

The Church of Saint Laurence, Upminster  
**PORCHTALK**



14<sup>th</sup> April 2024 *Third 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. 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> April	Sung Parish Mass with Admission of Chorister	9.30 am
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	First Communion Preparation, Parish Office	3.00 pm
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm
<b>Monday</b>	Organ Teaching	11.00 am
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Organ Teaching	5.15 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	No Morning Prayer today	
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Adventurers' Meeting, Parish Office	10.30 am
	Care of Creation Meeting, Parish Office	7.00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel	8.45 am
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff Meeting, Parish Office	9.00 am
	Organ Teaching	9.30 am
	Said Mass, Lady Chapel	11.00 am
	Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel	4.15 pm
	Building Improvements Fundraising Committee Meeting, Parish Office	7.30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	No Morning Prayer today	
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Service, Little Gaynes Residential Home	10.45 am
	Organ Teaching	2.00 pm
	Choir Practice	8.00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Coffee Morning, Main Hall	10.30 am
19 <sup>th</sup> April		
<b>Next Sunday</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, Main Hall	11.10 am
	Evensong on Zoom	6.30 pm

**Evensong readings this Sunday:** Deuteronomy 7:7-13; Revelation 2:1-11. **Mass readings next Sunday:** Acts 4:5-12; John 10:11-18. **Evensong readings next Sunday:** Exodus 16:4-15; Revelation 2:12-17

**Saturday Pathsweepers:** 20<sup>th</sup> – Skinner & Brabner. **Coffee:** 21<sup>st</sup> – Sally and Michelle

*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

**During our Parish Mass today** Ezra will be admitted into the Choir.

**The date for this year's APCM** is Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April, after the 9.30am Mass. At this meeting we will be electing up to 8 Parochial Church Council members. The PCC is an important decision-making group in the life of the church. Please speak to Susannah if you would be interested in considering this role.

**APCM Report booklets** are available from the back of church as you leave.

**The Electoral Roll.** To check your entry please speak with Keith Stewart, our Electoral Roll Officer, on 01708 227928.

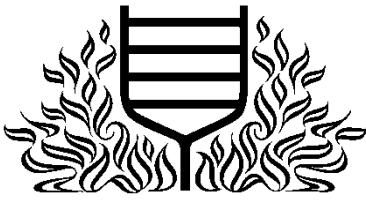
**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. The week will conclude with a Churches Together United Service here at 6.30pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. All will be made welcome.



**Just One Swap...**It's easy to feel overwhelmed by the scale of problems in creation. Sometimes, we all feel, 'But what can I do? I'm just one person, my changes would be so small!' In Uganda, they have a saying, when the scale of a problem seems too large for just one person to contribute to change. They say: Drop by drop, fills the pot!

At St Laurence, rather than feeling there's nothing we can do, we'd like to encourage one another to contribute our 'drops' into the pot of caring for creation. We've come up with ways to make our everyday choices a little greener: some ideas for simple swaps around the home.

**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!



# AT THE MASS

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

*Third Sunday of Easter*

**Introit** 666 I cannot tell

**Setting** The Addington Service - Shephard

## **Collect of the Day**

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
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.**

## **Acts 3:12-19**

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

**1 John 3:1-7**

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.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

**Alleluia**

## Plainsong

**Luke 24:36b-48**

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

## Admittance of Ezra into the Choir

<b>Offertory hymn</b>	198 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
<b>Anthem</b>	Oh, to see the dawn (The Power of the Cross) (2006). Text: Stuart Townend & Keith Getty Music: Stuart Townend & Keith Getty
<b>Communion hymn</b>	220 Word that formed creation
<b>Final hymn</b>	217 The strife is o'er
<b>Organ Voluntary</b>	Canticle on 'St. Fulbert' – Gordon Slater

### 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.

**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 McSweeney, Ann O'Riordan, Alan Butcher, Charles Osmond.

**Additional Prayers:** Adam, Sophie, Sebastian, Alexandrina, Eddie and Ezra preparing for First Communion. Ezra as he is admitted into the Choir. All those receiving Home Communion.

**Recently departed:** Diane Bonny, Dennis Osmond, Jean Biggs, Baby Taylor Hayden.

**Anniversaries of the departed:** Ivy Brame, Joan Menah, Kathleen Jones, Jimmy Turner, Gladys May, Bess Jones, Ruth Iffland, Tom Smith, Elizabeth Mann, Alan Skipper, Sidney Haffenden, Don Pusey, Jenny Jennings, Alice Greenfield, Joyce Butcher.

## 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



### 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  
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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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