

Thank you to everyone who is giving by standing order. It makes a massive difference. As a church, Brindle St. James relies wholly on donations to operate. We want to continue and indeed do more, strengthened by the knowledge of our fellowship and the love our Lord has for us.

If you normally donate using envelopes, we are asking everyone to consider giving by bank transfer or standing order; **and if possible, increase giving to ensure our church's ministry can continue and be sustained.**

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There is more information on the Brindle St. James money matters page:
https://brindlestjames.co.uk/Groups/337453/Money_Matters.aspx

St Paul's letter to the Corinthians

Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, referred to the Macedonian Church as the best example he could find when it came to generosity. The Macedonian Church was not a very well-off church. In fact, the apostle referred to many afflictions that the members of the body had to face. But in spite of great trial and testing, they always found reason to give generously to others in their congregation and even those who were part of other communities.

'For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord'. 2 Corinthians 8:3



Have you ever wondered how the money you give to support your church is used?

Heavenly Father, we thank you
for the abundance of your love,
for all that you give us through Jesus.
May we show in our lives a
reflection of the generosity
which flows to us from you;
make us warm hearted and generous people.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
your son, our Lord, Amen

Our **expenditure** for 2020 is expected to total

£90,000
£1,730 per week

The Parish Share is the amount of money that each parish is asked to contribute to support the work of the Church in the Blackburn Diocese, including:

- Support to church schools and Sunday schools throughout the Diocesan Board of Education
- HR and financial advice and support - Brindle St. James continues to benefit from an interest free loan over five years to pay for our building renovations

- Supporting other less fortunate parishes
- Paying for our clergy
- Curates' training and other costs
- Providing training on safeguarding, lay ministry etc

It does not pay for:

- Our bishops
- Our cathedral church

At present, by his own choice, our Rector, David, does not receive any payment as the incumbent of Brindle St. James Church.

Our **income** for 2020 is expected to total

£75,000
£1,443 per week

We experience a shortfall between expenditure and income every year. With God's grace and our parishioners' generosity we seem to always manage to pay the bills.

But this hand to mouth financial position means we have no capacity for planned developments or to deal with the unforeseen. Anything out of the ordinary means we have to have a targeted fundraising campaign or rely on donations. For instance, when the graveyard wall or the windows needed repairing recently.

Brindle St. James has been blessed with an increasing number of people who worship with us.

Church attendance each week is regularly around 170 people.

Thank you to everyone who gives their time and talents in so many ways.

We do not receive any state funding. Our only source of income is the money that you, our parishioners give each week.

We hope that this information allows you to reflect upon your giving to the Lord's work here and beyond.

Ways of giving

The only income we can plan on is that given in one of the following ways:

- A standing order through the bank
- Planned giving envelopes
- Collection plate and envelopes
- Fees charged for weddings and funerals

'Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver'. 2 Corinthians 9:7

		£	%
Bills	Utilities (gas, electric, water)	18,900	21
	Insurance		
	Licences and equipment		
Maintenance	Church building	11,700	13
	Church grounds and graveyard		
	Organ		
Mission and Ministry	Wafers and wine	9,000	10
	Candles		
	Organist		
	Covid protection costs		
Other	Refreshments	2,700	3
	Replacement service books and bibles		
	Printing		
Parish Share	Supporting schools and children	47,700	53
	Training, HR and finance		
	Supporting others		
		90,000	100