes - Alan Butcher - Alan's ashes will be interred in his family's grave on the north side of the churchyard at 11.15am on Friday 16th October. Anyone who knew Alan would be welcome to attend.

Coffee, Cake and Cards – All are welcome to attend join us on Friday 23rd October in the Main Hall from 10.30am - 12.30 for coffee & tea and homemade cakes, with a selection of handmade Greeting Cards for sale, “A raffle with a difference” and friendly conversation. Held in aid of St Laurence Church Building Improvements.

Ride & Stride 2026 - Please support the St Laurence Walking Team! -Our team of 6 St Laurence walkers plus one four-legged friend, took part in the annual Ride & Stride event on Saturday 12th September. Our walkers visited 18 churches in the Maryland/Leytonstone area - **please sponsor our team we need your support.** Your funding is split on a 50/50 basis and funds our church's Building Fabric Fund and also the Friends of Essex Churches Trust and their work providing grant funding for repairs and improvements to churches within Churches Together (St Laurence benefited from a grant award from the 'Friends' a few years ago - the Trust covers Essex and also the 5 eastern London Boroughs). Sponsorship Forms are available on the table by the poster screen in the tower area. The Friends of Essex Churches have an interesting website on www.foect.com.

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.

The Communion Bread and Wine have been sponsored for October by Cheryl and David Goddard with thanks for the wedding of their daughter Helen to Garry.

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 Porchtalk for more information

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

AT THE MASS

4th October 2026

Dedication

Processional **506** The Church's one foundation

Setting The Addington Service – Shephard

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication
of this house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings
you have given to those who worship you here:
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple acceptable to 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 21. 9-14

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, 'Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.' And in the spirit^[1] he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Responsorial Psalm 122

Andrew Wright



I was glad when they said, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.' —

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I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem;

Jerusalem, built as a city that is at unity in itself. Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. For there are set the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls and tranquillity within your palaces.'

Hebrews 12:18-24

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the

judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Alleluia

Celtic

Matthew 21:12-16

Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, 'It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer"; but you are making it a den of robbers.' The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, 'Hosanna to the Son of David,' they became angry and said to him, 'Do you hear what these are saying?' Jesus said to them, 'Yes; have you never read, "Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself"?''

Offertory hymn

608 Christ is our cornerstone

Anthem

Oh, the life of the world is a joy and a treasure; Text
- Kathy Galloway, Music – Ian Galloway

Communion hymn

538 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Final hymn

In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer
for the saints who before us have found their reward;
when the shadow of death fell upon them, we sorrowed,
but now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.

In the morning of life, and at noon, and at evening,
he called them away from our worship below,
but not till his love, at the font and the altar,
had clothed them with grace for the way they should go.

These stones that have echoed their praises are holy,
and dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;
yet here they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims,
and still they were seeking the city of God.

Sing praise, then, for all who here sought and here found him,
whose journey is ended, whose perils are past;
they believed in the light; and its glory is round them,
where the clouds of earth's sorrows are lifted at last.

Organ Voluntary Prelude to the Te Deum – Charpentier

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, Ann O'Riordan, Russel James Eammon.

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: David Nelson

Anniversaries of the departed: Steve Sowden, Barbara Rawle, Helen Clark-Lockwood, Elsie Prudden, Joan Parish, George Greenland, Marilyn Rawle, Jack Collins, Pat Shore, Charles Fillery, Sylvia Evans, Cecil Rowell, June Mason, Arthur Barwick.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH

THE TOYBOX CHARITY



For over 30 years, we have been working alongside street children, first in Latin America and now in Asia and Africa. Our core purpose today remains consistent with the reason Toybox was created - to help

children marginalised and abused by those who should be protecting them. Local knowledge and expertise is key to our strategy in each country where we work. Therefore, we invest in local partners to ensure we are working where the need is greatest, where we can have the most impact and in a long-term, sustainable way.

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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).



A pink-themed poster for a candle-making fundraiser. The title 'Candle-Making Fundraiser' is in a large, elegant font. Below it, a subtitle reads 'Supporting Imogen's Jamboree Journey'. The event details are listed on the left: Sunday 11 October 2026, 2-4pm, at St Laurence Church Hall, Upminster, RM14 2Bb. Tickets are £30, including prosecco and soft drinks. The event is for beginners and friends' nights. MAY + GRACE HOME candles are available for purchase. A raffle will be held on the night. The poster features a lit candle, a vase of flowers, and a small card that says 'Create something beautiful, support something meaningful.' At the bottom, logos for POLAND 2027 and Scouts are displayed, along with a note about selling handmade items.

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
- Learn to pour your own non-toxic, vegan CocoSoy candle with expert guidance from
MAY + GRACE HOME
- Perfect for beginners, friends' nights, or a little self-care treat
- MAY + Grace HOME** candles available to purchase
- Raffle on the night

Limited spaces available - book your place today

POLAND 2027

scouts
be prepared . . .

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.**