



## The Parish of St Lawrence with St Paul, Longridge.

### A dateline history

**Prior to 1450** Church of St Wilfrid, Ribchester serves the people of Ribchester, Hothersall, Dilworth and Alston.  
**1450 to 1500** Chapel of Ease for townships of Alston and Dilworth in the parish of Ribchester dedicated to St. Lawrence  
**1529** Henry VIII becomes head of Church of England  
**1546** First reference to "Chapell of Longryge"  
**1554** Vicar, Sir Robert Cottam  
**1554** Reference to Sir Robert Cotome "Priest of Longryche in Ribblechester"  
**1647** Vicar, Mr Hartley  
**1655** Vicar, Timothy Smith (Ejected 1662)  
**1662** Act of Uniformity, imposing strict adherence to the Book of Common Prayer  
**1664** Conventicle Act  
**1701** Vicar, Thomas Felgate  
**1716** Rebuilding at St Lawrence  
**1730** Vicar, Richard Dixon  
**1731** "A school erected by privat contribution for the publick good".  
**1735** Purchase of land and farms in Goosnargh and Preston to provide first endowment for the chapel  
**1743** Vicar, John Sharpe  
**1780** Vicar, Robert Parkinson  
**1784** Rebuilding and enlarging at St Lawrence.  
Cost £123 7s 4d  
**1786** New parsonage built, Market Place opposite Kestor lane

**1822** Rebuilding at St Lawrence  
**1829** Vicar, George Parkin  
**1831** Vicar, Frederick Maude MA  
**1832** New school built. This is now occupied by Houghtons, funeral directors  
**1837** Vicar of Ribchester consents to the solemnisation of matrimony in St Lawrence's  
**1843** Vicar, Edward Pigot BA  
**1846** New vicarage built, Lower Lane  
**1847** Vicar, William Charles Bache MA  
**1865** Girls school built, Berry Lane  
**1668** Ecclesiastical parish of Longridge established  
**1868** St Lawrence becomes Parish Church  
**1877** Vicar, Fitzberbert Astley Cave-Brown-Cave MA  
**1885** Boys school built, Berry Lane. School opposite St Lawrence's closed  
**1886** Foundations for St Paul's church laid  
**1890** Consecration of St Paul's by Bishop of Manchester  
**1894** Vicar, Thomas Martin Harrison MA  
**1896** Infant school opened  
**1900** St Lawrence's building renovated  
**1925** Vicar, John Talbot Canton MA  
**1926** Diocese of Blackburn formed from Manchester diocese  
**1926** St Lawrence's south porch door built up and baptistry formed  
**1928** Vicar, Charles William Wilberforce Bramley MA  
**1937** Tower added to St Paul's  
**1939** Lychgate erected, St Lawrence's  
**1950** Vicar Charles Fletcher  
**1964** Vicar, Edward Peter Alexander Furness MA  
**1989** Vicar, Richard W. E. Awre BA  
**1999** Vicar, Simon M. Aiken M Th  
**1996** Centenary Room opened, St Paul's  
**1998** Parish Rooms opened, St Lawrence's  
**2007** Priest in Charge, David Anderson M Th



# Churches Together in Longridge

St. Lawrence with St. Paul  
St. Wilfrid's  
Our Lady & St. Michael's Alston Lane  
Christ Church

Church of England  
Roman Catholic  
Roman Catholic  
Methodist/URC

For many years now the local churches have been working together in a number of important ways. The result has been a



more positive feel within the community and a greater understanding of the different traditions.

The CTL Planning Group meet regularly, with the chair rotating between the churches. Opposite is a brief outline of what is being achieved as we strive to work together -

## Through Worship

- Early morning prayers every Friday morning at 7.45 p.m.
- Arranging Ecumenical services throughout the year.
- Prayers during the June week of prayer for Christian unity.

Also

- World Women's Day of Prayer
- Lent Housegroups
- Responsible for the Town Crib

## Through Special Events

- Civic Sunday
- Remembrance Day

## Socially

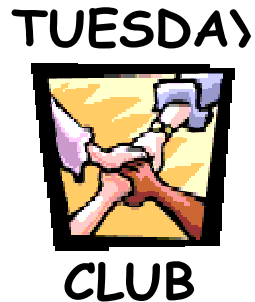
By being represented at Longridge Field Day and Longridge and Goosnargh Agricultural Show  
Organising a Fun Run every September  
Enjoying other social events together e.g. Picnic on the Park.  
Visits from PRESTO puppets and follow on children's puppet workshops

## Charitable Giving

Organising Lenten Lunches which raise money for CAFOD and Christian Aid  
Holding Coffee Days throughout the year for various charities  
Organising the house to house collection for Christian Aid  
Special projects e.g. Building a well for the Children of the Cameroon – 'Water Carry'.

**THERE REMAINS MUCH WORK TO BE DONE  
BUT A START HAS BEEN MADE!**

# Longridge Parish Tuesday Club



Meet on the Second Tuesday of Each Month  
September to May  
In the Centenary Room  
at the rear of St.Paul's Church  
at 7-30pm

We offer friendship, companionship  
and an opportunity to view  
some very interesting Slide Shows and hear  
Speakers on a variety of subjects.

We are a very friendly group of both  
men and women and  
New Members are welcome at any time

Membership is only £4 per year

There is no admission charge but we welcome  
a small contribution towards tea and biscuits

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## Exploring Prayer & Spirituality

This is something our Parish tries to make available for every-  
one at an appropriate level.

We try to make available information about initiatives, events  
and projects offered in the Diocese and wider Church.  
We are seeking, each year, to make space in our Parish  
programme for opportunities to discover and try different  
spiritualities and ways of praying.

We offer Weekly Friday Prayers (7.45am) through Churches  
Together in Longridge (CTL our local ecumenical association)

Ecumenical Lent Study

## Craft group

If you are looking for fellowship, fun, new ideas, sharing of skills or even just a cup of tea, join us in the Craft Group.



## BIBLE READING NOTES

Perhaps you already read the Bible every day; but maybe you feel you would if you only knew how to start. If so, Bible notes could be the answer.

These are published several times a year and provide notes commenting upon and explaining a suggested passage from the Bible for each day of the year. -

As Bible Notes Distribution Secretary I should be happy to add you to my list. There are several titles available. (Our favourites are 'Daily Bread', 'New Daylight' and 'Closer to God'.) The cost is about £14 per year. Back numbers are available for scrutiny.

If you are interested, 'phone me, Felicity Brown: 01772 183506.



We meet on the last Monday of each month in St. Paul's from 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Some of us knit for the premature baby unit. We make cards, toys, dishcloths and other items for the Spring and Christmas fairs.

We do projects for the Church, our first was to make five "Piano falls" for the school, depicting the seasons of the Church's year.

It is always a most enjoyable afternoon.

Interested?

**Please feel free to contact Ruth Ball on 783172 or Brenda Warburton on 783873 for a chat about it, or just come along.**

### Longridge branch of The Mothers' Union

is part of the Worldwide Mothers' Union, an organisation of 3.6 million Christians from 79 countries around the world.

Branch meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month and are held in the Centenary Room in St Paul's Church at 7.30pm

All are welcome to our meetings. For more information about our branch contact **Enrolling Member, Judith Kaye on 01772 785114**



### Want to know more about the Mothers' Union?

By joining the MU, you will become part of a worldwide group of people passionate about caring for families everywhere.

Get involved with our campaigns as we challenge the root causes of injustice; use our resources to learn more about the work of the MU; visit our online shop; and take a look at the latest jobs available.

[www.themothersunion.org](http://www.themothersunion.org)  
[www.mothersunionblackburn.org.uk](http://www.mothersunionblackburn.org.uk)

### Longridge Church Choir

helps to lead Sunday worship. The 25 members sing music of many types and periods. We practice each Friday at St Paul's Church from 7pm to 8.30pm. We are committed to maintaining high standards and

upholding the tradition of English Choral Music.

New members of whatever ability are always welcome. Please contact any chorister or the Director of Music, Dennis Crook (01254 248720) or the Organist, Nigel Spooner (01772 786974) for more details.

### Servers

Our parish worship is greatly enhanced by our team of servers. Serving is a wonderful way of involving young people in our worship. Typically each server is on duty once each month at the 10am service as part of a team of three.

We understand that, these days, young people have many and varied commitments and that there can be a conflict of interests on Sunday mornings. We are therefore very happy to accommodate this within the duty rota.

Normally the minimum age is 11 years. There is no top age limit.

The servers are led by Lawrence Ingham (01772 785592), who is always happy to discuss the ministry of serving with adults, parents on behalf of their children or young people, who may be interested.





# The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade

**St Lawrence with St Paul Company, Longridge.**

Meetings Wednesday in the School Hall, Berry Lane



Martins aged 5 - 7 years 6 - 7.15pm



Y Team aged 7 - 10 years 6.30 - 8pm

Junior Corps aged 10 - 13 years 7 - 9pm

Senior Corps aged 13 - 21 years 7 - 9.30pm



Although we are a Church of England organisation we welcome children within Longridge from any denomination.

The Brigade offers a wide range of challenging activities which encourage fun and friendship as well as service to the community and participation in the life of the local church.

At the weekly evening meetings there is a variety of activities, including competitions, games and activities towards the awarding of badges including art, craft, general knowledge, nature, agility, safety first, map and compass, first aid, cookery, model-making, hostess and camping. Throughout the year there are also many outings, trips, weekends away and holidays arranged along with other events. In addition members in the junior and senior corps go ice-skating, bowling, dry skiing, horse riding, canoeing, dinghy sailing, camping, windsurfing, water-skiing to mention but a few of the skill activities undertaken.



Competitions are held with other companies which progress through to a national level in all sporting activities, drill and band.

We have a very successful marching band, which members are free to join with all tuition and instruments provided by the Company

Members are asked to join in a monthly parade church service which is the Family Service at 10am (The second Sunday of the month). This is a lively service and parents and younger children are very welcome to come along. There is also the monthly Family Worship service (The fourth Sunday) where members are encouraged to come to church and sit with their family.

**Commanding Officer, Captain Christine Procter 01772 782060**



## Flower Arranging

The work of our flower arrangers contributes greatly to the enhancement of our worship, combining with the buildings to show something of the glory of God.



It is possible to sponsor the flowers in either building, possibly to mark a particular anniversary, each week.

St Lawrence's flower secretary is Marjorie Procter, 5 Regent Street, Longridge. 01772 784119. She is always keen to meet anyone who may be interested in helping in this ministry.

St Paul's has a Flower Arranging Rota on the notice board. Please sign up with a friend to arrange the flowers for a month.



# A God Send Mission in the Making Both Ways Nowadays 3 Year Visas

## *Belle Company*

### *Handbell Ringers*

The Parish of St Lawrence with St Paul is very fortunate to have a set of Handbells. These came into the parish many years ago through Miss Turner, who was a music teacher and very much involved with church life.

Some years ago the bells were refurbished and two small groups of ringers began learning to ring. These two groups eventually amalgamated into one bigger one under the baton of Brian Smith.

Practice usually is on alternate Thursdays at St Lawrence's Church at 7.30pm. We have great fun and have all learnt a great deal about music under Brian's hand. Bell ringing is like no other musical discipline and if you would like to give it a try please give me a "ring" to find out the date of the next practice.

**Judith Kaye**  
Ring 785114

Mrs. ---  
From Africa  
For UK mission

Mr. ---  
From England  
For Asia Mission

Mr. ---  
From Scotland  
For Africa Mission

Miss ---  
From Asia  
For UK Mission

## Did You Know?

For more information contact:  
Gwyneth Jones (OMF) 782776

or

Mike Keeney, Parish Mission Contact 782420

## Ways to be involved – Ways to use your gifts/skills

There are numerous jobs that need to be done in the church. There are numerous jobs that need to be done by the church. Some of them are mentioned on the various pages, some we haven't thought of yet, but you have.

After looking over the list, and making any additions, download and fill out the WAYS form and give it to the clergy, wardens, or any other PCC member. This does not commit you to anything. But, together with the church leadership, you can decide on what is to be your present role and function in the body of Christ in the parish of Longridge: a hand? a foot? an ear? behind the scenes or up-front? What is God giving you to do and to be here? What can you help with?

Visiting the sick / housebound / elderly / bereaved  
Cleaning brass / silver  
Sidesperson / welcoming people at church  
Counting the collection  
Cleaning the church  
Administration in various organisations  
Making coffee / tea after a service; Catering / Bar-B-Q  
Flower arranging regularly/occasionally  
Praying / Prayer Trios  
Work with toddlers/children/youth  
Marriage preparation  
Baptismal preparation  
Music – choir / organist / handbells / etc  
Graphic artist / publicity / IT skills  
Ecumenical links  
Global vision / mission  
Holistic Outreach to local community  
Teaching through preaching / Studygroups / courses/ mentoring  
Social events – planning / organising  
Crafts  
Other: ....

Name: .....

Address: .....

Tel. .... Email ..... Tick your

choices, adding notes as necessary

### WAYS I MIGHT HELP / BE INVOLVED

Administration in organisation(s): .....  
Baptismal preparation .....  
Cleaning brass / silver .....  
Cleaning the church .....  
Counting the collection .....  
Crafts .....  
Ecumenical links .....  
Flower arranging:.....  
Global vision / mission .....  
Graphic artist / publicity / IT skills .....  
Holistic Outreach to local community .....  
Making coffee / tea; Catering / Bar-B-Q .....  
Marriage preparation .....  
Music .....  
Praying .....  
Sidesperson .....  
Social events .....  
Teaching: .....  
Work with toddlers/children/youth .....  
Other: .....



Cut Out and Keep