# Brindle Voice

## **April 2024**

Produced for the Community by Brindle St James' Parish Church 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said' Matthew 28:5-6



## From the Book of Remembrance

Gone But Not Forgotten, Those We Love But See No More

#### APRII

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1st	WILLIAM ALFRED RILEY	1995
	ALBERT ROY PETER	2007
2nd	JOHN JAMES KING	1993
5th	SARAH SMITH	1998
9th	JOSEPH WHITTLE	2022
10th	JOHN BICKERSTAFFE	2012
11th	MARY ANN CHARNLEY	1977
	EILEEN ELIZABETH BANISTER	2020
14th	JOAN MARY CROASDALE	2020
18th	JOHN ROBERT STOTT	1952
	LENA TAYLOR	1994
	EARNEST TAYLOR	2000
19th	WILLIAM LINDSAY	1957
29th	WILLIAM DYSON	1979
30th	PETER McDADE	2022

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Thank You

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

#### Psalms 23:4

## Church Flowers

THE FLOWERS IN APRIL ARE IN CELEBRATION OF EASTER AND IN MEMORY OF JIM & EUNICE RIGBY.

7th EASTER FLOWERS

14th 2007

1993

1998

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2012

21st SUE HOTHERSALL

28th SUE HOTHERSALL

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#### 2000 Services: April 1957

3rd	Service of praise	6.30pm
7th	Holy Communion	10.30am
10th	Service of praise	6.300m
14th	Holy Communion	9.00am
	Holy Communion	10.30am
17th	Service of praise	6.30pm
21st	Holy Communion	10.30am
24th	Service of praise	6.30pm
28th	Service of the word	9.00am
	Confirmation service	10.30am

#### May

1st Service of praise 5th Holy Communion 6.30pm 10.30am

For Zoom instructions, please contact us via our website: www.brindlestjames.co.uk/





## Wired to the Moon ~ Guest Edit

The Lord is my rock... It's Easter!

Happy Easter! I can't believe it is Holy Week already, we have celebrated Jesus's tri-

umphant arrival in Jerusalem, no donkeys or palms, but a procession of children waving colourful ribbons and palm crosses for all comers here at Brindle St James. We will walk with Jesus to the Cross with our poignant Maundy Thursday service which ends with the silent stripping of the Altar of all its cloths and tableware. A simple reminder of the unique aloneness of Christ as he spends the night inprayer, seeking solace in discussion with the Father until he is arrested. An hour at the Cross marks Good Friday as Jesus faces and succumbs to death on the Cross. A death required to save us, to pay for our sins and to repair the fractured relationship between God and humanity. Time to pause and reflect what this all means for us as followers of Christ in the world today. And then joy of joys He is RISEN! We share in the euphoria of the women who encounter the angels at the entrance of the empty tomb and the recognition by the disciples at Emmaus and as always Thomas's doubt that requires proof that is Jesus resurrected.

Easter is an amazing time, around us nature is beginning to awaken. Our

days are brighter with daffodils gently swaying in the spring breeze,

Celandines in pretty purple and yellows are popping through, the fields around us are noisy with the sound of lambs and the hours of darkness are reducing. Creation encourages us to look beyond the Cross and forward to service. This year we have a mix of the newness of life promised through Jesus and the hope of the new all enjoy our Easter eggs and our East- Tania, Daniel and me. We have er Sunday roast dinners with our families. But sadly, for many people, For those caught up in war and military conflicts, for people who are just struggling to make ends meet, or who are unwell they may be unable to experience iov and hope. Jesus is with them and all of us in our times of difficulty and our darkest hours, his unending love gives strength and peace as we turn towards him.

#### Worship in the wild

The Sunday School are combining the second Worship in the wild event with the traditional Good Friday walk that we share with our friends of Holy Trinity Hoghton. Everyone is welcome to come and share in the activities exploring light and dark. The worship and the walk will begin at 2 pm. from the carpark at Holy Trinity, Hoghton. You are invited to bring a picnic to eat when we return.

#### **Confirmation 2024**

April is a busy month in the life of Brindle St James. No sooner has Jon cauaht his breath, than Confirmation is upon us. This year Bishop Philip will be confirming our ten candidates on Sunday 28th April at the 10.0 a.m. adults and year six children who have organising the event and to everyone been preparing together on Thursday creation to come. I hope that we can evenings, guided by Jon, Karen, Lucy, explored the Bible, and prayer, we have discussed what Jesus means to near and far, it is difficult to be joyous. us and how we connect through him to God and we have explored what it congregation members, parishioners means to take the bread and the wine at the Eucharist. If you have been in church recently you will have been able to see the wonderful art work that has been created on display in the Cavendish Chapel. It is a privilege to walk alongside the candidates as they explore their faith, I know we have all learned a great deal about our own faith through the discussions which have been rich. Please hold in prayer: Lisa, Nick, Simon, Emma, Ella, Jessica, Oliver, Jack, Alfie and Jonty as they take this significant step.

#### Cuckoo Walks

20th April also sees the return of the Cuckoo Walks. A ranae of walks are available to accommodate all abilities. For details on this and to register please use Eventbrite.

Speaking of Cuckoo...

#### Promise Auction hosted by Cuckoo Gin

A fun night was had by all who attended the promise auction event hosted by Cuckoo Gin to raise much needed funds for the church and school. A huge thank you to Mark and Elizabeth, Gerard and Cath for who donated something to be auctioned and those who made aenerous bids. The evening raised more than £11,000! Nothing short of miraculous. It was a night for making new friends and parents, staff, and many others together.

#### Ordination

It is now less than 100 days before my ordination as deacon on Saturday 29 June 2024. It seemed a long way away when I went to my first college eucharist at Blackburn cathedral in September 2021. Just one more residential week, and six more theological assignments and two thirds of an academic term and it's all over. Well not all over, just this phase of learning and formation, but I am delighted to be serving my curacy here at Brindle St James with Jon continuing as my Training Incumbent. The next three years will be an apprenticeship and still with lots of learning and formation to come, but hopefully no more academic essays?!!

We are still waiting on details for the ordination service itself at the cathedral, but there will be an opportunity to gather on Saturday afternoon at the Community Hall to celebrate.

#### Matthew 28

I pray that everyone has a blessed Easter time and that the weather remains bright and sunny, rather than April showers and we can get out and enjoy all that God has created. And take time to look beyond the Cross to the promise of the kingdom of God and life everlasting. Whatever April brings to you, remember that Jesus loves us and is with us always.

#### Happy Easter...

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'





### FRUITFUL APP Available now!

We are excited to share with you the launch of the new

Blackburn Diocese App called Fruitful. A space to help you engage with scripture; inspire prayer and consider how we might collectively respond in worship in the Diocese of Blackburn.

'Fruitful' features include:

Lent and Advent daily reflections from clergy and laity across the Diocese.

'Journey to Freedom' Lent Course: Bishop



Philip's five-week videobased Lent Course. Bible reading plans: An integrated Bible app with selected reading plan. You can download the app at your usual app store or by scanning this QR code.

## Spring Term at Brindle St James' **Primary School**

We have had a busy spring term at school enjoying all the new life we can see in the fields across from school and taking part in lots more outdoor learning! We have also had some snow this term but this didn't stop us making use of our forest school by having a campfire and hot chocolate outside!

#### Pre School

We are very excited to be opening our own preschool in September of this year! It is open to 3-4yr olds and includes all families not just those who have children already in school. If you are interested in a place, please see our website and you can also add your name to our contact list via our bursar Mrs Smithbursar@brindle-st-james.lancs.sch.uk.

#### **Community Action bronze award**

Over the last 3 years we have introduced an initiative to share God's love through our gifts by holding a 'Community Action Day'. This is when children make

something or raise money for the Brindle community, wider community, and a world wide charity or issue.

We have delivered prayers to our local residents, sent candles to Ukraine, made food hampers for a local nursing home, shared flower seeds, and fundraised for international charities.

Two children from school applied to Picture News to be considered for an impact award and were delighted to be awarded the Bronze Im-

pact Award! Well done everybody.



#### PTFA

We are very lucky at Brindle St James' to have a wonderful PTFA who regularly hold events to support our school. The annual Christmas Cafe is always a success and other events have included bog eyed jogs, summer fairs, bunny hops, discos and film nights. The money raised goes towards lots of resources in school and recently the PTFA signed the school up to receive books from Ebb and Flo. The books come individually wrapped each month (one per class) and are always a joy to receive.

#### Easter

Class 2 are busy preparing for our Easter service in church before the end of term. The children work extremely hard to retell the Easter story through acting, prayers and song.





#### **Borwick Hall Residential**

The Year 4 children went to Borwick Hall in Carnforth for a school venture CPAS residential in March accompanied by Mrs Satloka, Mrs Eastwood and Rev Jon Price.

CPAS runs residentials for children who go to C of E primary schools where they investigate core concepts of Christian faith as well as taking part in physical activities.

All the children had an amazing time canoeing, indoor rock climbing, caving, and navigating the low ropes . They also worked as detectives with children from 2 other schools to solve the case of 'The empty tomb'. All the children and staff had an amazing ( but tiring time) whilst enjoying a campfire, singing songs, team building games and making new friends.

On the last day the children made an Easter garden that they made from foraging for natural materials and they put it together whilst listening to the Easter story.

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter from all the children and staff at Brindle St James' primary school.

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Admission for children aged 3 and 4 years old who will be starting in Reception the following year. Open to all families, not just those who plan to attend Brindle School.

#### For more information see our website

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Thank you for your generous giving.

As a church, Brindle St. James relies wholly on donations to operate. We want to continue strengthened by the knowledge of our fellowship and the love our Lord has for us.

If you normally donate using cash, we are asking you to consider giving by standing order, card or regular giving envelopes. If possible, please increase giving to ensure our church's ministry can continue to be sustained.

If you would like to know more about how your money is used, you can read the leaflet produced in June 2023.

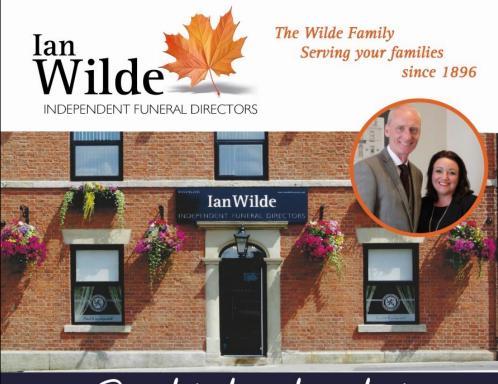
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