CHURCH
BRINDLE
ST. JAMES

Sunday 29th November 2026
1st Sunday of Advent



10.3am Holy Communion
We welcome everyone worshipping with us in church today, and those joining us via Zoom.
Zoom link:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82907273530?pwd=QTq2OSLJUwO61q1sDj7q1Blzr5tpy4.1
Meeting ID: 829 0727 3530
Passcode: 985908



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

Thank you for your ongoing generosity to Brindle St James

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sunday School sessions will be held on:
6th & 20th December



Choir practices
1st and 3rd Sundays at 9.30am
New members welcome.

Usual pattern of Services

2nd Wednesday 6.30pm Praise Service
4th Wednesday 6.30pm Praise Service

1st Sunday
10.30am Holy Communion
10.20am *Sunday School & Sunday Youth
***** Term time only**

2nd Sunday
9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday
10.30am Holy Communion
10.20am *Sunday School & Sunday Youth
***Term time only**

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

5th Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion
Parade service as arranged

YOU'RE INVITED!!
Join us for Advent and Christmas services and events at Brindle St James Church
****** A season of *Hope* ******

Thurs 19th Nov	**Advent Course Walking with Angels 4 week course 7pm in church**
Sunday 13th Dec	**Sunday School Nativity Brindle St James church 3pm**
Tues 15th Thurs 17th	**Carol singing around the village Meet at church 6.30pm**
Sun 20th Dec	**9 Lessons and Carols with Brindle Brass Band 6.30pm**
Thurs 24th Dec	**Midnight Communion 11.15pm**
Christmas Day	**Christmas Communion Celebration 10am Bring a present, large or small for share and tell**
Sun 27th Dec	**Come and Celebrate 10.30am A joyful Communion service with favourite carols and a little Christmas fun**
Tues 29th Dec	**After Christmas Quiz 7pm Brindle Community Hall Bring a festive picnic and drinks**

Come together, Bring a friend, Share the Joy.
Let's discover the Heart of the Season together.
"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" John 1:15

Faith School Applications

For December, registration will be available at all our Sunday 10.30am services (including 27th December), the Wednesday 9th December service at 6.30pm, and the Nativity service on Sunday 13th December at 3pm.
Registration will take place at these services **only** during December and our usual pattern of services will resume in January.
For further information please do ask.

NO 18:30 SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY 23RD DEC
NO 09:00 SERVICE ON SUNDAY 13TH & 27TH DEC

THANK YOU to everyone who donated Christmas chocolate for the Food Bank. We now have enough for all the children.



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We are still hoping to provide a **TOY** for each child and any further gifts will be very welcome.
They will be wrapped and labelled as appropriate for boy or girl and age.



Advent Course 2026 WALKING WITH ANGELS

Thursdays 19 & 26 November, 3 & 10 December, 7.00pm St James' Church

Join us this Advent as we explore Walking With Angels, the Archbishop of York's Advent book for 2026 by Bishop Eleanor Sanderson.



Drawing on the words of angels throughout the Bible, we'll reflect on the messages of hope at the heart of the Christmas story, and discover how prayer can help us slow down, notice God's presence and prepare for the coming of Christ.

A welcoming opportunity to pause, reflect and journey through Advent together. All are welcome!

Over Darwen Food Bank

Every little helps! If each of us brought just one tin to our service, that could mean nearly 200 items for the food bank each week.
Please leave donations at the back of the church. Volunteers take them to Over Darwen every Saturday morning where over 60 families are regularly being supported.
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.

From The Word: Mark Ch 13 v 23-26

So be on your guard;
I have told you everything in advance.
But in those days, following that distress,
"the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken".
At that time people will see the Son of Man
coming in the clouds with great power and glory.
And he will send his angels and gather his elect
from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to
the ends of the heavens.

Nativity – Sun 13th Dec, 3.00pm at church.



Welcome to our Scratch Nativity that will be led by the Sunday School. Seasonal refreshments to follow.



Our next **COFFEE MORNING** in church is on

Wednesday 16th December 10-12

Come on your own, bring a friend or make a friend and enjoy a friendly chat.
All welcome.
This is the last one before Christmas.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH FINANCIALLY

Bank transfer/standing order
Payee: St James Church Brindle
Sort Code: 40-37-25
Account number: 71898175

Card payment:
A contactless machine is available in church.
Cash and envelope giving are also gratefully received. If you use a pew envelope, please complete it to enable Gift Aid (if you are eligible).
This increases your gift by 25%.
(Every £1 becomes £1.25)
Your support and generosity is much appreciated!