

The Church of Saint Laurence, Upminster

PORCHTALK



10th November 2024 *Remembrance Sunday*

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 Derham Hall after the 9.30 Mass.

Today	Holy Communion	8.00 am
10 th November	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	Act of Remembrance, War Memorial (Parade Service)	10.45 am
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
Monday	Schools' Event at War Memorial	2.00 pm
11 th November		
Wednesday	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
13 th November	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
<i>Charles Simeon, priest, evangelical divine, 1836</i>	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
	Reception of June Mason's Coffin into Church	4.00 pm
	PCC Meeting, Parish Office	7.30 pm
Thursday	Requiem Mass for June Mason	12.00 pm
14 th November	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
Friday	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
15 th November		
Next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.00 am
17 th November	Sung Parish Mass	9.30 am
<i>Second Sunday before Advent</i>	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

Evensong readings this Sunday: Isaiah 10:33 – 11:9; John 14:23-29

Mass readings next Sunday: Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

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Saturday Pathsweepers: 16th - Brabner and Bloomfield. **Coffee:** 17th – Joan, Christine and Julie.

Please let Revd Susannah, Revd Neil 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

Notice regarding intinction at Communion: In a recent letter from Bishop Guli, it was made very clear that churches cannot allow congregation members to intinct (dip) the bread into the wine. Intinction by many different people has been proven to carry greater risks of spreading infection than drinking from the common cup. If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, or if you have any kind of illness, please opt to receive Communion in one kind. It has always been the Church's teaching that to receive the bread alone is still to receive the fullness of Holy Communion.

This morning at 10.45am there will be a Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial. Extra people will be needed to assist with giving out service sheets. If you can help please see Jean Keen or Cheryl Hale. Refreshments following the 9.30am Mass today will be served in the Derham Hall.

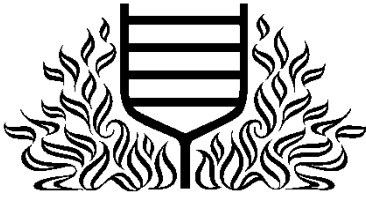
The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal: Poppies are available at the back of church (donation required).

Thank you for the donation of assorted reading glasses now available at the back of church. Please return after use.

June Mason's Coffin will be received into church on Wednesday 13th November at 4pm. Her funeral will be on Thursday 14th November at 12 noon and will be a Requiem Mass. There will be refreshments directly afterwards at Top Meadow Golf Club. Please let Susannah know today if you would like to attend afterwards to assist with the catering.

Advent Course - This will take place in the Parish Office on Wednesdays after the 11am Mass - approximately 11.45am-12.30/12.45pm. We will be using material from the Sycamore Course - which describes itself as 'an informal course about the Christian faith and life today' and uses video, Scripture readings and discussion. The sessions will be 'The Search for Happiness' (4th Dec), 'A God who Speaks?' (11th Dec) and 'The Power of Prayer' (18th Dec). If you would like to join the course, please let Susannah know. If you cannot make Wednesdays but would be interested in seeing the material, Susannah can send you links to view it online.

Please come and sing carols at the Upminster Christmas Event on Friday, 22nd November at 4.30pm. Members of Churches Together in Upminster, Cranham and North Ockendon will be singing from 4.30-5pm on the Upminster Junior School playground. It would be great to have as many voices as possible sharing in this.



AT THE MASS

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Introit 713 Lord of all hopefulness

Setting Mass of St Thomas - Thorne

Collect of the Day

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Alleluia Plainsong

Mark 1:14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fish for people.’ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Offertory hymn	577 Eternal God, before whose face we stand
Anthem	So they gave their bodies - Text: From Pericles' Funeral Oration (Athens 431 BC). Music: Peter Aston
Communion hymn	717 Lord, make us servants of your peace
Final hymn	746 O God, our help in ages past
Organ Voluntary	Nimrod from Variations on an original theme, "Enigma" – Edward Elgar

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: Linly Lo-Yee, Paul Jackman, Noel Lyons, Baby Florence, Mary Ann Madden, Rosalind Manley, Charles Osmond, Simon Pols, Brian Shaw, James Tape, Rosemary Watkins, Glynis Whiting, Sylvia Wilson, Camilla Jackson, Revd Catherine Towner.

Wednesday: Denise Comer, Baby Charles, Bob Bossey, Florence Collins, Doreen, Michael Folkes, Mary Greig, Shirley Gunary, William Holden, Fr Tom Keighley, Stanley Oliver, Alan Jones, Chris Barnard.

Additional Prayers: All those receiving Home Communion. Paul who is preparing for confirmation.

Recently departed: June Mason.

Anniversaries of the departed: Leonard Hall, Henry Hill, Paul Holden, Doris Harding, Peter Hodgson, Ken Hill, Teddy Osmond, Pat Collyer, Bert Shaw.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER: THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Donation envelopes are available at the back of church.

The Children's Society, Whitecross Studios,
50 Banner Street, London, EC1Y 8ST.
Registered Charity Number 221124.



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.

ST LAURENCE CHURCH CARE OF CREATION



Simple Swap No. 9 - Cotton Wool/ Make-up Remover Pads. Consider swapping to bamboo or cotton reusable make up remover pads. Prices range from £2 for 10 pads (Primark) and upwards depending on the brand and materials used. The pads are washable and can be used for years. They are expected to last for 500 - 1,000 washes. Reusable pads can be made with scrap material or repurposed fabric ie. towelling and soft jersey.

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).

NOTICES CONTINUED

Hugh Winn thanks everyone for the prayers made on his behalf over recent weeks which have given him great comfort. He is now back home and improving.

The winner of Carole's Quiz was Debbie Stewart and the two lucky-dip runners up were Joan Prudden and Sarah Keen. The answers are displayed on the notice boards at the back of church.

Ride & Stride 2024: Thanks to everyone who supported this years Ride & Stride raising money for St Laurence & The Friends of Essex Churches Trust - the walkers (including a furry four legged one), stewards and sponsors. We raised a commendable £875, half of which will be assigned to our parish's Building Fabric Fund, so well done to you all.

Cheryl Piper has recently moved to a care home in Brentwood. If you would like to have her new address, please contact Susannah.

Calling for help, God's on the line for you... A group of volunteers lock our church halls after hirers have left a week each through the year. A simple task any able, trusted, reliable person can do; working or retired. If just two people join these loyal volunteers, it would be a help by spreading the rota. Are you wondering what you could do to help once in a while? This could be your chance. Please join the group of volunteers who welcome a little additional support - even if only 2 or 3 weeks out of 52 for a few minutes. Please speak to Nick Thomson, Susannah or contact the Parish office.

On Wednesday 13th November the 6th Upminster (St Laurence) Guides are having a small fund raiser in aid of Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity (Sands) and Guide funds. If you are free, please come along from 7:30pm until 8:45pm for some refreshments and a go at the raffle! Sands work to support anyone affected by the death of a baby and to help improve the care bereaved parents receive and create a world where fewer babies are lost.

Havering Singers Autumn Concert: Saturday 16th November at 7:30pm at St Peter's Church, Harold Wood. Adults £15, children free, tickets available at: www.haveringsingers.org.uk/buy-tickets/

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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.**

Coffee, Cake Cards and Chat!

featuring a
'Raffle with a Difference'

Friday 22nd November

10.30 – 12.00

Main Hall

In aid of



St Laurence Church
Building Improvements