



Sunday 10th December

2nd Sunday of Advent

Worship

If you are visiting us for the first time, or returning after some time away, you are most welcome.



We invite all who wish to receive the bread and the wine to come forward to the communion rail. If instead you wish to receive God's blessing, please come to the communion rail bringing your red service book with you. If you prefer to remain in your pew, that is just fine. Anyone who is less mobile is invited to receive communion in their pew. If you would appreciate this please speak to one of the churchwardens or vergers before the service.

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.


Post Communion

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rota for today

1st reading Joan Ingram Isaiah Ch 40 v 1-11
Gospel Millie Santus Mark Ch 1 v 1-8
Sidespersons Phil Kirkwood & Julie Pawson
Chalice Paul Santus
Intercessions Lynn Packer
Crucifer Caitlin

Services next week 17th December

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Parish Communion
6.30pm Nine lessons and carols. If you can provide mince pies for after this service please bring them with you to church.
 Thank you.

Forthcoming Christmas Services at St James

Dec	24	4.00pm	Nativity
	24	11.15pm	Midnight Communion
	25	10.00am	Family Communion

Offertory

If you are a visitor to this church you may place your gift in the collection in the usual way.



If you would like our Treasurer, Richard Howarth, to reclaim any tax through **Gift Aid** please use the envelopes provided on your pew. Place your gift in the envelope, complete the form and give it in during collection.

If you wish to give regularly you may also fill out a form for a monthly **standing order**, located at the back of church. If so please take one away with you and return it completed or speak to Richard. Cards are available to place in the collection if you wish to indicate you have given in this way. Thank you

Offertory Prayer

Yours Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you and of your own have we given you. Amen

Church Flowers in December



3rd Advent
10th Advent
17th Christmas
24th Christmas

A donation towards the Christmas flowers has been made by Geoff and Carole Sage in loving memory of their niece Beatrice Clara Hemmings, born asleep on 7th December 2012.

Would you like to sponsor flowers for a special anniversary or memorial? All the names are mentioned in Brindle Voice each month. For details contact Joan Hopcraft on 01254 854465.



Winter Warmer David and Brenda will be hosting their 'Winter Warmer' this afternoon from 2 - 4pm at Coppice Farm,

Goosefoot Lane. All welcome

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT BRINDLE ST JAMES' MU AND HOMESTART FAMILIES

1 Save and donate your Asda receipts



Place your unwanted food shopping receipts in the box on the table near the entrance to church.

Any valid price match differences will be claimed and vouchers issued accordingly. These are used to buy essential items for families.

Total value of Asda receipts since January 2017 is £272.58

2 Donate a meal in a bag



You are invited to take away from church a brown paper bag and return it with items to make an easy to prepare meal for a family. Details are available on A3 posters at the

back of church, or speak to Sue Boulton, one of our churchwardens.

3 Begin a reverse Advent calendar

Today is the second Sunday in Advent. You are



invited to find an empty box at home and start placing a tin of food or a toiletry item in it every day. The contents should be brought to church for Sunday 17th December so that Sue Boulton can take

them for distribution to Homestart families. Alternatively you may put items in the container at the back of church each week.

4 Take part in our Christmas Initiative

Over the school holidays families face an additional burden on their finances as the children are not receiving free school meals. They also hope to recognise and celebrate Christmas. You can help alleviate their difficulties by donating extra food, toiletries and treats at any time until 17th December. All items received will be allocated to families in the week before Christmas. Anything received after 17th will be handed out in January.



Carol Singing

Thursday 14th December

Wednesday 20th December

Meet in church for 7pm to collect hi-viz jackets. Dress for the weather and bring a torch. Collections will be donated to St Catherine's Hospice. All welcome!

St James' Church Christmas Raffle is intended to be a major fundraiser.

It will be drawn at the After Christmas Quiz on Friday 29th December at Brindle Community Hall.

BOOKS OF 5 TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE TODAY

We cannot sell raffle tickets in church

so please take some away with you for yourselves and to sell to family and friends @ £1 per ticket and return the money and counterfoils to one of the churchwardens. **Prizes include:** 1st food hamper, 2nd Cuckoo gin, 3rd a year's supply of toilet rolls; also vouchers for the Boar's Head, voucher for a day at Shaw Hill leisure facilities, life sized dog, large canvas.



Hamper If you are able to contribute to this prize please speak to Carolyn Sands or sign up on the list on the notice

board. Please be conscious of sell by dates on any products as this will not be awarded until 29th December at the After Christmas Quiz

Tickets now on sale for our

After Christmas Quiz 29th December

Adults £5 under 12s £2.50

with baked potato supper

and

Burns' Night Celebration 20th January

Adults £12.50 under 12s £6

with haggis, tatties, neeps

and dessert



Please sign up on the sheets on the notice board to reserve tickets or ask the churchwardens or Lynn and Dave Packer or tel 01772 323267.

More details on the posters.



Rana Shihadah and Davie MacAllan, (not pictured!), slept out all night on Friday

1st December in Blackburn to support Nightsafe. They are grateful for all the donations received which totalled an amazing £536.50.

*****Rana will collect any hats, gloves, scarves, socks which you might be able to bring to church and pass them on to Nightsafe.**



APOLOGIES!! Essential work started on Thursday on providing support for

the wall at the rear of the Church Grounds. Our apologies to near neighbours for the percussive noise generated by the work.

This will continue until Wednesday 13th December (excluding Saturday and Sunday).

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

