

The Church of Saint Laurence, Upminster

# PORCHTALK



21<sup>st</sup> April 2024 *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

**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.

<b>Today</b>	Holy Communion	8.00 am
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Meeting of Parishioners	11.00 am
	followed by APCM in Church	11.10 am
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	9.10 am
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	St George's Day Meal, Top Meadow Golf Club	7.00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
<i>Mellitus, bishop, 624; Severn Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 2003</i>	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
	Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel	4.15 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	9.10 am
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
26 <sup>th</sup> April		
<b>Saturday</b>	Organ Teaching	9.30 am
27 <sup>th</sup> April		
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Holy Communion	8.00 am
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	First Communion Preparation, Parish Office	11.00 am
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

**Evensong readings this Sunday:** Exodus 16:4-15; Revelation 2:12-17

**Mass readings next Sunday:** Acts 8.26-end; 1 John 4.7-end; John 15.1-8

**Evensong readings next Sunday:** Isaiah 60:1-14; Revelation 3:1-13

**Coffee:** 28<sup>th</sup> April - Margaret, Carole and 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

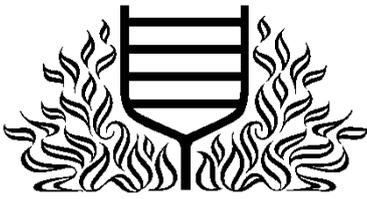
**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will take place in Church following the 9.30am Mass this morning. Anyone who is on the Church's Electoral Roll is able to attend. At the meeting we will be electing Parochial Church Council members. The PCC is one of the important decision-making groups in the life of the church. Your attendance gives you an opportunity to voice your questions and thoughts and to be involved in the governance of St Laurence as a church and as a faith community.

**Coffee will not be served after the 9.30am Mass** (though of course you may wish to use the interval before 11am to obtain a coffee from one of our many local cafes!) but there will be wine and soft drinks served in church after the meeting.

**The Watoto Children's Choir** at Upminster Baptist Church on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 7pm. Come and experience the inspiring ministry of the Watoto Children's Choir telling their story and showcasing that 'Better Days' are ahead. Further information and tickets are available to at [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) or [www.upminsterbaptists.co.uk](http://www.upminsterbaptists.co.uk). Or scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. The week will conclude with a Churches Together United Service here at 6.30pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. All will be made welcome.

**Friends of the Old Chapel** hold a talk, once a month, to provide funds for the maintenance of the Old Chapel. We have been asked if someone from St Laurence would like to lead one of the talks about the history of St Laurence Church on 9<sup>th</sup> October beginning at 10.30am. We have plenty of background material available to help you to prepare. If you would be interested, please see Susannah.



# AT THE MASS

21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

**Introit** 775 Seek ye first

**Setting** A New People's Mass - Murray

## **Collect of the Day**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Acts 4:5-12**

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is  
"the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

**Alleluia** Taizé

## John 10:11-18

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

**Offertory hymn**            422 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

**Anthem**                      Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away (2007)  
Text & Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty & Stuart  
Townend

**Communion hymn**        799 The Lord's my shepherd

**Final hymn**                612 Christ triumphant

**Organ Voluntary**        Easter Fanfare – Colin Mawby

### 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:** Aloma Moore, Anthony Paternosta.

**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, Doreen, Victoria Wright, William Holden, Shirley Gunary, Jan Black, Michael McSweeny, Ann O'Riordan, Alan Butcher, Charles Osmond.

**Additional Prayers:** Adam, Sophie, Sebastian, Alexandrina, Eddie and Ezra preparing for First Communion. Ezra, the newest member of the Choir. All those receiving Home Communion.

**Recently departed:** Diane Bonny.

**Anniversaries of the departed:** Ruth Iffland, Tom Smith, Elizabeth Mann, Alan Skipper, Sidney Haffenden, Don Pusey, Jenny Jennings, Alice Greenfield, Joyce Butcher, Joyce Charters, David Lawes, Reginald Martineau, Pauline Wheeler, Kerry Langler, Barbara Hill.

## CHARITY OF THE MONTH: MACULAR SOCIETY

Donation envelopes are available at the back of church.

Macular Disease Society, Crown Chambers,  
South Street, Andover, SP10 2BN.  
Registered charity number 1001198.

**Macular Society**  
Beating Macular Disease

## JUST ONE SWAP...



**Simple Swap No.2 - Kitchen Roll:** Why not swap kitchen roll for repurposed cloths made from worn out garments, towels or flannels? We could all mop up spills and mess without costing the environment or ourselves! Repurposed cloths can simply be washed with our normal laundry and used - well, almost forever!

## 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).



# QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 11th May,

7:15 for 7.30pm

Main Hall, St Laurence Church

£8 per person

Tables of 8

Bring your own food and drink

In aid of the St Laurence Church Building  
Improvements Project

**ADVANCE BOOKING ESSENTIAL** - Please  
contact 01708 220696 or  
[parish.office@upminsterparish.co.uk](mailto:parish.office@upminsterparish.co.uk) by 8th  
May.

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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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