

2025 - 'Following Jesus in Reconciliation' Sixteenth Sunday of Trinity - 5th October 2025

Please Note! This service is also broadcast live on YouTube at 10:00am. Visit: www.youtube.com/@stlawrencewithstpaullongridge/streams

Welcome and introduction

Please follow the service in the green coloured booklet

First Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow; Let the fiery cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through: Strong deliverer, Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs and praises
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams (1717-1791)

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;

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.**

First Reading

2 Timothy 1: 1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did. with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and selfdiscipline. 8 So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹ He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11 And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. 12 That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

¹³ What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

O thou who camest from above

The fire celestial to impart, Kindle a flame of sacred love On the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return
In humble prayer and fervent praise

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work and speak and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire
And still stir up the gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will, My acts of faith and love repeat; Till death thy endless mercies seal, And make the sacrifice complete.

S. S. Wesley (1810-76)

Gospel Reading

Luke 17:5-10

Alleluia, Alleluia,

The word of the Lord endures for ever. The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.

Alleluia!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you O Lord.

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you. ⁷ "Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? 8 Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? 9 Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? 10 So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.""

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn during preparation of the Table

How shall I sing that majesty

Which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
Thy throne, O God most high;
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound
Thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears, While I thy footsteps trace; A sound of God comes to my ears, But they behold thy face: I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, With all my fire and light; Yet when thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart, Inflame it with love's fire, then shall I sing and take my part With that celestial choir.
They sing, because thou art their sun; Lord, send a beam on me; For where heaven is but once begun, Their alleluias be.

How great a being, Lord, is thine, Which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
To sound so vast a deep:
Thou art a sea without a shore,
A sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore,
Thy place is everywhere.

John Mason 1646-1694

We do not pass a collection plate during the Offertory, but if you would like to make a donation to support the work, ministry and maintenance of the Parish, there is provision to scan the QR code on the notice in the pew, or at the back of church for donations in cash, weekly envelopes, by bank card or mobile phone using the reader at the back of the church. Thank you.

The Choir will sing during the distribution of Communion

Final Hymn

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, And publish abroad his wonderful name; The name all-victorious of Jesus extol: His Kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save; And still he is nigh: his presence we have. The great congregation his triumph shall sing,

Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son. The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right: All glory and power, all wisdom and might, And honour and blessing, with angels above, And thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

C Wesley (1707 - 88)

Organ voluntary:

Prelude in B minor by Bach

Morning Prayer

Join us in the St Paul's Church chancel area for 15 minutes simple morning prayer and a bible thought on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9am (Do bring a bible if you can)

Church Bereavement Support Group

Next Meeting tomorrow

Monday 6th October 2025

(Meetings are held on the First Monday of the Month) Time 7:30 - 9:00pm St Paul's Church, Church Street Longridge, PR3 3WA Refreshments provided

All Souls Service-2nd November

There are now sheets at the back of both churches for names to be added of our Loved one's that we no longer see, and will be read out during the service.

Mothers Union

The monthly meeting of the Mothers Union takes place this Tuesday, 7th October. 7:30 - 8:30pm in the Centenary Rooms of St. Paul's Church. The Speaker is Carol Spencer

Brew Time

Every Wednesday from 8.50am-11am in St Paul's Centenary Room. Serving tea, coffee, toast, crumpets and cakes! There's always a warm and friendly welcome. Do join us we would love to see you. Kath & Jacqui, Bev & John

Those Departed - Rest In Peace

Derek Helm Eva Wilkinson Ruth Davis Ian Simpson Raymond (Taffy) Nelson Yvonne Ball **Denise Lupton**

First Anniversary of Bereavement

Daniel Clegg

Margaret Seed



Maurice Swinburne Jackson

First Anniversary of Baptism

Gregory Ginder-Poulson



HYMNATHON!

Please join Karen and the choir on 26th October at 2pm to sing and hear your favourite hymns - don't forget to submit your hymn requests and donations (please see the board at the West doors at St. Paul's church).

If anyone is feeling a little bit isolated, why not pop into the Old Station cafe on Friday mornings at 11:00am, where Diane, Isabel and Muriel would be very pleased to see you.

Harvest Flowers

There are now baskets in both churches for donations towards the cost of flowers etc. for next weeks Harvest.

Next Sunday's Services - October 12th 2025 - 'Trinity 17'

8:00am 'Harvest BCP service at St. Lawrence's Church 10:00am 'Harvest All Age Worship' Service at St. Lawrence's Church 6.30pm 'Harvest Songs of Praise Service' at St. Lawrence's Church