



7<sup>th</sup> December 2025



**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

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To follow the service please find the service sheets here:

[https://www.brindlestjames.co.uk/Groups/355120/Service\\_Sheets\\_and.aspx](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, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, 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**

**PLEASE NOTE In December there is only one Wednesday service on the 10<sup>th</sup>.** On the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday there is no 6.30 service as it is Christmas Eve with Midnight Communion at 11.15pm

Forthcoming events already publicised  
**Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Nine Lessons and Carols 6.30pm**  
**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec Carol singing 6.30pm**  
**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Dec Carol singing 6.30pm**  
**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Roving Nativity 3.00pm**

### **Christmas Raffle Draw** **after church this morning**

Thank you to everyone for your support and generosity in providing the festive goodies and purchasing raffle tickets.

You are all invited to come down to the hall for refreshments after the service and find out who will be the recipients of the amazing prizes.

### **From The Word: Romans 15:4-6 & 13**

#### *Living in harmony*

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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## URGENT!!

### Update on food donations for Over Darwen Food Bank

Time is running away as we organise the delivery of food in time for Christmas.

**Your donations of Christmas items or reverse Advent calendar items need to be brought to church this week on Sunday 7th, or Wednesday 10th.**

The last date for Christmas goodies will be Friday 12<sup>th</sup> when church will be open for an hour from 9.30 – 10.30 to receive them.

**During this week donations may also be left at The Pound or taken to 35 Smithy Close.**

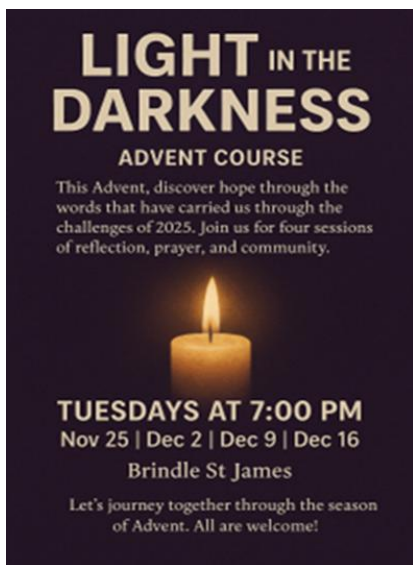
**New toys are also being requested.**

The usual collections will continue.

Last week the team was preparing **76 bags** so any contribution will be thankfully received.

### Over Darwen Food Bank

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.



**The last coffee afternoon in church for this year will be this Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 10 - 12**  
**Why not join us for a friendly chat?**



**Come with a friend, make a friend and enjoy tea, coffee and cake! We may even have festive goodies. All welcome**

### 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.



*"Would you like to take part in our special*

***Service of 9 Lessons & Carols***  
*by reading one of the lessons?*  
***A sign-up sheet and the readings***  
***are available at the back of the church.***

***It's a wonderful way to be part of this cherished service".***

### 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

**If you would like to know more about what is happening at Brindle St James go to**  
**[achurchnearyou.com/church/11478/news/](http://achurchnearyou.com/church/11478/news/)**  
**where there is a wealth of information including details of services, access to Facebook and a huge selection of photos.**

**For details of 9 Lessons and Carols**  
**NEXT WEEK on 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
**please continue to page 3...**

CHURCH BRINDLE ST JAMES

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A SERVICE OF

# 9 LESSONS & CAROLS

— WITH BRINDLE BRASS BAND —



## SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER, 6.30pm

\* BRINDLE BRASS BAND \* LYDIA GREAVES - ORGANIST  
\* LAURA LONGWORTH & EMILY TASKER - FLAUTISTS  
\* ST JAMES CHURCH CHOIR

FOLLOWED BY MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**