



‘The land has produced its
harvest, God, our God, has
blessed us. God has blessed
us; may all people
everywhere honour him’
Psalm 67:6-7

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



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*If you would like to put a name in the
Book, Please ask for a form from one of
the Church 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: October

5th	Harvest Communion	10.30am
8th	Praise Service	6.30pm
12th	Holy Communion	9am
	Holy Communion	10.30am
19th	Holy Communion	10.30am
22nd	Praise Service	6.30pm
26th	Morning Praise	9am
	Holy Communion	10.30am

November

2nd	Holy Communion	10.30am
9th	Holy Communion	9am
	Remembrance Service	10.45am

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Harvest Reflections from Brindle

Living in Brindle, it's hard not to notice the rhythm of the countryside at this time of year. Straw is being gathered, silage is being cut, and in some places, the harvest is still underway. It's a season of activity, of gathering in, and of giving thanks.

When we lived in Wales, harvest celebrations stretched from late August into early October, and here in Brindle, the pattern is much the same. Our rural parish is now beginning to mark this special time, and it's a wonderful opportunity to pause and reflect—not just on the fruit of the land and the fantastic work that farmers and food producers are involved in, but also on the goodness of God.

The harvest festival as we know it today was first introduced in 1843 by Rev Robert Hawker in the Cornish parish of Morwenstow. Hawker was a colourful character—rumoured to have dressed as a mermaid on occasion! But behind the eccentricity was a deep desire to turn his parishioners' attention from ancient pagan harvest festivities to a Christian celebration of God's provision.

Even today, with all the advances in farming, harvest remains a powerful moment to give thanks for what we have and to remember that generosity begins in the heart. Paul reminds us that giving should be joyful and freely offered—not out of obligation, but as a response to God's grace. Everything we have is a gift, and we are

stewards of those blessings. There is more information of different ways you can give to Brindle St James on our website (financially, volunteering etc.)

Our harvest services reflect this spirit of generosity and gratitude, but they also remind us of our calling. Jesus told his disciples that the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. We are invited to be part of God's work—sharing the good news, encouraging others, and helping to bring in a harvest of faith. And if you'd like to explore different ways to support the life and work of Brindle St James—whether through financial giving, volunteering your time, or offering your skills—please speak to someone at church for more information.

Parish Harvest Supper – Saturday 4th October 6.00pm

To celebrate the season together, we're holding our Parish Harvest Supper on Saturday 4th October at 6.00pm in the Community Hall. It's a lovely way to gather as a community, share a meal, and give thanks.

Proceeds will be shared between the mission and ministry of Brindle St James Church and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI), which provides vital support to farming families across the UK during times of hardship.

Harvest Celebration Service – Sunday 5th October, 10.30am

This leads us into our Harvest Celebration Service on Sunday 5th October at 10.30am at St James Church. All are warmly welcome—whether you're a regular or just visiting, we'd love to see you there.

As part of our celebration, we're inviting everyone to bring food donations for the Over Darwen Foodbank. This year, the demand on them will be greater than ever. Thank you for responding to the needs of others and to God's heart for them. Your sharing is hugely appreciated.

And if you'd like to explore different ways to support the life and work of Brindle St James—whether through financial giving, volunteering your time, or offering your skills—please visit our website for more information.

Let's come together to celebrate, give thanks, and reflect on the goodness of God in this season of abundance.

***Love & Prayers,
Jon***



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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Brindle Historical Society

Lathom's Tin City

Sadly, our scheduled speaker was taken ill during the summer and was unable to present to the Brindle Historical Society on Monday 15th September, but we were very grateful to Martin Jones who stepped in to continue telling us about the army remount depot established near Ormskirk in 1914. In March last year Martin had explained how he had become interested in this fascinating piece of history on his doorstep and tonight, he described how Lathom House firmly established its place in military history.



He explained the history of the Stanley family of Lathom and described the magnificent castle they built in 1496. The castle was destroyed and replaced by a beautiful house with its own deer park in 1740 and later, in 1880, the first Earl of Lathom was created. We then skip forward to 1910 when the 2nd Earl died young, leaving all his property and land to his son who became the 3rd Earl, but being a minor, a trust

fund was established for him, one of the trustees being Lord Derby.

At the outbreak of war the British army only had 19,000 horses it was realised that substantially more animals would be needed. A notice went out to requisition horses from farmers and hauliers and within just 12 days, 165,000 horses were available. If a horse owner objected to his animal being taken, he could challenge the decision but this process could take several weeks and in the meantime, the horse was taken and underwent training before being sent abroad. In 1914, the 3rd Earl along with Lord Derby in his capacity as trustee of the Lathom Park Estate, offered the use of the estate to the War Department. This was established as a remount depot which was where animals could be trained to replace war horses which had died or become too tired to work.

The remount depot at Lathom clearly needed many workers, including men to build the facilities, and later to train the horses and to grow additional produce to feed everyone. Horses were brought from all over the world, with the first 1,600 arriving from Canada in October 1914 on eight trains from Liverpool docks. These horses were wild and took many weeks to train sufficiently for army work. A local circus owner not only donated huge tents to provide shelter for the animals in winter, but he also offered the services of his Mexican trick riders to help train the horses! A railway branch line was built from Skelmersdale station into the Lathom estate to help deliver the horses and by the end of 1918, a total of 330,000 horses had passed through the depot.

At the end of the war, 5,000 remaining animals were sold off and all the buildings auctioned. Although the estate is still there, only one building remains from this

time. It was initially built as a theatre so the 3rd Earl could promote his plays and invite well known people, which included Noel Coward and Ivor Novello, to visit the Lathom Club and perform musical evenings for invited guests. Then in 1932, it was used by the local Women's Institute and later in 2000, the Ormskirk Scouts took it over. It was refurbished and extended in 2017.



The next Brindle Historical Society
meeting is on

Monday 20th October 2025

where Keith Vernon
will tell us of The Home Front in Preston during
the First World War.

This talk will focus on how the war reached
into the lives of the people of Preston, their
work, health, social lives and family relationships.

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