# Brindle Voice

## November 2026



***"God is light;***
***in Him there is no darkness at all".***
***1 John 1:5***

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# THE LORD IS MY ROCK

I usually walk my dog, Coco, in Cuerden Park. I often see many congregation members there and over the years Coco and I have become friends with several regular dog walkers. Coco is particularly fond of one couple. The man is an ex-serviceman and we have had many a chat about God and religion. God has clearly been important not only during his time in conflict zones across the world, but throughout his life. Today we chatted about Remembrance Sunday. It was obvious that it was an important date and carries a lot of emotion. For this gentleman it was a day to remember his comrades who had lost their lives in war, not just his friends, but those who died in previous world wars. But he seemed to also see it as a chance to give thanks for their friendship and the freedom and security their sacrifice had secured for future generations.

November marks the Christian season of remembrance holding together two realities that can seem impossible to reconcile: sorrow and hope. We remember those we love and miss, we acknowledge the pain of loss, and yet we do so in the light of Christ's promise that death does not have the final word. Remembrance, therefore, is not merely an act of looking back, but an expression of faith in God's enduring love.

**"The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18**

We begin this season of remembrance with a heartfelt invitation to come and celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday 1 November at our 10.30 a.m. Eucharist service.This will be followed by the All Souls service at 6.30 p.m. While All Saints celebrates the whole family of God's faithful people through the ages, All Souls is a more personal remembrance of those we have known and loved. It is a time to give thanks, to remember, and to place our hope in God's promise of eternal life.

**"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more." (Revelation 21:4)**

Remembrance Sunday is on 8 November and the service begins a little later at 10.45 a.m. so that we can show our respect with a minute's silence for those who have given their lives in the line of duty and service.We will be joined by the uniformed organisations, Sunday School and pupils from Brindle St James's Primary School. All are welcome to attend. Remembrance Sunday offers a chance to gather as a community, honour those who served, remember those who were lost, and pray for peace in our world today.

November ends not with remembering, but with looking forward to the birth of Jesus. The Festival of Christ the King celebrates Jesus as the ruler of all things. His kingdom is one of love, mercy and peace, and on Sunday 22 November we are invited to place our trust in him and follow his way.

And so, Advent begins! Join us on **Thursday 19 November at 7.00 p.m.** as we start our journey towards Christmas. This year's Advent course, **Walking with Angels**, invites us to explore the messages of angels in the Bible and discover what they can teach us about hope, peace, courage and God's promises for us today.

Whatever memories and emotions this season of remembrance brings, know that God is with you. In moments of gratitude and in moments of grief, you are held in God's love.

Blessings,

Rev Sam.



# PARISH ROUND-UP
# OCTOBER 2026

On Thursday 22 October, Elaine our Churchwarden will be licenced as an Authorised Lay Minister (ALM) at Blackburn cathedral.Elaine has been studying for more than a year and we will be celebrating this amazing step of faith after the service on Sunday 25 October with cake and prosecco.

For the Harvest Celebration the church building was shining and decorated so beautifully with flowers and wheat and fruit and vegetables. Harvest celebrations are a way to express gratitude for the abundance provided by the land. Living in a farming community here in Brindle we see that harvest festival is closely linked to agricultural life and seasonal changes. It marks the end of the growing season and a reminder of our connection to the land and the importance of gratitude for the food produced.

We received a heartfelt thank you note from our friends at St James' Over Darwen for the food Brindle St James' takes each week to their Food Club. The Club regularly supports around 70 families who live on the estate. Some people come every week and have done so since the Club opened six years ago. Some come for a short time and others come and go depending on their personal circumstances. The Food Club has benefited in many ways from our relationship over the years and the card emphasised what a blessing our gifts continue to be.

Thank you to everyone who donates food or money to the Food Club and to every one of the volunteers who take it in turns every Saturday to load up their car and drive up the M65 to deliver the much-needed food parcels.

Celebrating harvest is not simply about being thankful for food. It is about recognising the God whose love provides for us day after day. It is gratitude that brings us back into relationship with him.

# BRINDLE ST JAMES
## Church Services ~ November

**4th** **Holy Communion** **10.30am**
**& Sunday School**
***All Saints Day***
*** Sunday School drop-off*
*from 1020 at the Community Hall ***

**Those We Have Loved** **6.30pm**

**8th** **Holy Communion (Said)** **9.00am**
**Service of Remembrance** **10.45am**
***Remembrance Sunday***

**11th** **Praise Service** **6.30pm**

**15th** **Holy Communion** **10.30am**
**& Sunday School**
***2 Before Advent***
*** Sunday School drop-off*
*from 1020 at the Community Hall ***

**22nd** **Morning Praise** **9.00am**
**Holy Communion** **10.30am**
***Christ The King***

**25th** **Praise Service** **6.30pm**

**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.
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### LIFE EVENTS

**Baptism**
**18 October**
Rosie Eden Porter and Alyssa Isla Porter

**Funerals**
**27 October** **Gail Downs**

# Come & *Pray!*

**First Tuesday of every month, 7.00pm at church:**
*1st Sept | *6th Oct | *3rd Nov | *3rd Dec

Prayer gives us space to **pause,**
**be still** and bring the things that matter to God.

Together, we can find peace in the midst of busy lives,
bring our worries and hopes before God,
and discover that we don't have to face life alone.

**More details from Elaine:**
elaine@drcourtney.co.uk

*Everyone Welcome!*



# Come & *Explore*

Come and explore the Christian faith **together.**

**Third Thursday of each month, 7.00pm at church:**
*17th Sept *22nd Oct *19th Nov...

...leading into our **Advent Course**
*(19th Nov) *26th Nov *3rd Dec *10th Dec

A place to ask questions and explore faith together,
discover more about Jesus through the Bible,
and reflect on how faith shapes the way we live each day.

**More details from Rana:**
ranashihadah@yahoo.co.uk

*Everyone Welcome!*



# Lest We Forget....

## The Fallen Of Brindle

Fred Berry · Joseph Fowler · Thomas Gorton
James Hartley · James Hitchon · Samuel Hunt
Septimus Hunt · James Ireland · Alfred Parker
James Pearson · Richard Pearson · John Sharples
Levi Sharples · Thomas Wilson
William Worthington · Edmond Woods
Francis Jaques · Joseph Baxendale
Ken Clithero Fred Greenwood · Arnold Holding
Frank Pearson

**They shall not grow old,**
**as we that are left grow old:**
**Age shall not weary them,**
**nor the years condemn.**
**At the going down of the sun**
**and in the morning,**
**we will remember them.**

# NOVEMBER 2026
# FROM THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1st | ALBAN YATES | 1969 |
| | ERIC HAROLD ECCLES | 2022 |
| 2nd | JAMES CHARNLEY | 1952 |
| | LAWRENCE PATRICK COANE | 1975 |
| 4th | ELIZABETH HELEN REID | 2018 |
| | SYLVIA ANN (Wendy) ORMEROD | 2020 |
| 13th | PAUL JOSEPH INGRAM | 2019 |
| | MARJORIE GREGSON | 2020 |
| 15th | ELSIE STOTT | 1996 |
| 16th | EDITH HINDLE | 1995 |
| 17th | BRIAN MORRIS-ASHTON | 2019 |
| 19th | ALICE GRICE | 2014 |
| 20th | JOHN LEONARD COTTON | 2019 |
| 22nd | THOMAS NICOL | 2011 |
| | PHILIP HOLT | 2017 |
| 26th | AMANDA ELLEN MORRIS | 2002 |
| 28th | WILLIAM BUTLER | 2006 |
| | GORDON JONES | 2016 |



**GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN,**
**THOSE WE LOVE BUT SEE NO MORE**

**If you would like enter a name in the Book of Remembrance, please ask for a form from one of the Church Wardens.**



## CHURCH FLOWERS

**THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH FOR NOVEMBER ARE IN MEMORY OF PAUL INGRAM AND PHIL HOLT AND ARE KINDLY PROVIDED BY:**

**1st JOAN INGRAM**
**8th JOAN INGRAM**
**15th PAT HOLT**
**22nd PAT HOLT**
**29th ADVENT**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR FLOWERS FOR A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY OR MEMORIAL?**
**ALL THE NAMES ARE MENTIONED IN THE MAGAZINE EACH MONTH.**

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## Calm Bags and Reading Overlays



We have restocked our calm bags in church that are available to use for any children who have sensory needs. They include headphones, activities and fidgets.

We have also placed a basket on the top of the cabinet next to the font that includes different coloured overlays and reading aids if required.

Please ask one of our wardens or Jon if you require one during a service. Please return the bags and overlays at the end of the service or leave them in your pew to be collected. Thank You.

## A Little Bit Of Extra Help....

At Brindle St James' Church we are committed to making everyone feel welcome and included at all our services.

We recognise that some people might have sensory needs or find it more difficult be engaged all the way through a service.

We offer calm bags for children (please ask anyone at the back of church for one) that include headphones and activities.

Also reading overlays are available on the top of the desk next to the font to use with service and hymn books. (Please return after the service).

There are also small hand held crosses at the end of each pew for anyone to use.

Please feel free to chat to Jon, the church wardens or myself if there is anything else you need.

Rosalyn Eastwood

## CALL FOR FRONT COVER PHOTOS!

**We would love to see any photos of the church, Brindle and the surrounding area. Please also say if you would like your name to appear under the image so we can credit you!**
**Thank You**





**Please send any photos to brindle.voice@gmail.com by the 21st of each month.**

# Advent & Christmas at Brindle St James

# A season of *Hope*



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|---|---|
| STARTS THURSDAY 19th NOV, 7.00pm<br>(19th & 26th NOV; 3 & 10th DEC) | ADVENT COURSE:<br>WALKING WITH ANGELS |
| SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER, 7.00pm | CHRISTMAS GALA CONCERT:<br>HELEN LATHAM |
| SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER, 10.30am | ADVENT SUNDAY:<br>HOLY COMMUNION |
| SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER. 10.30am | 2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT:<br>HOLY COMMUNION &<br>SUNDAY SCHOOL |
| WEDENSDAY 9th DECEMBER, 6.30pm | PRAISE SERVICE |
| SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER:<br>9.00am<br>10.30am<br>3.00pm | 3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT<br>SAID HOLY COMMUNION<br>SUNG HOLY COMMUNION<br>SUNDAY SCHOOL NATIVITY |
| TUESDAY 15th & THURSDAY 17th DECEMBER,<br>6.30pm | CAROL SINING AROUND THE VILLAGE<br>* *MEET AT CHURCH* |
| SUNDAY 20th DECEMBER,<br>1030am<br>7.00pm | 4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT<br>HOLY COMMUNION<br>& SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY<br>9 LESSONS & CAROLS<br>WITH BRINDLE BRASS BAND |

# Advent & Christmas at Brindle St James

# A season of *Hope*



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| **THURSDAY 24th DECEMBER, 11.15pm** | **CHRISTMAS EVE:**<br>**MIDNIGHT MASS** |
| **FRIDAY 25th DECEMBER, 10.00am** | **CHRISTMAS DAY**<br>**CHRISTMAS HOLY COMMUNION**<br>**you are invited to bring a present, big or small, to show & tell.* |
| **SUNDAY 27th DECEMBER, 10.30am** | **FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**<br>**PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** |
| **TUESDAY 29th DECEMBER, 7.00pm** | **AFTER CHRISTMAS QUIZ**<br>£6/ ADULT ~ U 12's FREE<br>*Pleae bring your own festive drinks and snacks |

**Not all services/events marked with a star will count towards faith school registration. Please ask for more information.**

*Everyone Welcome*

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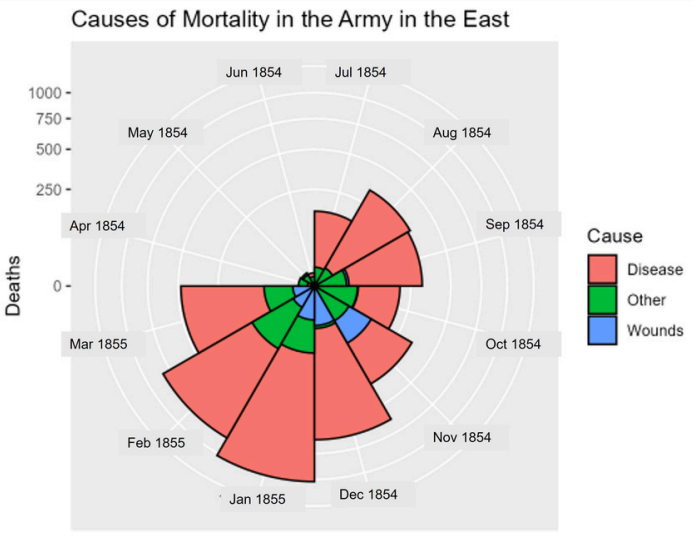
# Brindle Historical Society

I admitted to our Brindle Historical Society speaker that I knew little about Florence Nightingale beyond the fact that she carried a lamp. By the end of Frances Raftery's excellent presentation, however, I felt considerably better informed – not only about Florence and the Crimean War, but even about the Rylands Library in Manchester!

Frances was volunteering at the Rylands when she discovered a small book entitled Notes on Nursing, written by Florence and published in 1860. Still in print today, it explains her philosophy in straightforward language. Florence believed that many illnesses resulted from poor air quality and that contagion could occur without physical contact. As she wrote, "...nature alone cures... what nursing has to do... is to put the patient in the best condition for nature to act upon him." This philosophy underpinned her work with wounded soldiers in the Crimean War, which ultimately contributed to significant improvements in survival rates.




Florence was born on 12 May 1820, during her parents' Grand Tour of Europe, and named after the city of her birth. Her birthday is now celebrated as International Nurses' Day. She grew up at Embley Park in Hampshire, receiving the education considered appropriate for an aristocratic young lady – which excluded science and mathematics. At 17, she experienced what she regarded as a religious calling to nursing, but her father initially refused to let her pursue it. Hospital nursing was then poorly regarded, chaotic and lacking in formal organisation.




Eventually, she was allowed to train at a Lutheran institution in Germany, where she gained practical experience and learned systematic nursing methods. The emphasis on organisation and sanitation suited her character and proved a turning point in her life.

# Brindle Historical Society

Her abilities impressed her friend Sidney Herbert, then Secretary of State for War, who helped arrange for her to take 38 nurses to Crimea where they worked at the Scutari barracks. Here, Florence did what she could to alleviate the suffering of wounded and sick soldiers and she was horrified by the death statistics but discovered that disease, rather than battle wounds, was responsible for most deaths.

On returning home, she used her influential contacts to campaign for a Royal Commission on the Health of the Army. Working with statisticians, she analysed vast quantities of military mortality records, demonstrating that disease posed a far greater threat than battlefield injuries. Florence also helped design and standardise what became known as Nightingale wards: high-ceilinged rooms with large windows opening off a central corridor. Fresh air was considered essential to patient recovery, so windows were often kept open, whatever the weather.

Her dedication to nursing was such that she turned down three marriage proposals. Nurses trained in her methods went on to work around the world, many keeping in touch with her through correspondence. Florence replied to their letters, and thousands of these survive today. She died in 1910, aged 90, having requested a simple gravestone bearing only her initials and dates of birth and death. The state registration of nurses was finally established in 1919, nine years after her death.



The simple inscription on Florence Nightingale's grave (Image: Grahame Larter / HampshireLive)

**The next meeting of the Society is on Monday 16th November when Heather Davis will present an illustrated talk entitled Lancashire in Fifty Objects where a number of these objects will be used to tell the story of our great county.**
**Historical Society members get in free and it's just £5.00 for guests which includes tea or coffee, biscuits and a chat.**

**FOR MORE DETAILS, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

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# PUMPKIN PHOTOS!!








## Goodbye and Thank You!



At this month's Brindle Community Hall meeting we said good bye to Richard Evans who has served on the committee for 40 years!
Richard is currently representing Brindle Art Group and over the years has also served as Chairman.
Richard has been fundamental over the years in making the hall what it is today and all the trustees wish to thank Richard for all that he has done.

**' It has been a real privilege to serve on the Hall committee and I would like to thank past and present members for their support over the last 40 years'.**
***Richard***

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