



14th December 2025
3rd Sunday of Advent
9.00am Holy Communion



10.30am Holy Communion

Welcome to everyone who is able to worship in church today and those who are joining us via Zoom using the following information

Zoom Meeting ID: 854 **9726 0701**

Passcode: 8 83415

Copy and paste this link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85497260701?pwd=U0pWa3ZFZ2Z2UG43LzhvaEICb05vZz09_9

To follow the service please find the service sheets here:

https://www.brindlestjames.co.uk/Groups/355120/Service_Sheets_and.aspx



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

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
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

9 Lessons and Carols TONIGHT at 6.30pm



Brindle Brass Band
Organist Lydia Greaves
Flautists Laura Longworth,
and Emily Tasker
St James' Church Choir

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

ADVENT COURSE

This Advent, discover hope through the words that have carried us through the challenges of 2025. Join us for four sessions of reflection, prayer, and community.

Last meeting
Tuesday 16th December
At 7.00pm

Forthcoming events already publicised
Tues 16th Dec Carol singing 6.30pm) **from**
Thurs 18th Dec Carol singing 6.30pm) **church**
Wed 24th Dec Roving Nativity 3.00pm



Mothers' Union Christmas Party

Wednesday 17th December 6.30pm
in Brindle Community Hall
This will be a festive buffet
@ £12 per person.

If you are a member and have not yet told Rana you wish to attend, or if you would like to bring a guest, please let her know today. If you would like to join us please also let Rana know today so she can confirm numbers for the buffet. You are able to pay on the night.

Go to
www.churchofengland.org
and find a 6 minute video
story of
**The Grumpy Owl and the
Joy of Christmas**



From The Word Luke 1:46b-55

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowly state of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name; indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

New Revised Standard Version



CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRAW

The Grand Draw took place on Sunday, 7 December at Brindle Community Hall raising a fantastic £1,010 for church funds.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who bought tickets, sold tickets and contributed items for the hampers. You have been so supportive, generous and very kind indeed, thank you so much.

The first 3 prizes winners are:

1st Prize Aiden Bond

2nd Prize Emma Finney

3rd Prize Jean Greenwood

Thank you to the ladies who served the refreshments and to all those who baked for this special occasion, it was very much appreciated.
Annette and Jim

Perhaps a Christmas present for someone?

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.

Over Darwen Food Bank

Please continue to donate whatever you are able to keep the food bank running. Not every one can fill a carrier bag, but

Could you bring a can?

If we could all bring a can 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.

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 to everyone who has supported our coffee mornings and afternoons.



These were never intended to be fundraisers but thanks to your generosity your donations during 2025 totalled £390.30.

Please join us again next year!

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.

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 £1

2.50

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

