



14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 *Second Sunday of Epiphany*

## 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.

<b>Today</b>	Holy Communion	8.00 am
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</i>	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
<b>Monday</b>	CM&FG Meeting, Parish Office	8.00 pm
15 <sup>th</sup> January		
<b>Tuesday</b>	No Morning Prayer today	
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Organ Teaching	10.00 am
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
<i>Antony of Egypt; Charles Gore</i>	Mass	11.00 am
	Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel	4.15 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	9.10 am
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
19 <sup>th</sup> January		
<b>Saturday</b>	Organ Teaching	9.30 am
20 <sup>th</sup> January		
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Holy Communion	8.00 am
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</i>	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

**Evensong readings this Sunday:** Isaiah 60:9-end; Hebrews 6:17-7:10

**Mass readings next Sunday:** Genesis 14:17-20; Revelation 19:6-10; John 2:1-11

**Evensong readings next Sunday:** Jeremiah 3:21-4:2; Titus 2:1-8,11-14

**Saturday Pathsweepers:** 20<sup>th</sup> – Stewart & Thomson. **Coffee:** 21<sup>st</sup> – Margaret, Carole & Christine

*Please let Revd Susannah, Revd Catherine 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

**Shirley and family** send their appreciation for all the cards and condolences they have received following Bill's death. His funeral will be at Bristol on the 19<sup>th</sup> January and there will be a memorial service in St Laurence at 1pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Main Hall. For catering purposes please contact Deborah Masterson with your intention to attend.

**Dear Friends,** my sincere thanks to you all for your prayers and good wishes, also this week for the beautiful flowers which arrived. I hope to be back with you very soon. Yours, Ann.

**Last Sunday** Juliet Masterson was commissioned as an Authorised Local Preacher. During the 9.30am Mass next Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup>, Juliet will be preaching her first sermon. Please remember Juliet in your prayers at this time.

**Unfortunately, the Scottish Evening** planned for 20<sup>th</sup> January has been cancelled. However, it is still possible to support the Building Improvement fundraising by buying raffle tickets to win some Scottish treats. A bottle of single malt whisky, a hamper full of Scottish goodies and a woollen plaid blanket are all up for grabs; tickets on sale after the church service and during coffee on Sundays and Fridays. Raffle to be drawn on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you and good luck!

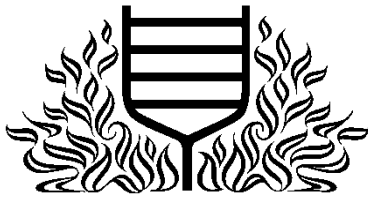
**Quinquagesima Lunch,** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Meet in the Minor Hall at 12.30pm for a glass of sherry with lunch served at 1pm in the Main Hall. Adults £12.50, under 12s £6. Contact Joan Prudden to book on 01708 223744.

**Ash Wednesday,** 14<sup>th</sup> February: To mark the start of Lent there will be a Said Mass at 11am and a Sung Mass at 8pm. Both will include the imposition of ashes.

**The Main Hall Kitchen Store** has recently been tidied up. In the process, various items of cookware and serving dishes have been found. Please see Joan Prudden if you wish to take a look. Unclaimed items will be given to local charity shops in a few weeks' time.

**Across the Diocese,** leading up to Good Friday, there will be a series of courses offered under the title 'Lent Modules'. The courses are open to anyone and there is a mixture of face to face and online modules. The cost starts at £15 for a 2 session course, rising to £25 a 5 session course. All information is available at: [www.chelmsford.anglican.org/vocations-and-discipleship/discipleship/lent-modules](http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/vocations-and-discipleship/discipleship/lent-modules)

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



# AT THE MASS

14<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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## **Introit**

103 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

## **Setting**

A New People's Mass - Murray

## **Collect of the Day**

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
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.**

## **1 Samuel 3:1-10**

The boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel,

‘Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, “Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.” ’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ And Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’

## **Gradual hymn**

840 Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us

## **Revelation 5:1-10**

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, ‘Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?’ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, ‘Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.’

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

‘You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.’

## **Alleluia**

Plainsong

## **John 1:43-end**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, ‘Follow me.’ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, ‘We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.’ Nathanael said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of

Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

**Offertory hymn**            104 Songs of thankfulness and praise

**Anthem**                    Jesus calls us here to meet him (1989)  
Music: Lewis Folk Melody arr. John Bell.  
Text: John Bell & Graham Maule

**Communion hymn**        330 Do not be afraid

**Final hymn**                510 Will you come and follow me

**Organ Voluntary**        Voluntary VII Opus 7 - John Stanley

## 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:** William Holden, Charles Osmond, Ann O'Riordan, Jan Black, Shirley Gunary.

**Wednesday:** Rosemary Watkins, Mary Greig, Denise Comer, James Tape, Rosalind Manley, Brian Shaw, Bob Bossey, Baby Charles, Glynis Whiting, Michael Folkes, Fr Tom Keighley, Sylvia Wilson, Simon Pols, Mary-Anne Madden, Florence Collins, Anne Hendra, Jean Biggs, Doreen, Carole Billings.

**Additional Prayers:** All those receiving Home Communion and Juliet Masterson.

**Recently departed:** Jean Osmond, Joan Jackson, Daphne Gass, Bill Gunary, Penny Went, Shirley Edwards.

**Anniversaries of the departed:** Hyla Rose Holden (Priest), Winifred Hodgson, Peggy Lockwood, Phyllis Knight, Maurice Harper (Priest), David Hill, Christine Forrest, Howard Jones, Maidie Gay, Pauline Lee, Frances Pryer (Deaconess), Bill Shore, Ian Tresadern, Bill Harding, Ray Mulley, Margaret Holden.

## **CHARITY OF THE MONTH**

### **JANUARY: CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY**

Donation envelopes are available at the back of church.

Christians Against Poverty, Jubilee House,  
1 Filey Street, Bradford, BD1 5LQ.

Registered charity number 1097217.

Registered company number 4655175



### **CARD PAYMENT DONATIONS**

We are always pleased to welcome both visitors and regular attendees to share our worship in this beautiful Grade 1 listed building. Please feel free to use our safe and secure card payment machine for confidential donations, located by the main door exit. Contributions help us maintain the substantial upkeep of this building for the benefit of the local community and our broader work as a church in general. Donations help to ensure that the church can continue to benefit future generations and the building can remain open to all as a haven of God's peace. 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](http://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 Jean and Cheryl (Churchwardens), Susannah (Rector) or Joanne (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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