



2026 - 'Following Jesus on Mission'

'The Seventh Sunday of Easter' - 17th May 2026

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

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

The Welcome & introduction

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

Opening Hymn

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou for ever near me,
My Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmers of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone:

O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.

John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)

Collect

O God the King of Glory,
You have exalted your only Son Jesus
Christ with great triumph to your
kingdom in heaven:
We beseech you, leave us not
comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit
to strengthen us and exalt us to the
place where our Saviour Christ is gone
before, who is alive and reigns with you,
in unity with the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading

Acts 2: 36—41

³⁶ 'Therefore let all Israel be assured of
this: God has made this Jesus, whom
you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.'

³⁷ When the people heard this, they
were cut to the heart and said to Peter
and the other apostles, 'Brothers,
what shall we do?'

³⁸ Peter replied, 'Repent and be
baptised, every one of you, in the
name of Jesus Christ for the
forgiveness of your sins. And you will
receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'

³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.'

⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.'

⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us,
You are one with us, Mary's son;
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
Pouring Your love and goodness in:
Jesus, our love for You we sing -
Living Lord!

Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day
Teach us how to pray, Son of God;
You have commanded us to do
This in remembrance, Lord, of You:
Into our lives Your power breaks through -
Living Lord!

Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us,
Born as one of us, Mary's son;
Led out to die in Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free:
Living Lord Jesus, help us see
You are Lord!

Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to You,
Live my life for You, Son of God;
All Your commands I know are true,
Your many gifts will make me new:
Into my life Your power breaks through
- Living Lord!

Patrick Appleford (1925-2018)

Gospel Reading

Mark 1 : 14—20

Alleluia, Alleluia,

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love

Alleluia!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you O Lord.

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!'

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn during preparation of the Table

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
First-begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong defender,
Liftest up thy people's head.

Alleluia, alleluia,

Jesu, true and living Bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we,
Here in loving reverence bow;
Here for faith's discernment pray we,
Lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's Stem.
Alleluia, alleluia,
We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished
Once for all when thou wast slain,
In its fulness undiminished
Shall for evermore remain,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
Stricken Rock with streaming side,
Heaven and earth with loud Hosanna
Worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Risen, ascended, glorified!

Words: G. H. BOURNE (1840 - 1925)

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

Will you come and follow me

If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know,
And never be the same:
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you, and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind,
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare,
Will you let me answer prayer
In you, and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free,
And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean
In you, and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside,
And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around
Through my sight and touch and sound
In you, and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you,
And never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In you, and you in me.

*John L Bell (b.1949) &
Graham Maule (b. 1958)*

Organ Voluntary;-

Prelude in C major BWV 547(i) by
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) German

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)

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!!

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

New Foundation Governor Required

For Longridge Church of England Primary School.

See Rev. Mike Barton for more details

Those Departed - Rest In Peace

Sandra Fenwick
Sylvia Walmsley
Christine Parker
Doreen Seed



BRASS ON SUNDAY

A Concert by
Longridge Band—
Sunday 7th June,
2026 at 2.00pm

In St. Paul's Church

Admission: £12.50 payable on the Door.

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.

Welcome Cafe

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

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.

Next Sunday's Services - May 24th 2026 - Pentecost Sunday

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

6.30pm 'CTLD Songs of Praise Service' at St. Lawrence's Church