2026 - 'Following Jesus on Mission'

Christ The King - Service of Holy Communion - 22nd November 2026

St Lawrence with St Paul Longridge

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

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King,
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
Hear us as we sing:

Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
By your humble birth:

Yours the glory and.....

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
Victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
Sinners justified:

Yours the glory and.....

Priestly King, enthroned for ever
High in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
Stifle hymns of love:

Yours the glory and.....

So, our hearts and voices raising
Through the ages long,
Ceaselessly upon you gazing,
This shall be our song:

Yours the glory and.....

Michael Saward (1932-2015)

Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, **Amen.**

First Reading

Ezekiel 34 : 11—24

11 "'For this is what the Sovereign Lord
says: I myself will search for my sheep and
look after them. 12 As a shepherd looks
after his scattered flock when he is with
them, so will I look after my sheep. I will
rescue them from all the places where
they were scattered on a day of clouds
and darkness. 13 I will bring them out from
the nations and gather them from the
countries, and I will bring them into their
own land. I will pasture them on the
mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in
all the settlements in the land. 14 I will
tend them in a good pasture, and the
mountain heights of Israel will be their
grazing land. There they will lie down in
good grazing land, and there they will
feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of
Israel. 15 I myself will tend my sheep and
have them lie down, declares the
Sovereign Lord.

16 I will search for the lost and bring back
the strays. I will bind up the injured and
strengthen the weak, but the sleek and
the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd
the flock with justice.
17 "'As for you, my flock, this is what the
Sovereign Lord says: I will judge between
one sheep and another, and between
rams and goats. 18 Is it not enough for you
to feed on the good pasture? Must you
also trample the rest of your pasture with
your feet? Is it not enough for you to
drink clear water? Must you also muddy
the rest with your feet? 19 Must my flock
feed on what you have trampled and
drink what you have muddied with your
feet?
20 "'Therefore this is what the Sovereign
Lord says to them: See, I myself will judge
between the fat sheep and the lean
sheep. 21 Because you shove with flank
and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep
with your horns until you have driven
them away, 22 I will save my flock, and
they will no longer be plundered. I will
judge between one sheep and another. 23 I
will place over them one shepherd, my
servant David, and he will tend them; he
will tend them and be their shepherd. 24 I
the Lord will be their God, and my servant
David will be prince among them. I the
Lord have spoken.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And I will trust in You alone……..

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

And I will trust in You alone……. X 2

Stuart Townend (b.1963)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25: 31—46

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 Matthew

Glory to you O Lord.

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his
glory, and all the angels with him, he will
sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations
will be gathered before him, and he will
separate the people one from another as
a shepherd separates the sheep from the
goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right
and the goats on his left.
34 "Then the King will say to those on his
right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my
Father; take your inheritance, the
kingdom prepared for you since the
creation of the world.

35 For I was hungry and you gave me
something to eat, I was thirsty and you
gave me something to drink, I was a
stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed
clothes and you clothed me, I was sick
and you looked after me, I was in prison
and you came to visit me.'
37 "Then the righteous will answer him,
'Lord, when did we see you hungry and
feed you, or thirsty and give you
something to drink? 38 When did we see
you a stranger and invite you in, or
needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When
did we see you sick or in prison and go to
visit you?'
40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you,
whatever you did for one of the least of
these brothers and sisters of mine, you
did for me.'
41 "Then he will say to those on his left,
'Depart from me, you who are cursed,
into the eternal fire prepared for the devil
and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you
gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and
you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a
stranger and you did not invite me in, I
needed clothes and you did not clothe
me, I was sick and in prison and you did
not look after me.'
44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did
we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger
or needing clothes or sick or in prison,
and did not help you?'
45 "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever
you did not do for one of the least of
these, you did not do for me.'
46 "Then they will go away to eternal
punishment, but the righteous to eternal
life."

3This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn during preparation of the Table

From heaven you came, helpless babe,
Entered our world, Your glory veiled,
Not to be served but to serve,
And give Your life that we might live.

This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' He said.

This is our God...

Come see His hands and His feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice,
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.

This is our God...

So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him,
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.

This is our God...

Graham Kendrick (b.1950)

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

Rejoice! the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above:

Lift up your heart, ...

His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:

Lift up your heart, ...

He sits at God's right hand
Till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command,
And fall beneath his feet:

Lift up your heart, ...

Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:

Lift up your heart, ...

Organ Voluntary;-

Piece d'orgue by

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) German

Those Departed - Rest In Peace

Norma Cross, Florence Porter
Dorothy Gallagher, Patricia Davis
Maureen Charnley, David Illingworth
Canon Harry Doyle

Sending Christmas Greetings

Pages in the December log will again be devoted to Christmas Greetings. If you would like to send a short greeting to the Church family rather than individual Christmas Cards this year please send your Greeting to dotlittle003@gmail.com by the 23rd November to ensure it is included.

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Thursday 3rd December. 7pm – 9pm
Longridge Cricket Club
£40 includes all materials
See Dot Little to book your place

Valley Singers Christmas Concert

Sunday 6th December – 2pm
St. Lawrence Church – free entry
(Donations for St. Paul's Organ Maintenance Fund)

invitation to join the tea rota

It's lovely to share fellowship over a cuppa at the end of Sunday morning services, but we're short on helpers.
Please join our happy band, it involves setting up at about 930am, and serving after the service.
If interested please let Naomi know, email Naomi.pinder63@gmail.com
Thank you

Next Sunday's Services—November 29th 2026 - 'Advent 1'

10:00am 'Service of Holy Communion' including Children's Church at St Paul's Church / Live stream
4:00-5:00pm 'The 4' at St. Paul's Church
6.30pm CTLD 'Advent Carol Service' at St. Lawrence's Church