

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

## ST BRANNOCK'S & ST ANNE'S Historic Church ~ Living Faith

Website: [brauntonparishchurch.org.uk](http://brauntonparishchurch.org.uk)

*Welcome* St Brannock's church has a loop system. Set your hearing aid to the 'T' setting. Toilets are available in St Brannock's church through the large door on the left hand side of the church (looking towards the Altar). Disabled toilets are in St Brannock's Rooms. At St Anne's, the compost loo can be found outside to your right of the church. Children's activity bags are available in both churches.

### TODAY

10.00am Holy Communion, St Brannock's

11.00am Holy Communion, St Anne's

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

8.30am Morning prayer St Brannock's

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

10.00am. Said HC + Prayers for Healing. Coffee in the hall after the service.

11.00am Burial of ashes, late Pat Harris, St Brannock's.

12.00pm Community Café South Street

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

8.30am Morning prayer St Brannock's

10.00am Southmead Assembly, at school, Sharon Blyth

2.30 – 4.30pm Community Cafe

Christ Church (opposite the Library)

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

8.30am Celtic Morning prayer St Brannock's

2.00pm World Day of Prayer, Christ Church Bear Street, Barnstaple.

4.30pm Choir practice, St Brannock's

### NEXT SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am Holy Communion, St Brannock's.

We welcome Revd Penny Body to lead and preach.

### Plant Sale May 9<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid

*please get planting now !*

*Thank You*



A World Day of Prayer service is being held at 2pm at Christchurch, Bear Street, Barnstaple, on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. This year's service has been written by the women of Nigeria. All are welcome".

### The Final Week

#### A five part Lent Bible Study by John Birch

Each week a new bible study to use for personal reflection or shared group discussion. Available from St Brannock's church.

### Our Sunday Offertory.

At St Brannock's, the main Sunday 10.00am service, we have moved to a 'basket' collection for any monetary donation you may wish to make, no longer sending around the 'offertory bags'. If you wish to make a regular donation please consider the Parish Giving Scheme PGS. It is simple to set up and really helpful for those dealing with the banking here at the Church. Application packs at the 'Welcome Table'.

# Welcome

### OPENING HYMN No 572

Praise to the holiest

### Lent Prose Refrain:

*Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinn'd against thee.*

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:  
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:  
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications. [Refrain]

O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the  
Father Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial  
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all  
defilement. [Refrain]

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated  
bow down and hearken to they weeping  
children pity and pardon all our grievous  
trespasses. [Refrain]

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee  
with true contrition, now no more we veil  
them grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.  
[Refrain]

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting  
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,  
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.  
[Refrain]

#### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the  
powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in  
the desert: help us to use these days to grow in  
wisdom and prayer that we may witness to  
your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **READING** Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your  
country and your kindred and your father's house  
to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a  
great nation, and I will bless you, and make your  
name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will  
bless those who bless you, and the one who curses  
you I will curse; and in you all the families of the  
earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord  
had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was  
seventy-five years old when he departed from  
Haran.

#### **GRADUAL HYMN** No 321

I lift my eyes

#### **GOSPEL READING** John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus,  
a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night  
and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a  
teacher who has come from God;

for no one can do these signs that you do apart  
from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him,  
'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom  
of God without being born from above.'

Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born  
after having grown old? Can one enter a second  
time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus  
answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter  
the kingdom of God without being born of water  
and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and  
what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be  
astonished that I said to you, "You must be born  
from above." The wind blows where it chooses,  
and you hear the sound of it, but you do not  
know where it comes from or where it goes. So it  
is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'

Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things  
be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of  
Israel, and yet you do not understand these  
things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what  
we know and testify to what we have seen; yet  
you do not receive our testimony. If I have told  
you about earthly things and you do not believe,  
how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly  
things? No one has ascended into heaven except  
the one who descended from heaven, the Son of  
Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in  
the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted  
up, that whoever believes in him may have  
eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he  
gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes  
in him may not perish but may have eternal life.  
'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world  
to condemn the world, but in order that the  
world might be saved through him.

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN** No 332

I the Lord of sea and sky

#### **POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

Lord God, you have renewed us with the  
living bread from heaven; by it you nourish  
our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen  
our love: teach us always to hunger for him  
who is the true and living bread, and enable  
us to live by every word that proceeds from  
out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

#### **CLOSING HYMN** No 465

Name of all majesty

