



2026 - 'Following Jesus on Mission'

'Mothering Sunday'- 15th March 2026 - 'Fourth Sunday in lent'

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

Visit: www.youtube.com/@stlawrencewithstpaulongridge/streams

Mothers' Union

Founded in 1876, Mothers' Union is a women-led Christian movement, with 4 million members across the world passionate about transforming and improving community life.

The organisation works to build resistance in individuals, families and communities, demonstrating compassion in action, challenging prejudice and advocate for change, reflecting the spirit of

Mary Sumner the founder.

The Mothers' Union tries to help communities to change their lives for the better by combating poverty, injustice and violence worldwide, working to help people overcome inequality and transform their lives.

You may be thinking I don't see evidence of this in Longridge but we made a start by collecting items to help the Women's Refuge give their residents a better Christmas and included some everyday items that would help those who had to leave their homes in a rush. A lot of the work of the Mothers' Union is carried out in countries less fortunate than ours and responding to disasters around the world.

To find out more visit www.mothersunion.org

The Welcome & introduction

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

Opening Hymn

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord;

Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of His word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His
name!

Make known His might, the deeds His
arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His Holy name - the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His
might!

Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put
to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word!

Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure:
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the
Lord
To children's children and for
evermore!

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926
Based on Luke 1.46-55
(Magnificat, The Song of Mary)*

The Collect

God of love, passionate and
strong, tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us all
the days of our life; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

First Reading

Exodus 2: 1—10

¹ Now a man of the tribe of Levi
married a Levite woman, ² and she
became pregnant and gave birth to a
son. When she saw that he was a fine
child, she hid him for three months.
³ But when she could hide him no
longer, she got a papyrus basket for
him and coated it with tar and pitch.
Then she placed the child in it and put
it among the reeds along the bank of
the Nile. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance
to see what would happen to him.
⁵ Then Pharaoh's daughter went down
to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants
were walking along the river-bank. She
saw the basket among the reeds and
sent her female slave to get it.
⁶ She opened it and saw the baby. He
was crying, and she felt sorry for him.
'This is one of the Hebrew babies,' she
said.
⁷ Then his sister asked Pharaoh's
daughter, 'Shall I go and get one of the
Hebrew women to nurse the baby for
you?'
⁸ 'Yes, go,' she answered. So the girl
went and got the baby's mother.
⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take
this baby and nurse him for me, and I
will pay you.' So the woman took the
baby and nursed him.
¹⁰ When the child grew older, she took
him to Pharaoh's daughter and he
became her son. She named him
Moses, saying,
'I drew him out of the water.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Brother, sister let me serve you

Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.

Richard A. M. Gillard (b.1953)

Gospel Reading

John 19 : 25—27

"Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal
glory.

The Lord is a great God, O that today you
would listen to his voice. Harden not your
hearts.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal
glory.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John,

Glorify to you O Lord.

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his
mother, his mother's sister, Mary the
wife of Clopas, and Mary
Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his
mother there, and the disciple whom he
loved standing nearby, he said to
her, "Woman, here is your son," ²⁷ and to
the disciple, "Here is your mother." From
that time on, this disciple took her into
his home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn during preparation of the Table

Just as I am, without one plea

But that thy Blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth, and height
to prove,
Here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Charlotte Elliott (1789 - 1871)

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.

The Choir will sing during the distribution of Communion

Final Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.
C. Wesley (1707 - 88)

Organ Voluntary;-

*Con Moto Maestoso from Sonata III
by Mendelssohn*

Those Departed - Rest In Peace

Elsie Simpson
Margaret Hall
Edith Maughan



Wednesday of Holy Week

In place of the Tenebrae service on the Wednesday during Holy Week you are invited to a 'special' service at Ribchester.

Eucharist at St Wilfrid's Ribchester on Wednesday 1st April where Bishop Rowan Williams (former Archbishop of Canterbury) will preach and preside at a celebration of the Eucharist with Passiontide hymns starting at 7.30pm.
All are welcome

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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

Notice Sheet for AM & PM Services - 15th March 2026—Lent 4

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)

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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, Ruth & Judith

Organ Experience:

Join us at St. Paul's Church, Longridge, PR3 3WA on 22nd March 1pm - 3pm, or 19th April 1pm - 2pm
(recital at 2.30pm) to try the 'King of Instruments' and see inside the organ.
Although this is a free event, please RSVP with kauorganist@gmail.com to register your interest

Welcome Cafe

Meet weekly on Wednesdays during the school term in St. Paul's Church Centenary Room 3:00– 5:00pm

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 Fourth lunch is on the 18th March in St. Wilfrid's Parish room run by Alston Lane.
Further lunch details are on page 12 of the March edition of **The Log**

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!!

Friday Friends

If anyone is feeling a little bit isolated, why not pop into **Sa'ar's café, Longridge Hub, Inglewhite Road** on Friday mornings at 11:00am, where Diane, Isabel and Muriel would be very pleased to see you.

Good Friday Walk.

Lists are now in both Churches to sign up if you would like to join us for the meal in the Centenary Room after the walk.

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