

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

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The Solemnity of Christ the King

23rd November 2025 Year C

<u>Day</u>	<u>St Wilfrid</u>	<u>St Mary</u>	<u>Ss. Peter & Paul</u>
Monday 24th November	Priest's Day Off	Priest's Day Off	Priest's Day Off
Tuesday 25th November	Mass 10.00am		
Wednesday 26th November			Mass 10.00am
Thursday 27th November			
Friday 28th November	Morning Prayer 7.45am		
Saturday 29th November	Mass 5.30pm. Confessions 4.15pm – 4.45pm		
Sunday 30th November		Mass 9.30am	Mass 11.00am



*“Lord remember me
when you come into
your kingdom.”*

Welcome

We welcome William David Rainford and Neave Poppy Rainford into the family of the Church, who were baptised here at St Wilfrid's last weekend. We pray that with the help and support of their parents and godparents they may continue to grow in the ways of faith.

Christmas Flowers

To help off-set the cost of Christmas flowers to the parish there will be a special collection taken at the end of Mass this weekend.

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 either Catherine Pennington or Fr Tony if you can assist.

Many thanks.

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

Now fully booked

Christmas Draw 2025

Raffle tickets are still 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:

Joyce Mary Ingham, Carolyn Pattinson, Henry Joseph Blissett, Elizabeth Ann Richmond, John Glenn, Francis Donnelly, Marie Cowell, and Alice Rhodes.

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

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

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.

Parish of St Mary Chipping**Missal Page 998****Coffee Morning**

There will be a Coffee morning after Mass on Sunday 8th December. We are offering a wee dram with coffee and mince pies. There will be a box at the back of the church the next couple of weeks for the food bank. An offering of something festive would be good but staples are always well received.

Christmas Flowers

The cost of flower decorations at Christmas is always a problem. Any donations would be much appreciated. There will be a basket at the back of church for the next 3 weeks.

Christmas Carol Service

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.

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: Harry Slater, Michael Joseph Connolly, and Mary Veronica Ann Seed.

May the Lord grant them a share in his resurrection.

Recent Offertory Donations:

Sunday 16th November: £203.60

Thank you.

Red Mission Boxes: £646.93

Thank you.

Parish of Saint Peter & Saint Paul Ribchester**Parish Notices****Hotpot Supper Success**

The hotpot supper was a sell out and raised £926. Thank you to all who helped and the amazing teamwork by the parish. A big Well Done!

T.H.O.M.A.S

This weekend there will be the monthly retiring collection for **T.H.O.M.A.S.**

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:

John Hilton, Ellen Hardman, Herbert Joseph Wells, Stanley Anderton, Sarah Kathleen Carr, Grace Moor, Bernard Martin, Margaret Mary Ashton, and Mary Bolton. May the Lord welcome them to the table of God's children in heaven.

Recent Offertory Donations

Sunday 16th November:

£184.00

Thank you.

A thought on the Gospel

At the heart of the Kingdom of God is the ministry of Jesus Christ. And as we come to the end of another Liturgical Year in the life of the Church, our attention is focused on Christ the King.

At the end of the Lord's earthly journey, his mission complete, over his head were written the words, "*Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.*"

Some saw this as an ideal plot to get rid of him, a way to silence his challenging voice. Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, with a cross for a throne and a wreath of thorns for a crown. The scriptures speak of him hanging there as "a figure without beauty, without majesty, a thing despised and rejected by men." Yet this man had no armies at his command, nor did he have servants in attendance: instead, he came to serve his own creation, to give, to forgive, to love, to the point where he offered his own life as a ransom for many.

It might be said that the kings of this world are removed from the ordinary and from the mundane, their bloodline is kept pure, untainted as it were. But the King whose life we celebrate today became as ordinary as we are and shed his blood; and indeed, continues to give us his blood in the wondrous sacrament we know as the Eucharist, in order that we might have life in its fullest.

It might also be said that the kings of this world show an immense "love of power;" but the kingship of Christ isn't built on "the love of power"; it's built instead on "the power of love."

As the Lord breathed his last from the cross, above his head in large letters were the words; 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.' They were written for all to see, first, as an act of mockery and secondly as a sign of contempt.

One important aspect of our faith is that as the world around us is put into our hands, both in trust and in stewardship, Christianity lays great stress on the service of others. We must not forget that Jesus is still walking the earth in the guise of our neighbour who is still suffering and is still in need. The yardstick is that whatever good or evil we do to others is done to him.

The kingship of Christ is made real by allowing God to work in and through us. It will always be a life-long process relying upon his grace so that our words and actions might always conform to his will.

Let us pray that the example he sets before us might become a reality that we live out in our daily lives.