



28th December 2025
1st Sunday of Christmas



9am Service of the Word
10.30am Holy Communion

Welcome to everyone who is able to worship in church today and those who are joining us via Zoom. If you would like a zoom link, please register to receive a weekly email:

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11478/get-in-touch/>



‘All things come from you
and of your own do we
give you.’

Collect

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our
humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Pastoral Team If you are feeling in need of support or have concerns about anyone else in our church family, we can arrange a phone call, a visit or offer home communion. Contact Jon, the churchwardens, or Lynn on 01772 323267

Usual pattern of Services

1st Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion
10.20am Sunday School
& Sunday Youth

2nd Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion

2nd Wednesday 6.30pm Praise Service

3rd Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion
10.20am Sunday School
& Sunday Youth

4th Sunday 9.00am Service of the Word
10.30am Holy Communion

4th Wednesday 6.30pm Praise Service

5th Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion
Parade service as arranged

ARE YOU COMING?

Brindle St James' After Christmas Quiz
Monday 29th December 6.30 for 7.00pm

in Brindle Community Hall.

Bring your own drinks and snacks and if you are able, a tin for the food bank.

Sign up in the porch at church
or call 07305 549247 to reserve seats.

Adults £6 Under 12s free

Please try to bring the correct money.
Tables will be set for 6.

Come as a team or join one on arrival

Psalm 121

Assurance of God's Protection

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
- ² My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- ⁴ He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
- ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
- ⁸ The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and for evermore.

Over Darwen Food Bank

The organisers of the Food Bank were delighted with the Christmas orientated food and gifts which were received and distributed before Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who supported them.



Over Darwen Food Bank

Please continue to donate whatever you are able to keep the food bank running.

Not sure how to help?

- *Bring a tin of food to each service you attend
- *Donate a bag of non-perishable basic groceries each week
- *Make a financial contribution – see below

Not sure what to give?

Tinned foods eg beans, peas, sweetcorn, soup, pasta sauce, tinned ham, corned beef, tuna, sardines, mackerel, hot dogs, fruit.....
Dried food eg, tea, biscuits, baby food, cereal, rice, dried mashed potato, noodles.....
Cooking oil, UHT milk.....
Non-food items eg toiletries, washing up liquid, detergent, soap, personal hygiene products.....

Just think....

If we could all bring just one tin to whichever service we attend there would be almost 200 tins of food each week for the food bank.
During the Christmas break children entitled to free school meals will be missing out.
Please leave your donations at the back of church

Donations are taken by volunteers to Over Darwen each Saturday morning.

If you would like to support the Food Bank and it is more convenient to you, their PCC will be pleased to accept cash donations by bank transfer. The bank details are:
Sort code 20 09 72 Account number 70697818.

Thank you!

The painting of St James' displayed in church was kindly donated by the family of the artist John K Bishop.

Prints of this beautiful painting are available to buy. A4 and A3 prints make great gifts when framed or a lovely reminder of church at home. Alternatively, why not send someone a greeting from Brindle with either a postcard or a notecard?

Proceeds go to Church Funds.

If you would like to know more about what is happening at Brindle St James go to www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11478/news/ where there is a wealth of information including Brindle Voice for December and January, details of services, access to Facebook and a huge selection of photos.

Supporting your church financially

If you prefer a bank transfer or standing order:
Payee: St. James Church Brindle
40-37-25 71898175

If you prefer to pay by card:

There is a contactless machine in church.
All cash and regular envelope giving contributions are also received with gratitude in church. If you use an envelope from your pew you can complete it to gift aid.

Gift Aid @ 25% makes a massive difference!
Every £1 you donate is then worth £1.25
£10 is worth £12.50

Whichever method you choose your generosity is much appreciated. Thank you

*Wishing you Peace and
Contentment in 2026*

