



**21st December 2025  
4th Sunday of Advent**



**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**

**Passcode: 8 83415**



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

### **Collect**

God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming  
as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
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**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion**

**10.20am Sunday School  
& Sunday Youth**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion**

**10.30am Holy Communion**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 6.30pm Praise Service**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion**

**10.20am Sunday School**

**& Sunday Youth**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 9.00am Service of the Word**

**10.30am Holy Communion**

**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 6.30pm Praise Service**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion**

**Parade service as arranged**

### **Roving Nativity**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 3pm**

Meet behind church at the overflow car park  
and journey together to the heart of the  
nativity story.

Sit down option available.

Wet weather plan - meet at church.

Sshhh...there may be a donkey!



### **Midnight Communion**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**11.15pm**

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**Christmas Celebration  
Communion**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10am**

Children are invited to bring  
something meaningful, old or  
new, big or small, that brings them joy this  
Christmas.

Go to Church Of England  
website to find a 6 minute  
video story of

**The Grumpy Owl and the  
Joy of Christmas**



**Brindle St James' After Christmas Quiz  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 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**

**From The Word**  
**Psalm 80:1-7 & 17-19**

Listen to us, O Shepherd of Israel;  
hear us, leader of your flock.  
Seated on your throne above the winged  
creatures,  
reveal yourself to the tribes of Ephraim,  
Benjamin, and Manasseh.  
Show us your strength; come and save us!  
Bring us back, O God!  
Show us your mercy, and we will be saved!  
How much longer, Lord God Almighty,  
will you be angry with your people's prayers?  
You have given us sorrow to eat,  
a large cup of tears to drink.  
You let the surrounding nations fight over our  
land;  
our enemies insult us.  
Bring us back, Almighty God!  
Show us your mercy, and we will be saved!  
Preserve and protect the people you have  
chosen,  
the nation you made so strong.  
We will never turn away from you again;  
keep us alive, and we will praise you.  
Bring us back, Lord God Almighty.  
Show us your mercy, and we will be saved.

Good News Translation

**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/](http://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.

**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

