

Brindle Voice

August 2025

**'Truly my soul finds
rest in God; my
salvation comes from
him.' Psalm 62:1**


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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: August

3rd	Holy Communion	10.30am
10th	Holy Communion	9am
	Holy Communion	10.30am
13th	Praise Service	6.30pm
17th	Holy Communion	10.30am
24th	Service of the Word	9am
	Holy Communion	10.30am
27th	Praise Service	6.30pm
31st	Holy Communion	10.30am

September

7th	Holy Communion	10.30am
10th	Praise Service	6.30pm
14th	Holy communion	9am
	Holy communion	10.30am

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APPLES OF GOLD

Dear Friends,

As we enter the height of summer, I hope this finds you well—and with at least a little time to pause, rest, and take stock.

Looking back on July, we've shared some truly joyful moments together as a church family. Chief among them was the celebration of **Sam's ordination as a priest**, and the privilege of being part of her **first Eucharist** here at Brindle St James. It was a moving service and a significant moment in the life of our parish. We are so thankful for Sam's calling, her ministry, and the way she has stepped into this next chapter with a readiness to serve.

We also enjoyed our **Walking Service**, beginning with a walk through the village before gathering in church for worship. A heartfelt thank you to Brindle Brass Band, who led the music so wonderfully throughout the walk and during the service itself. We're also grateful to our uniformed organisations for their enthusiastic participation, and to everyone who came along. It was a joyful and visible expression of faith and community - thank you for being part of it.

We're also grateful to all who took part in the **church working party**—thank you for your time, energy, and care. The church grounds are looking better than ever, and it was a joy to see so many working side by side to care for our shared space. A special thank you to Mike and Joan for their generous donation of the new lych gates and

storage shed—both gifts that will benefit the whole church community for years to come.

Another real highlight this past month has been the **Open Garden** events. Whether you opened your garden, attended, or contributed in some way, thank you. These gatherings not only raised generous donations for our church, but also gave us the chance to spend time together in beauty and fellowship—something not to be taken for granted.

We were also delighted to host a wonderful **Leavers' Service**, celebrating the Year 6 pupils from school as they prepare to move on to secondary school. It was a joy to mark this milestone with them and their families, and to send them off with our prayers and blessings for all that lies ahead.

We also enjoyed coming together with the children for their **Sunday School** end-of-term celebration. Their joy, energy, and curiosity are constant reminders of the life and hope that flow through our church. Thank you to all who made it such a memorable occasion.

In contrast to these uplifting moments, I found myself caught in a rather more mundane one recently—but it offered its own kind of lesson. I made a quick trip to Asda for a few essentials. It wasn't until I got back to the car that I realised I'd forgotten the one thing I'd gone in for: milk. Thankfully, I remembered before I drove off—but it struck me, as I sat there shaking my head at

myself, that this sort of forgetfulness is exactly the kind of everyday moment Jesus might have turned into a parable. We are, all of us, prone to distraction -especially when we're tired. It happens at Asda, and it happens in our spiritual lives too. We intend to pray, to read scripture, to go to church, but we get caught up in the noise of daily life. We tell ourselves we'll do it later - and then it feels too late.

But the Christian life calls us to a different rhythm. It invites us to make space for God, to step away from distraction, and to be intentional about rest. Not just sleep or time off work—but the kind of deep rest that reconnects us with God and renews our soul. Even Jesus took time to go up the mountain alone to pray and reflect. Rest isn't laziness. It's re-creation—a chance to become whole again.

The summer gives us a natural opportunity to slow down. Whether you're in the garden, walking the dog, or gazing out to sea, I hope you find moments to breathe deeply and be still. For in that stillness, we so often hear the voice of God most clearly.

May this month bring you time to rest, to pray, and to be refreshed in both body and spirit.

Love & Prayers,

Jon





Baptisms

It's a real joy to welcome those who were baptised at Brindle St James during July. We give thanks for each new life and pray that they - and their families - will continue to grow in faith and love within our church community.

Harry Evans
Jessica Baldwin

Weddings

It's a special joy to celebrate with those married at Brindle St James during July. We wish each couple plenty of joy, laughter, and blessings as they begin this exciting new chapter. Let's keep them in our prayers as they start their journey as newlyweds:.

Jake Skipper & Millie Norris
Glen Jones & Hayley Fenton

Funerals

We remember with love those whose funerals took place at Brindle St James during July. As we give thanks for their lives, we hold their families and friends in our prayers, asking for comfort and peace in the days ahead.

Mr Tony Hindle



A Heartfelt Thank You

We would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who has helped make the church and grounds look so beautiful.

Whether you've been part of the mopping crew, the Saturday morning team, the gardening group, the flower arrangers, joined us on the recent working day, or helped in any other way, your time, energy, and care are truly appreciated.

A special thank you to **Mike** and **Joan Hopcraft** for their generous donation of the new shed and lych gates — they look absolutely stunning!

Thank you all for your continued support and love for our church.



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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The Brindle Village Show

community event and celebration!

Find your copy of the full schedule and entry form online via the Brindle St. James' church news and notices page. Printed copies are also available in the church porch.

We can't wait to see what you bring!



Did you know?

There are 24
Brindle Village Show
categories for children
this year!



Your Recipes

Class 100 set recipe for children 4 decorated fairy cakes

Ingredients

110g self-raising flour
110g margarine
110g sugar
2 eggs

You will need a 12 hole cake tin and cake cases

What to do

- 1 Preheat oven to 180, fan 160C or gas mark 4.
- 2 Line one 12 hole cake tin with the cake cases.
- 3 Cream the butter and sugar together until pale.
- 4 Beat the eggs and add gradually to the mixture beating each time.
- 5 Fold in sifted flour with a metal spoon.
- 6 Spoon into the paper cases till half full.
- 7 Place in the oven and bake for 8 - 10 minutes or until golden brown on top and a skewer comes out clean.
- 8 Remove from the oven, leave to cool for ten minutes and then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.
- 9 Decorate as you wish.

Present 4 decorated fairy cakes on a plate which will be provided by the Show.



Class 43 set recipe: men only A tea loaf

Ingredients

250ml strongly brewed tea, no milk
325g mixed dried fruit
115g light soft brown sugar
225g self-raising flour
1 egg beaten
1 teaspoon of mixed spice
You will need a 2lb loaf tin. Grease the sides and line the bottom with greaseproof paper.

Method

- 1 Preheat the oven to 170c, fan 150c, gas mark 3.
- 2 Make the tea (no milk) and allow to steep for at least 20 minutes.
- 3 Put the dried fruit and light soft brown sugar in a large mixing bowl, pour in the tea and stir. Leave for another 30 minutes.
- 4 Sift the flour and mixed spice together in another large bowl.
- 5 Fold the fruit mixture into the flour, add the beaten egg and mix well.
- 6 Spoon the mixture into the loaf tin and spread evenly.
- 7 Bake in the the oven for about 1 hour or until risen and firm, and a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean..
- 8 Leave to cool in the tin for 10 minutes before turning out onto a wire rack.
- 9 Place on a plate when cold.**

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