

**THE RIBBLE VALLEY PARISHES OF
ST WILFRID, LONGRIDGE: ST MARY, CHIPPING:
ST PETER AND ST PAUL, RIBCHESTER.**

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***Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9th November 2025 Year C***

<u>Day</u>	<u>St Wilfrid</u>	<u>St Mary</u>	<u>Ss. Peter & Paul</u>
Monday 10th November	Priest's Day Off	Priest's Day Off	Priest's Day Off
Tuesday 11th November	Mass 10.00am		
Wednesday 12th November			Mass 10.00am
Thursday 13th November	Lectio 7-8pm Parish Room	Mass 9.30am	
Friday 14th November	Morning Prayer 7.45am		
Saturday 15th November	Mass 5.30pm		
Sunday 16th November		Mass 9.30am	Mass 11.00am



**"He is not God of the
dead, but of the
living."**

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Cleaners Wanted - We are looking for volunteers who can spare an hour a month to help with cleaning the church. Cleaning is done on a Wednesday at 9am once a month and takes about an hour. Please contact Catherine Pennington or Fr Tony if you can help. Many thanks

Pies, Peas, Pickles and Pudding - £10 per person

Thursday 27th November 12.30pm – 2.00pm in St Wilfrid's Parish Room. This will consist of Father Tony's Meat and Potato Pie with Mushy Peas and Pickles, followed by a selection of puddings and Tea or Coffee.

Vegetarian and Gluten Free options are available – please request on booking. To book a place, please contact Denise Atkinson or Trish Eccles at church or by calling on 01772 783199 or 07746295974.

Christmas Draw 2025

Raffle tickets will be available at the back of church this Saturday. Please take a packet to sell and return by Thursday 27th November 2025 at the latest. The draw will take place on Saturday 29th November at 3.30pm. Any donations of prizes will be gratefully received. Cash donations for prizes are also welcome. 50p/ticket, £2.50/book.

The Faithful Departed

We pray for our faithful departed brothers and sisters, and for all those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again. We remember especially:

James McDowell, Veronica Wilson, Mary Wall, Louis Anthony Gornall, and Christopher Dewhurst.

May the Lord welcome them to the table of God's children in heaven.

St Mary Chipping

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It is the turn of St Mary's to host the Ecumenical Christmas Carol Service this year. This will take place on Sunday Dec 21st at 7pm. Followed by tea/coffee/ mince pies in the community centre. All Welcome.

Bicentennial Forms

For those who haven't returned their bicentennial form please bring to the back of church as soon as possible. Many thanks.

The Faithful Departed

We pray for those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again and for those whose anniversaries presently occur. We remember especially:

Reuben Ross, Pat Brown, Jack Moon, and Dominic Hester.

May the Lord grant them a share in his resurrection.

Recent Offertory Donations:

Sunday 2nd November: £198.10

Thank you.

Saint Peter & Saint Paul**Parish Notices****CAFOD Bucket**

The CAFOD Bucket will be available in the porch on Sunday 2nd November and Sunday 9th November for the emptying of CAFOD collection boxes and other donations to CAFOD. The collection boxes are primarily for spare change; little amounts become large amounts when aggregated. CAFOD home collection boxes can be collected from the porch. Details of CAFOD's work can be found on its website at <https://cafod.org.uk/>

The Faithful Departed

We pray for those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again and for those whose anniversaries presently occur. We remember especially:

Martin Noone, Bishop Geoffrey Burke, Marguerite Bamber, Mary Muriel White, Agnes Lowe, and Alice Ashton.

May the Lord grant unto them eternal rest and peace.

Recent Offertory Donations

Sunday 2nd November: £212.00

Thank you.

Job Vacancy

The Diocese of Salford is seeking a Parish Administrator at St Wilfrid's Presbytery to provide administrative support to the parish including office administration, secretarial and basic accounting duties (training will be provided as applicable). Part-time, Permanent Working hours: 12 hours per week to be worked between Monday and Friday each week, though some flexibility will be required and can be offered. Working pattern to be discussed and agreed with Parish Priest. Location: St Wilfrid's Presbytery, 44 Derby Road, Longridge, Preston, Lancs PR3 3JT. Salary & Benefits: £13.23 per hour, 60 hours holidays (which equates to 5 weeks) plus statutory bank holidays and 5 Diocesan closure days (subject to pro-rata for part-time employees).

Closing date for applications: 12 noon on 17th November 2025

Please visit our website: <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/> where you can find further information including our Privacy Notice and / or to download an application pack. If you have any queries about the role or application process please contact HR: HR@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or on 0161 8172219.

Churches Together Longridge and District**Dates for your diary:**

Tuesday 11th November at 11.00am – Act of Remembrance - War Memorial.

Sunday 30th November at 6.30pm – Ecumenical Advent Service – St Lawrence's

Saturday 6th December at 11am – Blessing of the Crib by the Station Café

Sunday 11th January 2026 at 6.30pm – Epiphany Service at St Paul's

Morning Prayer will take place at St Paul's Berry Lane from 9th January 2026 at 7.45am. There will be no Morning Prayer on Boxing Day or 2nd January 2026

A thought on the Gospel

Life after death remains clouded in mystery and I'm sure we would all like to know for certain what it will be like, where do we go and so forth. In John's Gospel, Christ describes it as a kind of homecoming. He speaks about preparing a place for us, so that where he is, we might be too. He goes even further and says that those who keep his word will be loved by the Father and, "we will come to them and make our home with them." This is the promise and the assurance he gives.

At this time of year, as the leaves fall from the trees, the days get darker and shorter, and the year draws to its close: the Church's liturgy also focus our attention on the end of our earthly journey. As we journey through life, we meet death in its many forms, sometimes it is slow and prolonged after a lengthy illness, for others it might come suddenly and unexpectedly, both to young and to old alike.

No matter what our earthly status happens to be, rich or poor, for all of us the path of life will come to an end, and it's the one appointment we cannot cancel. And even though our experience of death might seem to destroy earthly ties and make us feel bereft and tearful; the coming of Christ into the world has given us a new meaning to every departure, and he has taken the sting out of its tail.

The final two verses of the hymn: "Abide with me", expresses the power of God's love to turn tears of sadness into tears of joy. "Where is death's sting, where grave thy victory? I triumph still if thou abide with me." With Christ at our side, "heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee. In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me."

The word "abide" is very apt. It comes from the old English word "abidan" meaning to remain or stay, in the sense of remaining steadfast or faithful to. We sometimes use the expression "abiding by one's decision." It is in this sense, that we express our faith in the Lord's promise to remain with us always. Come what may, he will lead us victorious to life everlasting according to his promise.

In our profession of faith each week, we say: "I look for the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come."

November is a special month of remembrance, a time when the Church prays for the Holy Souls and this weekend our nation will pray for all those whose lives were lost in the conflict of battle warfare.

At every Mass we pray "also for our departed brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, and we entrust them to the Lord's mercy and loving embrace."

May we always remain steadfast in faith and pray that the Lord will guide us on our journey, to that place of light, happiness and peace.