



## 2026 - 'Following Jesus on Mission' 'The Fifth Sunday of Easter' - 3rd May 2026

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

Visit: [www.youtube.com/@stlawrencewithstpaulongridge/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@stlawrencewithstpaulongridge/streams)

### The Welcome & introduction

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

### Opening 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.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

### Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### First Reading

#### Acts 7: 55—60

<sup>55</sup> But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> 'Look,' he said, 'I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.'

<sup>57</sup> At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, <sup>58</sup> dragged him out of the city and began to stone him.

Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

<sup>59</sup> While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' <sup>60</sup> Then he fell on his knees and cried out, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he fell asleep.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## Gradual Hymn

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Hearts to heaven and voices raise;**

Sing to God a hymn of gladness,

Sing to God a hymn of praise:

He who on the Cross a Victim

For the world's salvation bled,

Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,

Now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits

Of the holy harvest field,

Which will all its full abundance

At his second coming yield;

Then the golden ears of harvest

Will their heads before him wave,

Ripened by his glorious sunshine,

From the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;

Shed upon us heavenly grace,

Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory

From the brightness of thy face;

That we, with our hearts in heaven,

Here on earth may fruitful be,

And by angel-hands be gathered,

And be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glory be to God on high;

Alleluia to the Saviour,

Who has gained the victory;

Alleluia to the Spirit,

Fount of love and sanctity;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

To the Triune Majesty.

*Bp Wordsworth (1807 - 85)*

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## Gospel Reading

**Mark 7 : 20—23**

Alleluia, Alleluia,

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one:

I was dead and behold I am alive for evermore.

**Alleluia!**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus

Christ according to Mark

**Glorify to you O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup> Jesus went on: 'What comes out of a person is what defiles them. <sup>21</sup> For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come – sexual immorality, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup> adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. <sup>23</sup> All these evils come from inside and defile a person.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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## Hymn during preparation of the Table

**O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray**

That all thy Church might be for ever one,

Grant us at every Eucharist to say

With longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'

O may we all one Bread, one Body be,

Through this blest Sacrament of unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;

Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;

Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,

By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:

Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,

Through this blest Sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;  
O bring them back, Good Shepherd of the sheep,  
Back to the faith which saints believed of old  
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:  
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
Through this blest Sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,  
May we be one with all thy Church above,  
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,  
One with thy saints in one unbounded love:  
More blessed still, in peace and love to be  
One with the Trinity in Unity.

*William Henry Turton (1856-1938)*

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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.*

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

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## Final Hymn

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,**  
To his feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me his praise should sing?  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise him still the same for ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,  
Well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Widely as his mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish;  
Blow the wind and it is gone;  
But while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the high eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him;  
Ye behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon bow down before him,  
Dwellers all in time and space:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

*Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)*  
*Based on psalm 103*

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*Organ Voluntary;-*

Prelude in G major BWV 541 by  
Johann Sebastian Bach(1685-1750) German

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### **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**

Christine Parker  
Doreen Seed



### **Foundations -Thursday Night Group**

Join us on Thursdays at 7:30pm  
For **FOUNDATIONS** . We will journey  
through the core truths of the  
Christian faith - from who God is, how  
we are saved, and how we live.

Whether you are brand new to faith or  
have been following Jesus for years,  
there is a seat for you.

Meeting at St. Paul's Centenary room.

**See Rev. Jesse Adesina  
for more details**

### **First Anniversary of Bereavement**

Marian Hargreaves



### **First Anniversary of Baptism**

Millie Meling



### **Spring Fair 2026.**

**'Come to the Circus' theme.  
Saturday 9th May, 11am-2pm  
At St. Paul's Church.  
Raffle Tickets now available.**

We would welcome prizes for the raffle;  
the tombola, including items for a  
chocolate tombola; bottles for the pick a  
bottle and good quality animal soft  
toys. These can be brought to  
St. Paul's Church or to Brewtime.  
(Cakes would be welcome on the  
morning of the Fair)

### **People's Emergency Briefing**

(A film & discussion on the threats to  
British life from ongoing damage to  
nature and to our climate)

**7:00-9:00pm Wednesday 3rd June 2026  
at Christ Church, Berry Lane, Longridge**

For more details see

[www.tickettailor.com/events/  
longridgeenvironmentgroup/2173730](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/longridgeenvironmentgroup/2173730)

From—Karenn Kendall & Clare Hyde  
Longridge Environment Group

### **Church Bereavement Support Group**

Next Meeting tomorrow  
**Monday 4th May 2026**

(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

### **Longridge Hospital Closure**

There is to be a public meeting at the  
**Civic Hall on Thursday 7th May 2026  
at 6:00-7:30pm.**

All interested, please attend and give  
support for re opening

### **Next Sunday's Services—May 10th 2026 - Easter 6**

10:00am 'All Together Worship Service' including Baptisms/Confirmation  
& Holy Communion at St Paul's Church / Live stream

6.30pm 'Service of Holy Communion at St. Lawrence's Church