

BrindleVoice

January
2021

*'Arise, shine, for your light
has come, and the glory of
the Lord rises upon you.'*

Isaiah 60:1

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From the Book of Remembrance

Gone But Not Forgotten, Those We Love But See No More

January

4th	Margaret Middlehurst	2004
10th	George Eric Howard	1997
	Edith Batty	1999
18th	Richard Charnley	1978
20th	Doris Charnley	1980
21st	Geoffrey Pearson	1967
23rd	Frederick Morris-Ashton	1995
25th	Frank McDade	2002
	John Maurice Jones	2017

If you would like to put a name in the Book, please ask for a form from one of the Church Wardens. Thank you.

Church Flowers

The flowers in church for January are in memory of Elizabeth Evans and Cherith Cheesebrough and are kindly provided by;

3rd	Christmas Flowers
10th	Jenny Evans
17th	Jenny Evans
24th	Fred Cheesebrough
31st	Fred Cheesebrough



Would you like to sponsor flowers for a special anniversary or memorial? All the names are mentioned in the magazine. Contact Joan Hopcraft 01254 854465.

Life Events

December

Funeral:

3rd	Philip Artis: Service at Charnock Richard Crematorium
6th	Frank Shuttleworth: Interment of Ashes

Services

January

3rd	Service of the Word (Z)*	10.30am
6th	Service of the Word (Z)*	6.30pm
10th	Holy Communion	10.30am
13th	Service of the Word	6.30pm
17th	Holy Communion	10.30am
20th	Service of the Word	6.30pm
24th	Service of the Word	10.30am
27th	Holy Communion	6.30pm
31st	Service of the Word (Christingle Sunday)	10.30am

February

3rd	Holy Communion	6.30pm
7th	Holy Communion	10.30am

(Z)* Zoom only services.

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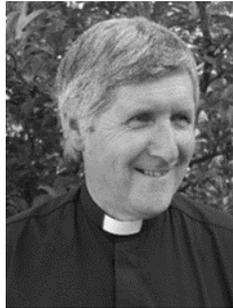
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Wired to the Moon



My Dear Friends,

May 2021 be a year of peace and blessing for you.

At the start of this New Year, I reflect on a 'Year Like No Other', in our personal lives and the life of St. James'.

We began the year with great hope and plans for the year ahead. We were ready to welcome Bishop Philip to Dedicate the New Doors on the 22 March, only for the National Lockdown to thwart that and other plans.

I had never heard of Zoom, Social Distancing became part of our vocabulary as did many other abbreviations. A bubble took on a whole new meaning; slogans and adaptations to our way of living emerged.

But here we are at the start of 2021 – Hoping the vaccine will curb the transmission of the virus and thus allow us to return to a near normal life.

CHRISTMAS 2020

You will be aware Christmas wasn't cancelled - as some journalists had predicted - We just celebrated the birth of our Saviour in a different way. We were unable to sing carols around the parish; the school Christingle could not be shared in church, numbers allowed to attend at worship was restricted

Through the ingenuity and dedication of Mrs. Austin, her staff and the children, they presented a wonderful Nativity and we were able to listen to the infants singing 'Away In a Manger' during the service of Nine lessons and Carols. What a joy!!

Our own Sunday School presented their telling of the Nativity and again this was

performed in a virtual way. The individual contributions were linked together to offer a heart warming and beautiful Nativity. Well done to the Sunday School Team, the children and their parents. Click here for the link <https://youtu.be/0q4aJSzghx4>

As a result of the skills and good heart of Andrew Freeman, we were able to broadcast the Nine Lessons and Carols through the YouTube channel and that link is here for the 4pm service <https://youtu.be/TKidzToBEk0> and here for the 7pm service <https://youtu.be/p7HEeKdixp4>. We are so thankful to Andrew for being willing to support us, not only at the Nine Lessons, but also in guiding us to acquire and install the Audio Visual equipment that will allow us to broadcast future services. This will support the newly created 'Zoom Chapel' who gather to share and take part in each service in their homes. Their participation is due to the 'Zoom Team' who, since July, have operated the technology that allows the services to be broadcast. A new ministry has been created and the team of Mike, Kate, Steven Sam and Ross are soon to be joined by Oliver, who in addition to his knowledge and enthusiasm will bring the average age down considerably!! If anyone else feels they could take part in this ministry please let me know. Some additional support would be welcome – training will be given.

We were able to gather on Christmas morning and again share not only the gifts Father Christmas had delivered, but also share the Good News from Bethlehem.

We all surely missed singing the carols, hearing our choir singing and socialising in the traditional church activities. I do hope and pray that at the Nine Lessons and Carols to be held on Sunday the 19th December, we can revert to share in this treasured traditions!

THANK YOU

This year has seen an exponential growth in the number of people who contribute to the life and ministry of St. James'. Those folk are added to the people who have, quietly and effectively, continued to give so much of themselves to St. James'. To all who contributed in any way throughout the year past, my sincere thanks. You know who you are!!

Thank you for the many gifts and cards received by Brenda and I. We are truly blessed and deeply grateful.

ADMISSION OF CHURCH WARDENS

On Sunday 20th December, during the morning service, I was privileged to admit Martin and Sue to the office of Church Warden. This would be normally undertaken by either a Bishop or an Archdeacon, however due to the restrictions imposed by the pandemic, incumbents were given permission to admit. We are so blessed to have Martin and Sue as Wardens.

AT THE START OF 2021, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those in our parish family who bear the pain of bereavement, ill health and loneliness.

Those whose mental and physical health is challenged.

Those whose lives are adversely affected by the pandemic.

Those who work in the NHS.

The staff, pupils and Governing Board of St. James' Church of England Primary School.

The staff, pupils and Governing Board of St. Michaels' Church of England High School.

Teachers and all who contribute to the education of our children and young folk.

The many key workers who maintain our essential services.

Those in our parish family who provide support in many and varied ways.

Bishops Julian, Philip, and Jill, together with the senior clergy of the Diocese.

Sue Boulton as she begins her Accredited Lay Ministry Training.

Sam Nicol as she continues to prepare for the next stage of her journey of discernment which includes a Bishop's Advisory Panel.

God's blessing upon Whalley Abbey, its staff and the Trustees, as it prepares to re-open as a Centre for Christian Discipleship and Prayer.

That our hearts and minds may be continue to be open to offer the level of financial support to maintain and develop the ministry here at St. James'.

Those who will join the parish family through the year ahead.

Those who are to be married.

Those to be baptised.

Those to be confirmed.

For community.

We journey on together as I offer you the Parish Text for 2021:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 12 v13

With much love and prayer,

Thankyou from the Food Bank

For Christmas the team at St James's Over Darwen put together bags of food and hampers which people were able to collect to ensure they had food to eat during Christmas. Lisa and Paul (pictured below) along with Val, Rob and Suzie were able to put the Christmas bags together and add fresh fruit, vegetables and meat to help dozens of families and individuals.

Your donations of food and Asda gift cards helped to make this possible and allow people not only to eat, but to have a little treat at this special time of year. Helped by Rummage Rescuers the children were also given toys and gifts helping them to experience the excitement and joy of Christmas.

It is unbelievable that in one of the richest countries in the world that there are children in the UK who go hungry on a regular basis. Over Darwen helps families where the parents are often working but still can't make ends meet.

The team and the food bank customers do know the love of God and experience his grace through the sharing of gifts of food. But over recent months the need has increased and the number of people requiring help has multiplied.

Thank you for all the donations and gifts you have given already, but please continue to bring your gifts of food to church. I will make sure they get to the food bank. A single tin of beans makes a difference. If you don't want to bring food stuffs then a donation via an Asda gift card is fantastic too. Your kindness and generosity is reciprocated in the love and joy I see every time I go to Over Darwen. It is both humbling and amazing to see the connection between two congregations that have never met but are joined through the body of Christ.

Thank you,

Sam Nicol

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hebrews 13:16



Hymn

As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright:
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore your splendour see.

As with joyful steps they sped
Saviour, to your lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
you, whom heaven and earth adore:
so with ever-quickening pace
may we seek your throne of grace.

As they offered gifts most rare
at your cradle plain and bare,
so may we with holy joy
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to you, our heavenly king.

Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way,
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last:
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds your glory hide.

In the heavenly city bright
none shall need created light
You, its light, its joy, its crown,
you its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing
alleluias to our king.

"After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." **Matthew 2:1-2**



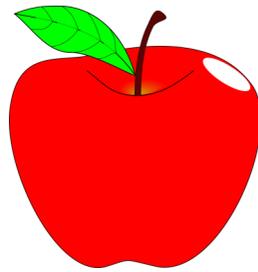
Little Cuckoos -

January is the start of the year and this is a time when lots of people make New Years Resolutions. A resolution is a promise we make to ourselves. We can promise to be more patient or to help others or even to take up a new hobby. Maybe you could use the page opposite to plan your own New Years Resolutions.

The following poem by Jan Edmunds might give you some ideas;

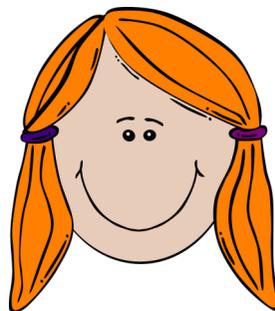
Matthew's Resolutions

*It's a new year, it's a new day.
I resolve to be better in every way.
I'll try to work harder at lessons in school.
I'll try to remember to keep every rule.*



*I'll try to be friendly with all whom I meet,
With a smile on my face for the people I greet.
I'll try to be tactful in the things that I say,
So I'm kind and considerate with my friends when at play.*

*Learning to share, when to give, when to take.
Thinking of others when actions I take.
I resolve not to argue when Mum calls me in
Or when Dad tells me off for making a din.*



*I hope I can manage to keep to my word,
Not to tell tales or spread rumours I've heard.
As this new year begins, I will play my part,
And try very hard to make a new start.*

If you decide to make some new year's resolutions, we would love to hear them. Email them to us at:
brindle.voice@brindlestjames.co.uk

New Year's Resolutions



Here's a thought...
"We keep moving forward,
opening new doors, and doing
new things, because we're
curious and curiosity keeps
leading us down new paths."
~Walt Disney

Who am I:
My name is
I am years old.

Today's Date:

Snapshot! Where am I now?
I live with
My friends are
During the day I
In the evenings I enjoy
My favourite memory of 2020 was

My Bucket List

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

less of this: **more of this:**

In 2021 I would like...

In 2021 I will...

★ Start...	★ Stop...	★ Tell...
★ Read...	★ Get rid of...	★ Be grateful for...
★ Learn...	★ Help...	★ Try...
★ Visit...	★ Give...	★ Build...

Fill in the boxes and colour in if you wish. Then, seal it in an envelope and open at the start of 2022. What did you achieve? What changed?

NOTICE BOARD

February Edition

The deadline for items to be included in the February edition of the eVoice is **Sunday January 24th**. Please email your articles to: brindle.voice@brindlestjames.co.uk
Comments, suggestions, recipes and cover photos welcomed!

A Sportsman's Prayer

Dear Lord,
If we win, keep us humble enough not to boast.
If we lose, give us the grace not to make excuses.
Amen.



Sent to the eVoice by Marion Sycamore



BRINDLE PARISH POUND
& OLD SMITHY

No. 2 – Dec. 2020

Festive Greetings & Happy New Year

We would like to give a massive "thank you" to all the donations received for the Christmas tree fund. The generosity of everyone was truly exceptional. The tree was donated by Goosefoot Christmas Tree Farm, which meant the funds were used on a North Pole post box and accompanying stationery; reindeer food and boxes; a wreath for the gate. The table below shows the cash flow:

Donations:	
Brindle Parish Council	£93.95
Donation Bucket	£363.00
Goosefoot Christmas Tree Farm	Free
Total	£456.95
Purchases:	
Battery powered lights (subsidised by BPC)	£93.95
Traditional North Pole post box	£105.00
Christmas wreath for gate	£19.99
Tree decorations & star	£16.00
Printer ink, rubber stamp, red ink pad, envelopes	£56.18
Reindeer food boxes, fat balls, plastic box, bird seed	£41.49
Total	£332.61
Carried forward	£124.34

We hope that the tree and Christmas activities (North Pole post box & Reindeer food) brought a smile to everyone's faces. It was also lovely to see so many people enjoying the Christmas Eve bell-ringing.

We hope you all had a merry Christmas and would like to wish you a happy new year.
Neil, Gemma, Rhys & Isla Webster
43 Smithy Close - 07815 867682





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.

Thank you.

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Be scam aware and never respond to a direct request. Nobody from church will ever ask you for money.

If you don't have online banking and wish to write to your bank to set up a standing order, please ask a church warden for the appropriate form.

Thank you

Brindle Parish Council: Local Information

Happy New Year! We hope that you had a good Christmas, even with the Covid restrictions, and that this year will be much better than the last!

BRINDLE COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD FACEBOOK PAGE

Gemma Webster on Smithy Close has set up a Brindle Community Notice Board on Facebook to encourage 'Brindlers' to share anything you think might be of interest. You can access the page by following this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/213495093548776/>. Please feel free to share the page and contribute to the group.

EXPLOITATION ALERT: A NEW MOBILE APP

There is a new app called the Cunch Line Chronicles App. It is advertised as 'a light-hearted, satirical take on the darker side of urban UK culture'. In reality, this app is an exploitation risk for young and vulnerable people as it appears to have an in-chat facility which could enable grooming and recruitment to real life County Lines gangs. The National Crime Agency, National Policing Vulnerability Knowledge and Practice Programme and the National County Lines Co-ordination Centre are investigating the action that can be taken to protect young and vulnerable people from the risk of being exploited via this app.

If you are concerned about a young or vulnerable person, you can report this by calling Lancashire Police on 101. You can also report anonymously to Crimestoppers via 0800 555 111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org. Also, Nest Lancashire supports young people aged 8 to 18 who have been affected by crime or subjected to threats or harassment. They can talk to Nest in

confidence by texting NEST and their number to 60777 or by calling 0300 111 0323. If a crime is ongoing or lives are in immediate danger, dial 999.

COVID SCAM TEXT MESSAGE

Residents in Lancashire have reported receiving a text message claiming to be from GOV.UK stating 'We have issued a payment of £682.76 to all residents as part of our promise to battle COVID-19'. This is a scam. Clicking on any associated link may then ask you to provide bank details and personal information.

TV LICENSING SCAMS

There are a range of TV license scams via telephone, email and letter that say there is a problem with the licence or the customer is due a refund in an attempt to get customers to give their bank details. Note that TV Licensing will phone customers occasionally if there is a problem with their TV licence and it will usually be about a missed payment, a cancelled Direct Debit or a reminder to renew. Genuine TV Licensing emails and letters are personalised to include details such as your name, partial postcode or licence number. Many scams simply say 'Dear Customer' or use an email address and may have a made-up postcode or licence number. TV Licensing have published advice on its website – www.tvl.co.uk/scams - including a new advice booklet on how to avoid scams.

BANK SCAM

A Brindle Parish Councillor was phoned recently by a woman purporting to be from her bank (Cumberland Building Society). This scammer said

that attempts had been made to make a payment to Ikea International from her bank account, of £700. The scammer said that she needed to check the Councillor's bank details and that she could prove she was from Cumberland because the Cumberland telephone number had come up on the display on the Councillor's phone and the scammer had the first six digits of the long debit card number. She wanted the other numbers on the debit card. The Councillor refused and said she would ring Cumberland to check. The scammer said 'I wouldn't do that. There's a two hour wait for calls'. The Councillor refused and the scammer ended the call.

Note that scammers can appear to be from reputable organisations and telephone numbers on the phone display can be simulated. It is natural to feel trust when you are told that bank fraud has been stopped but be very cautious. Remember that your bank will never ask you for bank details. A bank will never deter you from ringing them to check. It is always good practice to ring the bank directly to check if a phone call like this is genuine.

CHORLEY, PRESTON AND SOUTH RIBBLE HOSPITALS, PARKING CHARGES

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals has had free parking during the covid pandemic for staff, patients and visitors. Note that parking charges have now been reinstated for patients and visitors. Staff still have free parking at Royal Preston, Chorley and South Ribble Hospitals and at a number of off-site car parks but, because of the demand for space, they must have the appropriate permits in order to use them.



Brindle Parish Council: Local Information - continued

ROAD NEWS

There is a temporary road closure on Windmill Lane, Brindle on 29/01/21 to enable British Telecom to install a new pole. You can find details of any planned works in Lancashire on the Highways Bulletin website which links to all planned works in Lancashire. <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/roads/roadworks-and-traffic-regulation-orders.aspx>

Lancashire Police are working with Lancashire County Council and the British Horse Society to educate horse riders and drivers on how to stay safe on the roads. If you see a horse on the road:

1. Slow down to 15mph.
2. Be patient, don't sound your horn or rev your engine.
3. Pass the horse wide (at least a car's width).
4. Drive away slowly.



PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Do you know that you can report issues relating to public footpaths to Lancashire County Council? They have only a small Public Rights of Way Team that does not have the resources to inspect all paths so it is important to alert them to any concerns. Contact the Team o: 01772 530317 or go to www.prowreports@lancashire.gov.uk.

POLICING

Twelve months, Chorley and South Ribble Policing Team was set up as a dedicated task force to tackle local issues. It has four officers and works alongside the existing neighbourhood Teams. These officers have been working to address a number of issues which have been raised over the past year from anti-social behaviour to drugs. It is important that they get your feedback on policing concerns within the area that you live. Complete their survey at: www.stayintheknow.co.uk/C169FCC6-F4C4-46EB-AC2C-9084AC0912FC/QuickRegister.

There has been an increase in vehicle crime in Lancashire and the Police ask everyone to stay vigilant and take all reasonable steps to keep vehicles safe. They suggest that you store your keys away from household entry points. Also, keeping your keyless entry fob out of sight is not enough - thieves only need to get close to the key to amplify the signal. Faraday Bags can be purchased online and in stores and these should prevent your signal being intercepted and your vehicle being entered or stolen. You can also consider using steering wheel devices such as the old style u bend/wheel locks to help prevent cars being moved or steering wheels being stolen. There is more information and advice on protecting your vehicle on their website: www.lancashire.police.uk/help-advice/property-safety/vehicle-crime/.

That's all for this month. Keep safe! Roll on 2021!

Brindle Parish Council

What is Normal?

by Pat Holt

Is it normal to go for a walk on your own in hopes of meeting someone to speak to then standing to one side two metres apart and only saying "Hello, Thankyou"?
That's not normal

Is it normal to shout across the drive to your neighbour instead of inviting them in for a coffee and a natter?
That's not normal

Is it normal to chat on the phone for ages about nothing as we have nothing to say? Actually, I do that all the time with my friend, but not with a cold caller!
That's not normal

Is it normal to go to the local shop wearing a mask and avoiding other shoppers like the plague? Oh! but it is a plague!
That's not normal

Is it normal only seeing family or friends if they are in your bubble? What's a bubble?
That's not normal

Normal is being able to go where you want, when you want with who you want without masks and without fear

Normal is going out to celebrate with family and friends without masks and without fear

Normal is going to church on Sundays meeting friends for a coffee and a catchup afterwards without masks and without fear

When will things be normal? That's the worst thing cos we don't know, so for now we're stuck with masks and fear.

That's the only normal we have but it's just not normal.

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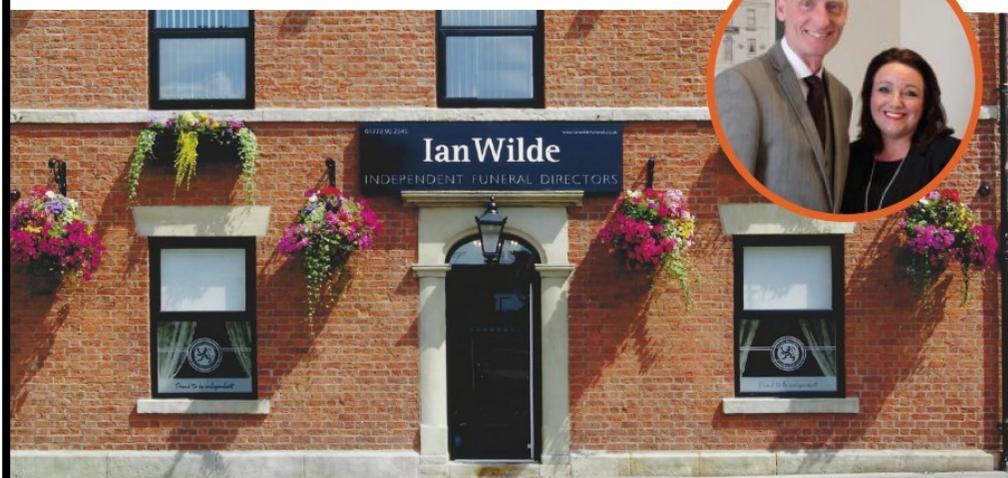
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