



## 2026 - 'Following Jesus on Mission'

### 'First Sunday before Lent' - 15th February 2026 — *Giving Sunday*

Please join us for our service live on YouTube at 10:00am.

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#### The Welcome & introduction

*Please follow the order of service from the Green booklet.*

#### Opening Hymn

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,**  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious,  
the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious,  
thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting,  
thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains  
high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains  
of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest,  
to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish  
as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish;  
but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory,  
pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee,  
all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render:  
O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

*W. CHALMERS SMITH (1824 - 1908)*

#### Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### First Reading

##### **1 Chronicles 29 : 6—16**

<sup>6</sup> Then the leaders of families, the officers of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king's work gave willingly. <sup>7</sup> They gave towards the work on the temple of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze and a hundred thousand talents of iron. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the temple of the LORD in the custody of Jehiel the Gershonite. <sup>9</sup> The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

<sup>10</sup> David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, ‘Praise be to you, LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

<sup>11</sup> Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendour, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

<sup>12</sup> Wealth and honour come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

<sup>13</sup> Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

<sup>14</sup> ‘But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

<sup>15</sup> We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. <sup>16</sup> LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

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### **Gradual Hymn**

#### **Bright the vision that delighted**

Once the sight of Judah's seer;  
Sweet the countless tongues united  
To entrance the prophet's ear.

Round the Lord in glory seated  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Filled his temple, and repeated  
Each to each the alternate hymn:

‘Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;  
Earth is with its fulness stored;  
Unto thee be glory given,  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.’

Heaven is still with glory ringing,  
Earth takes up the angels' cry,  
'Holy, Holy, Holy,' singing,  
'Lord of Hosts, the Lord most high.'

With his seraph train before him,  
With his holy Church below,  
Thus unite we to adore him,  
Bid we thus our anthem flow:

‘Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;  
Earth is with its fulness stored;  
Unto thee be glory given,  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.’

*Words: Bp R Mant (1776 - 1848)*

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### **Gospel Reading**

#### **John 6 : 1—13**

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 John,

#### **Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), <sup>2</sup> and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” <sup>6</sup> He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

<sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!”

<sup>8</sup> Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up, <sup>9</sup> “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?”

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). <sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

<sup>12</sup> When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.”

<sup>13</sup> So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,  
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,  
While angels delight to hymn thee above,  
Thy ransomed creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

*Robert Grant (1779-1838)*  
*Based on Psalm 104*

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*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 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.*

### **Hymn during preparation of the Table**

**O worship the King all glorious above;**  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

### **The Choir will sing during the distribution of Communion**

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#### **Hymn**

**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:  
They sing, because thou art their sun;  
Lord, send a beam on me;  
For where heaven is but once begun,  
Their alleluias be.

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.  
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.

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*

Organ Voluntary:-  
Toccata Gothique by Boellmann

#### **Thursday Service of Holy Communion**

Weekly at 10:00—10:45am  
in St. Paul's Church Centenary Room  
Coffee, tea and a chat enjoyed after,  
Please come and join us!!

#### ***Those Departed - Rest In Peace***

Carole Houghton



Debbie Johnson

#### **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)

#### **Churches Together in Longridge & District**



#### **Lenten Lunches 2026**

You are invited to join us for lunch on each Wednesday during Lent, between 12 noon and 1:00pm

**The first lunch is on the 25th February  
in St. Paul's Centenary Room.**

Further lunch details will follow & are on page 9 of the February edition of **The Log**

#### **BREAKFAST IS SERVED**

##### **Saturday**

**28<sup>th</sup> February.**

This will run from

9am – 11am

– no need to book just come along and enjoy a full English or a bacon or sausage bap  
**Proceeds to our General Church Fund**



#### **This Coming Wednesday 18th February—Ash Wednesday Service**

7:30pm at St. Paul's Church



#### **Next Sunday's Services—February 22nd 2026 - Lent 1**

10:00am 'Service of Holy Communion' including Children's Church  
at St Paul's Church / Live stream

6.30pm 'Service of Evensong at St. Lawrence's Church