

Brindle Voice

July & August 2026



**“Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?”
Nathanael asked. ‘Come and see,’ said Philip.”**

John 1:46



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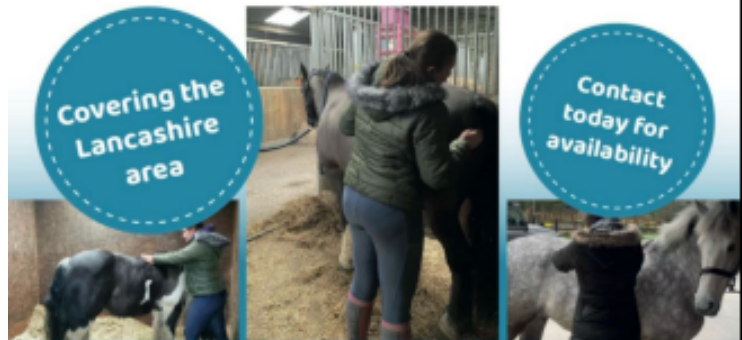
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THE LORD IS MY ROCK

Dear Friends,

It's July!! The long school holidays are just around the corner. Sometimes our focus on the church calendar can often mean that we are always looking to the future. You know Advent leads to Christmas, Christmas to Lent and then Easter and then Pentecost. But July sees us settled in what is known as 'ordinary time'. We cover the altars and pulpit and lectern in green cloths to signify this and Jon and I will have on our green stoles.

Ordinary Time is the period of the year when Christians focus on the everyday life and teachings of Jesus. It is called "ordinary" not because it is unimportant, but because it is numbered (ordered) weeks. It is the longest season of the Church year, lasting from Pentecost to Christ the King in November. Instead of major events like Christmas or Easter, it highlights Jesus' ministry—his teachings, miracles, and how he lived. It encourages Christians to think about how to follow Jesus in daily life.

With this in mind July at Brindle St James begins with Walking Sunday on 5th July. In Brindle, Walking Sunday comes from old Christian traditions where people walked together through the village to show their faith. It is linked to events like Good Friday, remembering Jesus' journey to the cross, and has become a local community tradition over many years.

On Walking Sunday, we will gather at Brindle St James' Primary School a little earlier than usual at 9.45 a.m. ready to walk behind Brindle Brass band up Water Street, along Sandy Lane and up through Smithy Close and back to Church. Cars, bicycles and people out walking their dogs stop and wave and see a group of people walking to the sound of well-known hymns with the cross of Jesus at the front of the procession.

This year Blackburn Diocese is celebrating its centenary and every parish is holding a mission weekend on 12-13 September. We are inviting everyone to keep these dates in their diary. On Walking Sunday, we will be sharing lots more information about the events in September and how everyone can get involved in some way. We will be introducing mission theme - 'Come and See' through the story of Philip and Nathaniel, told in John's gospel chapter 1 verses 43-51, who are called by Jesus to 'Come and See'.

*The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee.
He found Philip and said to him,
'Follow me.'*

*Now Philip was from Bethsaida,
the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found
Nathanael and said to him,
'We have found him about whom Moses in the
law and also the prophets wrote,
Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.'
Nathanael said to him,
'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?'
Philip said to him, 'Come and see'.*

Ordinary Time reminds us of the everyday life and teachings of Jesus, focusing on how He lived and how we can follow Him in our daily lives. It shows that Jesus came from an ordinary place, Nazareth, which people did not expect anything special to come from. Yet something truly wonderful came out of Nazareth—the Son of God. This reminds us that we don't have to wait for special occasions to come and see Jesus, because we can find Him with us in our everyday lives.

Every blessing

Rev Sam



BRINDLE ST JAMES PARISH ROUND-UP

Weather wise June was a little damp until the last week when we have seen record high temperatures which for those of us old enough to remember, took us back to the summer of 1976. At Brindle St James we were kept busy preparing five adults and six children to be confirmed. Confirmation is an important step in our faith lives, when we decide for ourselves to commit our lives to following Christ and to living a Christian life close to God. On 21 st June we welcomed the Right Reverend Dr Joseph Kennedy, Bishop of Burnley who encouraged us all to turn away from the worldly things that distract us and keep us separated from God. Bishop Joe asked us to turn towards Jesus as our Saviour and sovereign over our lives.

We celebrated as a church family with those who were newly confirmed and their families and friends. It did of course involve lots of lovely cake and tea. A huge thank you to everyone who baked a cake and to Sunday School who had made every man in the place a gift for Father's Day.

Brindle St James' Primary School received a visit from Ofsted, but that hasn't distracted them from getting involved with our mission weekend events (all will be revealed). And we were sad to hear of the death of Noel Melling, the husband of Hazel who worshipped at St James' for more than 40 years before her death in April.

Life Events

Baptism:

We welcomed Hallie-Rose Naylor and her family on the occasion of her baptism on 7th June 2026 as she was welcomed into the love and fellowship of the Church.

Confirmation:

We give thanks for our confirmation candidates who have recently taken an important step in their life of faith. We continue to pray for – Russell, Evan, Joanne, Rachael, John, Sam, Louis, Autumn, Poppy, Rose and Luciana.

BRINDLE ST JAMES Church Services ~ July

5 th	Walking service & Holy Communion <i>Trinity 5</i>	10.30am
8 th	Praise Service	6.30pm
12 th	Holy Communion (Said) Holy Communion <i>Trinity 6</i>	9.00am 10.30am
19 th	Holy Communion & Sunday School <i>Trinity 7</i>	10.30am
22 th	Praise Service	6.30pm
26 th	Praise Service Holy Communion <i>Trinity 8</i>	9:00am 10:30am

August

2 nd	Holy Communion <i>Trinity 9</i>	10:30am
9 th	Holy Communion (Said) Holy Communion <i>Trinity 10</i>	9:00am 10.30am
12 th	Praise Service	6.30pm
16 th	Holy Communion <i>Trinity 11</i>	10.30am
23 rd	Praise Service Holy Communion <i>Trinity 12</i>	9.00am 10.30am
26 th	Praise Service	6.00pm
30 th	Holy Communion <i>Trinity 13</i>	10.30pm

You're warmly invited to join us in worship!

Everyone is welcome—whether you come every week or it's your very first visit. For more details, please visit our website.

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11478/service-and-events/events-all/>

You can also contact our Rector, Jon:
rector@brindlestjames.co.uk

BRINDLE ST JAMES BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

JULY

2nd	SAMUEL PETER BOWLING	2018
3rd	RICHARD ALEXANDER (Alec) GRICE	2019
4th	JOHN WRAY BICKERSTAFFE	2004
7th	KATHY FRANCE	2013
15th	EDWARD NEIL BURGESS	2019
16th	EDWARD(Ted) GREGSON	2022
17th	VIC GREENWAY	2020
18th	PETER JOHN LAWRENSON	1998
25th	ELLEN BUTLER	1966
28th	ELIZABETH BURTON MARSDEN	1998
29th	JANE RILEY	1995
30th	MAUREEN LAWRENSON	2002
31st	LINDA THOMAS	2020

*If you would like to have a loved one remembered
in the Book of Remembrance, please ask one of
the Church Wardens
for a form to complete.*

**“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.”
*Psalm 23***

BRINDLE ST JAMES FLOWER ROTA

JULY

THE JULY ALTAR FLOWERS ARE IN
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12th	JOAN HOPCRAFT
19th	GRACE & MARK BOLTON
26th	GRACE & MARK BOLTON

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BRINDLE ST JAMES BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

August

2nd	LAURA GREAVES	2019
3rd	MARJORIE GREGSON	2002
5th	FRANK KERWIN	2000
6th	AGNES ELIZABETH WILSON STAN FARNWORTH	1996 2003
7th	GLADYS McDADE	1990
8th	THOMAS STOTT	1963
10th	LILY BICKERSTAFFE	2004
14th	DIANE ANDERTON	1994
17th	WINIFRED MAY KING LILY MAY SHORT	2010 2015
26th	JOHN JOSEPH HAISLEY	2005
27th	IRENE MARGARET PORTEOUS	1996
30th	HAROLD BAXENDALE	2010

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GREGSON AND CLARICE CAW.
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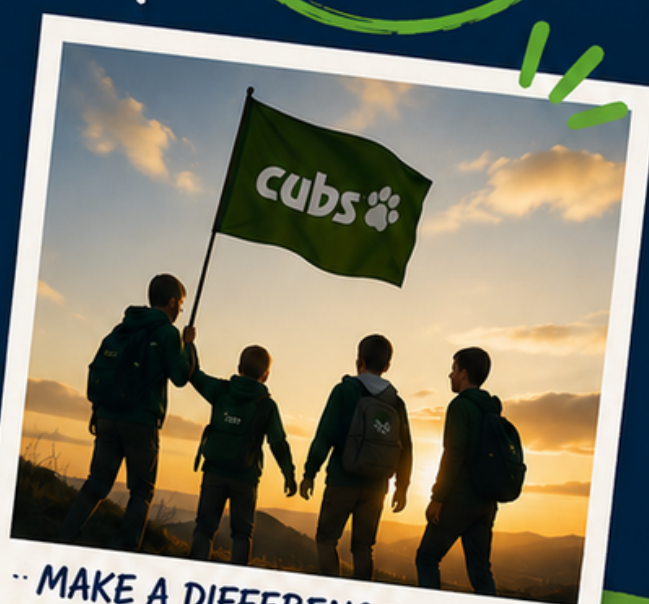
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Summer Term at Brindle St James' CofE Primary School

Goodbyes

As we near the end of another school year, we as always can't believe how quick the time goes in school over the year and it is time again to say our goodbyes to our year 6's and some of our pre-school children. We are extremely proud of our Year 6's and how hard they have worked all the way through school. They are a mature, kind and respectful year group who will be missed at Brindle but we wish them lots of luck for the future on the next step of their journey.

Also, we are bidding farewell to Mr Draper who has been our interim head since November and has made a huge impact in school making lots of positive changes and is famous for never sitting at his desk for too long!

We wish Mr Draper lots of luck for the future as he moves on and all the children and staff want to thank him so much for looking after our school with all the care and attention that he has.

GOOD LUCK!



A Special Visitor!

In May we had the pleasure of welcoming Sir Lindsay Hoyle into school to discuss issues the children have raised in the village about speed limits and safety when crossing the road near The Cavendish Arms.

Children from class 3 had written to Sir Lindsay Hoyle to express their concerns about these matters and to promote advocacy in school, where they take responsibility to try and change issues that are important to them. He was taken on a short tour of the areas of concern and has promised to take these issues back to the local council to be looked at. Sir Lindsay also met the children in school and bravely agreed to answer questions from them during a special assembly!

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Robinwood

All the class 3 children and staff attended the Robinwood residential for 3 days in June. They had an amazing time challenging themselves to reach new heights on the high ropes, big swing, climbing wall and exploring the piranha pool! The children have most importantly developed their personal, social and teamwork skills conquering some fears and challenges!



School Eucharist

The whole school enjoyed a visit from Rev Jon and Rev Sam who performed a Family Eucharist in school. Due to the weather the service was held inside but that didn't dampen our spirits! We were blessed with our WABS group who took part in the service reading and saying prayers. Thank you to all our families who attended the service in school.



Extra Curricular Activities In School

Eco council- Our newly formed Eco Council led by Mrs Baldwin made a trip in May to The Environmental Educational Centre at Farington Waste Recycling centre. The children enjoyed a guided tour of the centre (with some hands-on experience!) learning about how our waste is processed and reused. The children are sharing their findings in school about how to recycle more efficiently and care for our environment



Cooking Club

Mrs Cann runs a very successful Cooking Club in school which has been running for a few years now. Children from Clas 3 can opt in to make a different delicious recipe every week and vote for their favourite to make. The children learn valuable cooking skills and the staff enjoy free samples too!

Choir

- We have a wonderful school choir led by Mrs Culshaw who perform at certain special times of the year e.g. Christmas and some school events. The choir also take part in the Lancashire Big Sing that happens every year.

Groups and Clubs in school

We are blessed at Brindle St James' with children who wish to be advocates for our school and organise their own clubs during their own time in school. At the moment we have a successful wellbeing group that the children themselves have arranged and previously we have had a music band, football teams and various fundraising groups.

End Of The School Year

The children are very busy at the moment rehearsing their Leaver's show which is performed in front of Class 3 parents and families . The children will also enjoy a leaver's treat and a special service in church too.

Wishing everyone a restful and happy summer holiday from all the children and staff at Brindle St James' C of E Primary School





From Roman Chariots to the Space Shuttle

Mr Bernard Kellett



At the last meeting before the summer break, Historical Society members were treated to a fascinating and fast-moving explanation of why certain things are the way they are. From the size of the Space Shuttle's rocket boosters to the diameter of compact discs, Chris Freeman's 60-minute presentation had the audience enthralled with weird-but-true explanations of how familiar objects came to be the size and shape they are. Bizarre as it may seem, the design of the Space Shuttle was, to some extent, influenced by the Romans, while Beethoven had an unexpected hand in determining the size of the CD.



The boffins at NASA wanted the Shuttle's rocket boosters to have a larger diameter than they eventually did. However, because they were manufactured a long way from where the Shuttle was assembled, they had to be transported by rail, and that limited their width. We then learned that railway tracks are the gauge they are because the people who built the first railway wagons had previously made horse-drawn carriages and saw little reason to alter their existing designs. So why were horse-drawn carriages (and, before them, Roman chariots) built to that specific width? Quite simply, because that was the width of two horses standing side by side. In the case of CDs, they were originally intended to have a diameter of 10cm until the president of Sony, who was a keen pianist,

discovered that a 10cm disc could not accommodate the entirety of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, which was typically around 70 minutes long. He therefore insisted that the diameter be increased to 12cm, giving enough room for Beethoven's grand finale.

Chris also explained, amongst other things, why shipping channel leading markers are always triangular, why pyramids are the shape they are, and why modern aircraft have vertical extensions at the tips of their wings. It is clear that whilst design engineers have always had to obey the laws of physics, more recently they have increasingly begun to borrow ideas from nature - a field known as biomimicry - having realised that millions of years of evolution make for a remarkably effective research and development department.



Next Meeting

The Society's members next meet for afternoon tea and a tour of Lytham Hall on their summer outing before their next formal meeting on **Monday 21 st September**.

Here, Catherine Rousseau will provide documentary, photographic and archaeological evidence of the navvies who constructed the reservoirs around Burnley at the end of the 19th century and beginning of the 20th century. Historical Society members get in free and it's just £5.00 for guests which includes tea or coffee, biscuits and a chat.

Brindle Village Show Schedule 5th September 2026

Flower Section – 10 classes

- 1 5 stems of sweet peas
- 2 A single rose
- 3 A vase of any 3 roses
- 4 5 dahlias
- 5 3 stems of rudbeckia
- 6 A vase of cut mixed flowers
- 7 A vase of cut flowers, 5 stems, 1 variety
- 8 An hydrangea head
- 9 A geranium in a pot
- 10 A succulent in a pot

Floral Art Section – 6 classes

- 11 An Autumn floral wreath using fresh flowers, accessories allowed.

NOT TO EXCEED 40cm in diameter

- 12 A fresh flower arrangement in an unusual container

*** NOT TO EXCEED 38cm x 38cm***

- 13 A fresh floral arrangement with a gold candle

- 14 A floral arrangement with a gold theme, accessories allowed

***NOT TO EXCEED 38cm x 38cm**

- 15 A fresh floral arrangement in a tea cup. And saucer

- 16 A fresh foliage arrangement

*** NOT TO EXCEED 38cmx38cm***

Garden Vegetable Section – 11 classes

- 17 1 cucumber
- 18 3 dressed onions, no heavier than 250g each
- 19 6 pods of runner beans
- 20 4 chilli peppers on a plate
- 21 4 potatoes, 1 variety
- 22 3 pieces of any other vegetable (1 variety)
- 23 1 imperfect vegetable
- 24 5 tomatoes with stalks, 1 variety
- 25 3 stems of rhubarb
- 26 5 pieces of fruit with stalks
- 27 4 apples, 1 variety

Produce Section – 14 classes

- 28 Lancashire parkin
- 29 A shortbread round
- 30 4 pieces of any tray bake
- 31 A baked item using yeast
- 32 A fruit pie
- 33 A fruit cake
- 34 4 sausage rolls
- 35 A vegetarian quiche
- 36 A cherry cake
- 37 Jar of home made strawberry jam
- 38 Jar of home made unusual jam
- 39 Jar of home made lemon curd
- 40 Jar of home made chutney(label mild, medium or hot)
- 41 Jar of home made pickle

Please note: Label and date all jars. Those not sealed with a NEW twist on lid should be covered with a wax disc and cellophane.

Presentation of jars will be taken into account.

No uncooked fresh cream to be used in any class.

Set recipes

- 42 All comers: Apple cake
- 43 Men only: Cheese scone

Adult Handicrafts – 12 classes

Please ensure exhibitors' cards are securely attached

- 44 An item of patch work
- 45 Cross stitch ***MAX 38cm x 38cm including frame***
- 46 Your choice of a crocheted item
- 47 A knitted article
- 48 A soft toy, any medium
- 49 An item of quilting
- 50 An example of applique
- 51 A piece of embroidery ***MAX 38cm x 38cm including any frame***
- 52 You've made it, let's see it! - Hard crafts ***MAX 50cm x 50cm x 50cm**
- 53 You've made it, let's see it! - Soft crafts ***MAX 90cm x 90cm x 90cm**
- 54 A repaired item ***MAX 38cm x 38cm***
- 55 An item that has been repurposed

Art Section – 6 classes

PLEASE STRING ALL ART EXHIBITS

A max of 2 pictures may be submitted in each of categories 56 to 60 using any painting or drawing medium

- 56 A miniature picture, size not to exceed A5 including frame
- 57 The great outdoors
- 58 Fruit an/or flowers
- 59 All creatures great and small
- 60 Black and white
- 61 Open subject, painted or drawn ***only 1 entry per exhibitor***

Home Produced Eggs – 3 classes

All eggs should be displayed in bowls provided by the committee

- 62 3 hen eggs, of one colour
- 63 1 hen egg, to be broken by the judge (known as content egg)
- 64 1 single egg (choose your best)
- 65 3 bantam eggs
- 66 2 duck or goose eggs

Photography

Photographs should not exceed 20cm x 13cm and should not be framed or mounted except for class 76.

Exhibitors' cards should be taped or blu-tacked next to their photographs.

Adult Photography

- 67 Wildlife
- 68 Shadows
- 69 Night time
- 70 Patterns in nature
- 71 An action shot
- 72 A telephone box
- 73 A summer garden
- 74 A reflection of water
- 75 Sunset
- 76 A photograph with a witty caption (may be mounted on card to allow for the caption to be written underneath)

Children's Photography – 5 classes

Exhibitor's cards should be taped or blu-tacked next to their photos, MAX 20cm x 13cm, which must have been taken by the child him/herself.

- 77 Creepy crawlies
- 78 An unusual tree shape
- 79 My favourite animal
- 80 My favourite food
- 81 Flowers

Children's Creativity Section

Up to and including 6 years – 6 classes

- 82 Make a gold crown
- 83 A painted stone
- 84 Colour picture, provided, any medium
- 85 A Lego model. ***Max Size 30cm x 30cm x 30cm***
- 86 3 chocolate crispy cakes
- 87 Grow cress in a small container

From 7 to 10 years – 6 classes

- 88 A Lego model. ***MAX SIZE 30cm x 30cm x 30cm***
- 89 Make a bug hotel ***MAX SIZE 20cm x 20cm x 20cm***
- 90 A craft item, sewing or knitting
- 91 A miniature garden
- 92 4 jam tarts
- 93 Grow a Sunflower in a pot you have decorated

From 11 to 15 years – 6 classes

- 94 Design and make a board game
- 95 Make a model using wood or metal
- 96 A computer designed birthday card
- 97 A fresh hand tied posy
- 98 A seascape painting unframed, any medium, ***MAX SIZE A4***
- 99 Grow a Sunflower in a pot you have decorated

Set Recipe

- 100 Children only: A Malteser tray bake

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