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7th	Kathy France	2013
15th	Edward Neil Burgess	2019
18th	Peter John Lawrenson	1998
25th	Ellen Butler	1966
28th	Elizabeth Burton Marsden	1998
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## Services

### Trinity

5th July	Zoom	10.30am
12th July	Zoom	10.30am
19th July	To be advised	
26th July	To be advised	
2nd August	To be advised	
9th August	To be advised	

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[John 14: 27]

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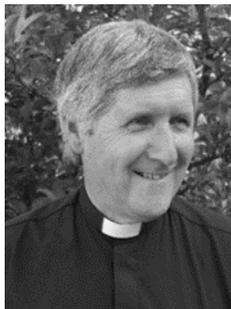
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# Wired to the Moon



Dear Friends,

As I write, we have been informed that churches may open for public worship from the 4th July.

This is, of course, a source of joy for all who have not

gathered since the 22nd of March. It is also a time of fear anxiety and some trepidation as we plan to open with minimal risk. It is on this basis the PCC have agreed to open church for public worship on the 19th July. We are keen to ensure we are as 'Covid19' safe as we can be. A great deal of planning is taking place. It is a source of real blessing that our average weekly attendance is 170 over two services. The guidance for attending public worship requires us to maintain 2m social distancing. This means we utilise just 15 pews in church, thus creating 15 'bubbles' (many phrases and words take on a new meaning in the new normal!).

I am so anxious to accommodate as many as are able to attend. To achieve this, we are preparing to hold more than 2 services per week. Over the coming days those on our contact data base will be invited to identify which service you wish to attend. Dependent upon the responses, decisions will be taken regarding the time and number of services.

Regarding those of our parish family who attend and require a signature for faith school applications, we are keen to continue to accommodate this, however due to guidance from PHE and the Diocese we have to respect there is a risk of signing books that are being brought in to church and the congestion that may result. It is possible we will hold a service at which you will be given priority – remembering you are required two attendances per month.

When we do return to public worship, we are hoping to 'Live Stream' the service so those of the parish family who are vulnerable, shielding or just anxious about returning may be a real part of the worshipping community.

In whichever category of worshipping family we belong, all are precious in the sight of God and please be assured I do not wish anyone to feel excluded from attending worship.

More on this in the coming days!

We are now able to receive your offertory by online banking. May I encourage you to prayerfully consider this option – even when we return to worship in church? Details are on the [Money Matters page](#) on our website [www.brindlestjames.co.uk](http://www.brindlestjames.co.uk). Look for the Money Matters picture box link on the home page.

We have been blessed with those contributing to our recorded and Zoom services. Their ministry is valued and enriches our worship. Do you feel called to serve God in this way? May I encourage you to be still and seek God's will? I hope your initial reaction is along the lines of 'I am not worthy' – That is a good response because none of us are worthy – An interpretation of 1 Corinthians 1:27-29 could be "God doesn't call the Qualified He qualifies the Called"

Or you may think 'I couldn't do that, I have only been going to church for a few years. Great – you may not have the baggage that can weigh us down!!! I would really welcome an opportunity to discuss this with anyone who may feel a tug from God.

So, we are half way through the year, and what a year it has been. Drop your anchor in these unprecedented times in Hebrews Ch 13 verse 8:

'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday today and forever' – His love for each one of us is unwavering and unconditional.

With Much Love and prayer,

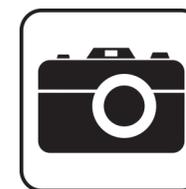
## Hymn

Great is Thy faithfulness, " O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!



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## Reflections on Life Under Lockdown - Phase Two

July 2020 sees the world continuing to be gripped by the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. At 21st June, over 301,000 cases and over 42,000 deaths had been confirmed across the UK attributed to COVID-19. Since mid April, the general trends in the numbers of confirmed cases and deaths in the UK attributed to COVID-19 have been in gradual decline. We remember those who are concerned about loved ones who are sick and those who are mourning the loss of family, friends and colleagues. We give thanks for all the continued extraordinary efforts of everyone working in the NHS and care services, and all those working exceptionally hard to keep continuity of essential services and supplies to everyone across the UK. We remember too all those who are working hard to find potential treatments and vaccines for COVID-19.

Over the last 14 weeks or so, living within much more limited horizons, we have settled into new routines. Our less busy diaries have enabled many of us to tackle some long outstanding jobs around our home and also to take a more leisurely approach to our free time, spending more time with family members, even trying out new hobbies and activities. Our main vehicles for keeping in touch with those outside our household have been over the airwaves. For these opportunities we are grateful, but there is nothing quite like meeting face to face and being together in person, is there?

For those shielding at home or living in care, their world has been confined to their

bedroom, bathroom, kitchen/dining room and lounge, and possibly some outdoor garden space, since mid March. These are tough times. Living at home full time and making almost all our meals at home has meant that food growers, producers and distributors have had to take a fresh look at how they operated in order to meet unprecedented increases in customer demand, especially for bread, flour, eggs, breakfast cereals, tinned food, dried pasta, rice and toilet rolls.

May 2020 saw the first relaxation of a very small number of the lockdown rules, concerning where we could go and whom we could be with. Social distancing at 2 metres and regular thorough hand washing have remained vital control measures. New rules around the wearing of facemasks have been introduced, and testing and tracing has taken a more prominent role. Places of worship have recently reopened for individual prayer. Shops selling non essential goods have also recently opened their doors. For those well enough to venture out for essential supplies, queuing to shop, following clearly marked one-way systems whilst shopping and seeing cashiers operate behind perspex screens have all become the norm.

Educational, work, social, entertainment and sporting activities that we once took for granted have been sorely missed. The recent return of some televised professional sport, played behind closed gates, has been warmly welcomed by fans, but for now it lacks the spark and atmosphere normally generated by the attendant crowds.

This continues to be a challenging time for us all, regardless of our situation. We cannot, and should not, underestimate the impact of this Coronavirus and the impact of the lockdown restrictions on the physical, emotional and mental well-being of everyone in society. The economic impact of lockdown is also hugely significant and will have consequences that will affect us for years, and even decades, to come.

Going forward, as the lockdown restrictions continue to be eased, each one of us will, at times, have to give careful consideration to how the changes will impact on many aspects of our lives. We can expect to be faced with novel problems and we will need to resolve some moral and practical dilemmas.

As I write, as a nation, we are currently considering what length the social distance rule should be: two metres or less? The 2 metre rule has been adopted to protect our health, but it presents very significant practical problems for educational establishments and for the hospitality sector, in particular, in getting back to nearer normal business. Finding the best compromise solutions will be key if we are to protect everyone's health and well-being, whilst also protecting both our children's education and the viability of our businesses and livelihoods. It is a complex picture of risks, challenges, opportunities, threats and interdependencies. Our tried and tested ways of living and operating might no longer be appropriate. We will need to exercise some creative thinking to bring about workable solutions. Undoubtedly, we will need to bring some fresh perspectives to the way we work, rest and play.

There are no easy answers. There is no clear route or well-trodden path to follow to get this deadly virus under control and restore our 'normal' way of life. We will need to try out new ideas, assess the impact and review the outcome, before revising our plans. It might be trial and error. It might be two steps forward and one step back. We will need to move gradually and with care, keeping a watchful eye on developments here and worldwide, always mindful of the potential threat of another wave of the virus sweeping through.

If ever there was a time for us to seek God and pray, surely it is now. For his part, God longs for us to turn to him and invite him to journey with us, every step of every day. He

says to us, "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11.

Christian hope is based on the revealed character of God who loves to give what his children need. "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Luke 11:9&10. Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies outside the will of God. God delights to answer prayer, and when our desire to receive matches his desire to give, we will receive.

In Hebrews 11:1, we are told that, "To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for and certain of the things we cannot see." If ever there was a time for us to trust God, to hold on in faith, and to remain hopeful, even when we cannot currently see any clear way through, surely it is now. So, moving forward in these very uncertain times, "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." Proverbs 16:3. "Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you." Psalm 55:22.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Reverend David, James, Sam, Lynn, Millie, Alison, Sunday School, our youngsters and everyone else in Team Brindle for all their continuing efforts to keep Brindle St James' Church active in worship, fellowship, mission and outreach in new and meaningful ways during lockdown. We really miss being among our church family, yet all your contributions have helped to make this also a really special and memorable time.

Christine Durber

**Little Cuckoos**...Our wonderful uniformed organisations have been keeping busy working towards badges and taking part in brilliant virtual activities. Lets have a look at what they have been doing.....



Below: Tim has been busy completing activities for his Duke of Edinburgh Award.



Above Left: Charlie and Harrison and Above Right: Freddy, Oliver and Ava have been taking part in 'Hike to the Moon' with Beavers and Cubs to earn their badges and raise money for Comic Relief.

**WE DISCOVER, WE GROW**  
**Girlguiding**

The Guides have been holding virtual meetings, using Zoom and have linked up with a unit from Manchester. They have also been doing badge work, crafts and baking.



Above: Lucy has completed her Chef's badge with Scouts whilst Emma (Left) has been earning her Cook's badge with Beavers. It all looks so delicious!



## Jambutee 5th-7th June 2020

Over 800 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers from the South Ribble District took part in a 3 day virtual camp. The theme was jam butties! The children camped in their gardens or made dens in their homes to sleep in. There were lots of fun challenges to complete, an online magic show, disco and a virtual campfire. The photos below show Oliver and Charlie taking part. Below left is Grace's amazing ocean themed butty!



Above: Sebastian has been learning about the solar system for his Beavers Space Badge.



## Your Messages...

### 'Brindle is Blessed'

It was 1982 when we arrived in Brindle from the Wirral. Thirty eight years, four different Rectors, we both served on the PCC under Jeff Finch. We were taken by St James Church from our first communion service, the beauty of the building and the history of the Church.

The past 13 weeks have been sad, that with the virus we have not been able to go to church, but the services conducted on the website have been excellent. The community in Brindle is blessed with so many excellent people to keep us going and the excellent walks in such a pleasant area of Lancashire.

The only drawback is no cricket yet, I am giving the E.C.B some stick in not being able to play due to the cricket ball!

Let us rejoice when the Church opens in July!

Richard and Jenny

### 'Bloomin Marvellous!'

Has anyone noticed the stunning wildflower verges and roundabouts, bursting into colour all over Chorley and especially at the end of Sandy Lane? I think they are simply stunning!

Not only are they beautiful, but they provide habitats for bees, butterflies and other pollinators. They act as safe corridors for all kinds of wildlife to travel around our area. They save Council resources, as they do not need to be frequently mowed or have chemicals sprayed on them. In short, I think they are Bloomin Marvellous!

Opposite is a photo taken by Lynn Packer, last year at the end of Sandy Lane.

Alison

### 'Road Safety Petition'

A copy of LCC's written response to the local road safety petition is now available on the Brindle Parish Council Website:

[www.brindlepc.info/](http://www.brindlepc.info/)

### August Edition

The deadline for items to be included in the August edition of the eVoice is **Sunday 19th July**.

Please email your articles to:  
brindle.voice@brindlestjames.co.uk  
Comments, suggestions and cover photos welcomed!



### Recipe of The Month

#### Abbey Crunch Biscuits

Recipe from [geoffsbakingblog.blogspot.com](http://geoffsbakingblog.blogspot.com) and suggested by Christine Durber

#### Ingredients

140g butter  
140g sugar  
140g self raising flour  
112g rolled oats  
15ml milk  
10ml golden syrup  
1 tsp baking soda

#### Method

1. Cream butter and sugar
2. Mix in milk, soda and syrup
3. Stir in flour and oats and mix well
4. Roll into about 24 small balls and put on greased baking tray
5. Cool for 25 minutes on 150C/300F/Gas Mark 2 until golden brown in colour
6. Allow to cool on the baking tray for a few minutes and then transfer to a cooling rack until fully cooled and hardened.





## MONEY MATTERS

Thank you to everyone who is giving by standing order at the moment. It makes a massive difference now that the church is closed, as we have lost the way to receive gifts by envelopes or cash in the collection plate.

Brindle St, James' church bills have only reduced marginally. As a church, Brindle St James relies wholly on donations to operate and provide care and support in the community.

We want to continue and indeed do more, strengthened by the knowledge of our love and fellowship for each other and the love our Lord has for us. We are asking, for the benefit of your church, that everyone considers giving by bank transfer. And if possible, increase giving to sustain our church's mission and ministry at the end of this health crisis.

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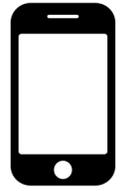
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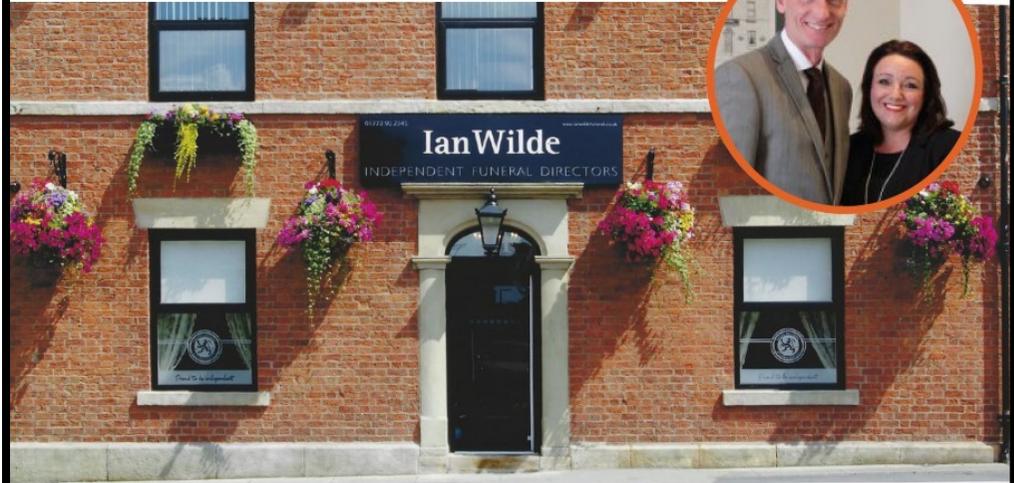
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