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treasure is, there
your heart will be
also’ Luke 14:34**

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



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	GATES	2021
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8th	FLORENCE ADA	
	MORRIS-ASHTON	1990
13th	ELSIE INGRAM	1993
19th	PAULINE BYERS	2022
24th	THOMAS LAWRENSON	1947
	IAN DOUGLAS WHYTE	2019
25th	PAT McDADE	2014
26th	GRAINGER ROCK	2012

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PUT A NAME IN
THE BOOK, PLEASE ASK FOR A FORM
FROM ONE OF THE CHUCH WARDENS.
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

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Services: September

7th	Holy Communion	10.30am
10th	Praise Service	6.30pm
14th	Holy Communion	9am
	Holy Communion	10.30am
21st	Holy Communion	10.30am
24th	Praise Service	6.30pm
28th	Service of the Word	9am
	Holy Communion	10.30am

October

5th	Harvest Communion	10.30am
8th	Praise Service	6.30pm
12th	Holy Communion	9am
	Holy Communion	10.30am

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our website: www.brindlestjames.co.uk/



The Lord is my rock....

I know they say that time speeds up as you get older and August has proved that to be true for me. I remember when the long summer holidays stretched before me. Weeks that, as a child, I filled with reading, day trips, and playing out (not that I did much of that!). I very much hope and pray that the school holidays have, for all of you, been full of fun, laughter and love in whatever you have been doing and wherever you have visited.

August for Jon and family was the opportunity to take a well-earned break away from the parish and trusting me to hold the fort couple of weeks! The P were off and I was without my instructor for the first time. The first Sunday morning had a 9 a.m. service, a 10.30 a.m. service and then a baptism after that. I was prepared, I had practiced, I was ready! But of course, I had reckoned without God's sense of humour, a rookie error, so I could only smile when at the Altar, arms aloft, the microphone wasn't working. I could only wait while we sorted out what the Old Testament reading was. And thank Pat for being so professional and reading the passage from Isaiah so beautifully. And what a blessing Kenny and his family were and how precious their connection with Brindle St James.

What a special few weeks which have made a significant impact on my faith life. I experienced the love of our living Lord in the smiles and the encouragement of our church family. I glimpsed the kingdom in the acts of kindness and generosity, the cup of tea thrust in my hand, the prayerful waiting as I concluded distributing holy communion. I saw many acts of service to God and to each other, the

holding of a steadying arm at the Altar rail, the offer of a listening ear, the counting of the collection plate and many other tasks that faithful servants of God undertake every week. I was both humbled and filled with joy and I can only offer a grateful thanks for all that our church members do.

Throughout August in our scripture readings from Luke's gospel chapters 12 and 13, we have been reminded that material possessions are temporary and that we should not be storing up treasure here on earth, but encouraged to give to those who are poor and in need. Our focus, indeed our hearts desire should be on the treasure of the kingdom of God. Living as a Christian is not necessarily easy and following Jesus and living out our Christian faith and values can mean can be divided, separated (spiritually) from other people, even our friends and family. The story of the crippled woman who Jesus cured so she was able to stand up straight for the first time in 18 years illustrates clearly that it is only through Jesus that we experience true freedom and can stand upright and to be fully ourselves, unburdened from our sin. That is the wonder and the joy of faith and a Christian life which I witness often and was so aware of this summer.

We celebrated the life of Michael Stephenson Lee whose funeral took place on 21 August. Michael and his wife Brenda have been active members of Brindle St James for nearly three decades. Michael served on the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and was involved in several church projects and fundraising. We continue to hold Brenda and son Jeremy and the whole family in our prayers.

August ended with the wedding of Emily and Matt

who were blessed with fine weather as they shared their special day with family and friends. Every wedding is special, each one reflects the love and the story of the couple's relationship, but throughout the ceremony they all know the presence, guidance and blessing of God.

We keep our gaze focused on Jesus and the kingdom of God as we wave good bye to summer. The new term is upon us, the children are returning to school, some are off to college and university and some people are starting new jobs. Our church calendar begins to trot towards Harvest Festival, including a pie and peas harvest supper and a scarecrow competition. Then we begin our season of remembrance, with All Souls and Remembrance Sunday and the gallop through Advent to Christmas.

It is easy to become distracted as we pick up the threads of our every day life, as routine reasserts itself and we are busy. The verses from Luke's gospel also remind us that we should always be watchful and waiting for Jesus and rejoicing in all the wonderful things he was and is doing.

The Collect prayer for the end of August and the start of September sums it all up beautifully and it is simply this:

*God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside all that prevents us from
seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have to gain the pearl
beyond price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

Amen

Sam.

Life Events at BRINDLE ST JAMES

Baptisms

We welcomed into new life with Christ:

Rose Smallwood
Poppy Smallwood
Kenny Wignall
Rufus Buchan
Austin John Ryder

Weddings

We celebrated the joining in holy matrimony:
Emily Louise Tasker & Matt Holt-Rogers

Funerals

We gave thanks for the life of:
Michael Stephenson Lee



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HARVEST SCARECROW COMPETITION

12TH - 20TH SEPTEMBER

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ENTER A SCARECROW:

- 1 Email your name, address, telephone number to Elaine by Friday 12th September: elaine@drcourtney.co.uk
- 2 You will be given an entry number.
- 3 Make and display your scarecrow before **Saturday 20th September** with your entry number clearly displayed.
- 4 Entries from outside the map boundary should be displayed in **The Pound, corner of Smithy Lane and Sandy Lane.**

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Judging takes place on **Sunday 21st September**,
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From August, our Wednesday evening Praise Service will move to the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, taking place at the usual time of 6:30pm.

All Sunday services remain the same.

We hope this new rhythm will provide more opportunity to develop other areas of ministry, while still offering space for worship and fellowship as a church family.

CHURCH SERVICES

1st SUNDAY

10.30am ~ Holy Communion

10.20am ~ Sunday School & Sunday Youth*

*Term Time Only

2nd SUNDAY

9.00am ~ Holy Communion (Said)

10.30am ~ Holy Communion

3rd SUNDAY

10.30am ~ Holy Communion

10.20am ~ Sunday School & Sunday Youth*

*Term Time Only

4th SUNDAY

9.00am ~ Service of the Word

10.30am ~ Holy Communion

2nd & 4th WEDNESDAY

6.30pm ~ Praise Service



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Open Gardens

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who held an Open Garden this year.
Thank you also to all those who attended and supported these events.





**Brindle
Historical Society**

Next meeting

Monday 15th September 2025

Speaker

Brian Healey

Who will talk to us about Sean Greenhalgh, the Bolton Forger, who duped many of the most famous museums for two decades with artefacts he made in his garden shed.

Entry to the talk is free to Historical Society members and just £5.00 for guests which will include refreshments and a chat.

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