

Brindle Voice

October 2025

**‘Peace I leave
with you; my
peace I give
you. I do not
give to you as
the world gives.
Do not let your
hearts be
troubled and do
not be afraid.’
John 14:27**

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Lest We Forget The Fallen of Brindle

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**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.





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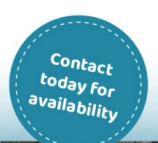
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Those We Love But See No More

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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
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22nd	THOMAS NICOL	2011
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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.

Psalms 23:4

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Services: November

2nd	Holy Communion	10.30am
	Those we have loved	6.30pm
9th	Holy Communion	9am
	Remembrance Service	10.45am
12th	Praise Service	6.30pm
16th	Holy Communion	10.30am
23rd	Praise Service	9am
	Holy Communion	10.30am
26th	Praise Service	6.30pm
30th	Holy Communion	10.30am
Dec		
7th	Holy Communion	10.30am
10th	Praise Service	6.30pm



Dear Friends,

November always brings with it a reflective tone. The days grow shorter, the air crisper, and the leaves fall in a blaze of colour before the trees stand bare. It is a month of remembrance—of All Saints and All Souls, of Guy Fawkes Night, and of course, Remembrance Sunday, when we pause to honour those who gave their lives in the service of peace and freedom.

These moments of remembrance are not just about looking back; they are about grounding ourselves in the stories that shape us. They remind us of the cost of peace, the fragility of freedom, and the enduring power of hope.

This year, as we approach these commemorations, many of us are carrying a deeper sense of uncertainty. The news is filled with stories of economic strain, political division, and social unrest. Rising costs, housing pressures, and questions about the future of our communities weigh heavily on many hearts. It can feel, at times, as though the ground beneath us is shifting.

In such times, our faith offers a steadying hand. The Christian story is one of light shining in the darkness, of hope that is not extinguished by hardship. Jesus, who walked among us, knew what it was to live in uncertain times. He spoke words of peace into storms, offered healing in the midst of suffering, and called people to a deeper trust in God's provision and presence.

As we remember the saints who have gone before us, we are reminded that we are part of a much larger story—one that stretches beyond the headlines of today. Their lives, often lived through war, poverty, and upheaval, bear witness to the sustaining grace of God. And as we remember the fallen on Remembrance Sunday, we are called not only to honour their sacrifice but to recommit ourselves to the work of peace and reconciliation in our own time.

This month also marks the beginning of Advent—a season of waiting and watching. It is a time when we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, not just in the manger, but in our lives today. In the midst of all that feels uncertain, Advent invites us to look for signs of God's kingdom breaking in: in acts of kindness, in communities pulling together, in the quiet strength of prayer.

So let us be people of remembrance, yes—but also people of hope. Let us hold one another in prayer, especially those who are struggling. And let us be ready to share the light of Christ with a world that so desperately needs it.

**With every blessing,
Jon**



Life Events

Baptisms

We welcomed Austin Heaps into new life with Christ.

Funerals

We gave thanks for the life of Mr Michael Bromley

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival at the start of October was a wonderful celebration of thankfulness and fellowship! We enjoyed a hearty meal of traditional pie and peas, sharing good food and even better company. We then started with the auction which was a great success, with lots of amazing produce and homemade goods generously donated and eagerly bid on—all in the spirit of giving and gratitude.

A huge thank-you goes to everyone who donated items, as well as to all those who gave up their time to organise, prepare for the evening, and help on the night itself. Your kindness, hard work, and generosity made the event truly special—a joyful reminder of the love and fellowship we share as a community blessed by God's abundant goodness.

We raised over £1000 and these proceeds will be split between Church and the farming charity RABI (Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution).

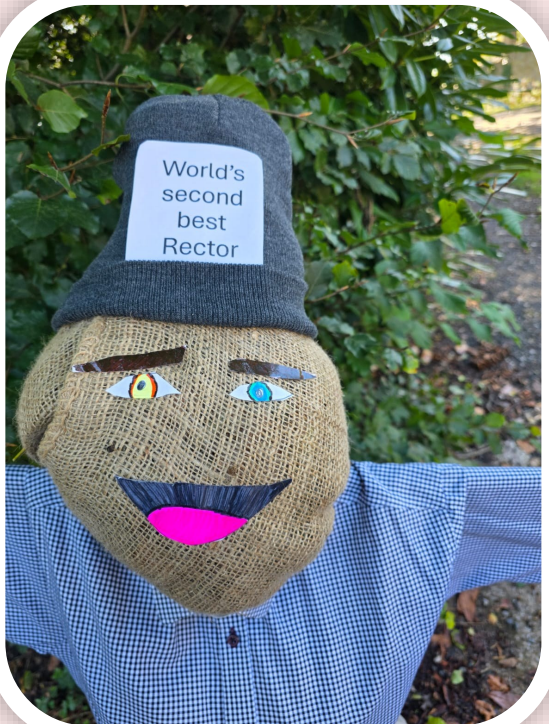


Scarecrow Competition

Our recent scarecrow competition was a wonderful celebration of creativity, community, and God's goodness during this harvest season. It was such a joy to see the variety of scarecrows displayed throughout our area. The colourful displays and cheerful designs reflected the joy of harvest time—a time to give thanks for God's provision and to celebrate the fruits of our labour.

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who took part and helped make this a special reminder of the season's true meaning: gratitude, community, and the faithfulness of God.







Joy To The World



Tuesday 25th Nov Tuesday 2nd, 9th, 16th Dec 7.00pm	"Light In The Darkness" Advent Course
Sunday 7th Dec after the 10.30am service	Christmas Hamper Raffle Draw with refreshments at the Community Hall
Sunday 14th Dec, 6.30pm	9 Carols & Lessons with Brindle Brass Band, Organist Lydia Greaves & St James Church Choir.
Wednesday 24th Dec, 3.00pm	Roving Nativity Meet at the school and journey together to the heart of the nativity story Sit down option available. Wet weather plan - meet at church
Wednesday 24th Dec, 11.15pm	Midnight Communion
Christmas Day, 10.00am	Christmas Celebration Communion Bring a present!
Monday 29th Jan 6.30 for 7.00pm	After Christmas Quiz Festive fun at the Community Hall! Bring a seasonal picnic and your own drinks, and if you're able, a tin for the foodbank.

From August, our Wednesday evening Praise Service will move to the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, taking place at the usual time of 6:30pm.

All Sunday services remain the same.

We hope this new rhythm will provide more opportunity to develop other areas of ministry, while still offering space for worship and fellowship as a church family.

CHURCH SERVICES

1st SUNDAY

10.30am ~ Holy Communion

10.20am ~ Sunday School & Sunday Youth*

*Term Time Only

2nd SUNDAY

9.00am ~ Holy Communion (Said)

10.30am ~ Holy Communion

3rd SUNDAY

10.30am ~ Holy Communion

10.20am ~ Sunday School & Sunday Youth*

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4th SUNDAY

9.00am ~ Service of the Word

10.30am ~ Holy Communion

2nd & 4th WEDNESDAY

6.30pm ~ Praise Service



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Brindle Historical Society

The Home Front in Preston during the first World War

I have a confession. Whilst I thought I knew what the Home Front was, I hadn't appreciated what it actually meant until the Brindle Historical Society meeting on Monday 20th October. Just in case you are as ill-informed as me, I'll explain.



The First World War was more than just a military war; for the first time, the whole of society had been mobilised, not just soldiers and weapons production. Now that everyone was involved, the term Home Front embraced those of the population left at home to keep the soldiers fed and armed, and to ensure that there was still a recognisable

society for them to return home to. Much of these activities fell to the women, and the speaker, Keith Vernon (Honorary Principal Lecturer in History at the University of Lancashire), focussed on this aspect, explaining how new opportunities arose for women who previously were only seen as mothers and home-makers.

Keith used his specific and extensive knowledge of WW1 history to explain in simple terms how society was changed by the horrific events of a century ago. The new opportunities for women arose largely because the men left to take up arms, leaving women to do the work the men no longer did. Tasks still included the traditional female roles (preparing

food and nursing the sick) but now also encompassed munitions work, public service and administration.

Women had long been involved in public service work, but now they were seen in positions of some authority such as post mistresses, cab drivers or firefighters and in administrative roles more women became the decision makers. Whilst munitions production was traditionally a skilled role, the shortage of workers led to the 'dilution' of tasks where once technical roles were broken down into smaller, simpler activities requiring less skilled input.

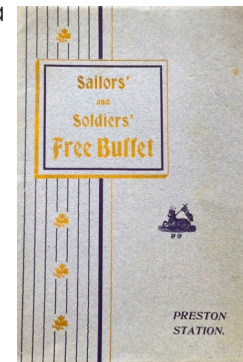
Women's leisure was significantly affected since for the first time many young women found themselves away from home, earning their own wages and having some autonomy over their lives. One consequence of this was the establishment of clubs and societies such as the famous Dick Kerr Ladies football club.

Not all changes were positive, however. Many women had to endure the loss of their menfolk or needed to care for disabled family members for years afterwards and so while some gained new opportunities and freedoms, these came alongside great emotional and social burdens.



Sailors' and Soldiers' Free Buffet at the railway station. This was started by female volunteers in August 1915

and continued throughout the war operating 24 hours a day for over three years. The buffet grew from providing tea to 386 men on the first day to serving almost 12,500 men in 36 hours just before Christmas in 1916! The women had organised a rota of 300 – 400 volunteers who provided free tea and refreshments to service personnel passing through the station. The women even devised a system of ensuring that men who used the area to catch up on sleep were awakened in time to catch their train.



The many legacies of all this disruption led to a profound change in society over the next few years. Women had proved what they could do and the genie was truly out of the bottle. Many lessons learned during this period of rapid change were also adopted in the 2nd World War (which happened all too soon afterwards). The Home Front, the Land Army and rationing were all new concepts from the Great War which were developed and re-used to good effect two decades later.

The next Brindle Historical Society meeting is on

Monday 17th November 2025

when Darren Cranshaw will tell us the history of the Brindle Estate and describe some of the characters involved.

Entry to the talk is free to Historical Society members and just £5.00 for guests which will include refreshments and a chat.

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