

Baptism of Christ

11th January 2026

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

Website: 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

Tuesday 13th

8.30am Morning prayer St Brannock's

Wednesday 14th

10.00am. Morning Prayer – Church Led Coffee in the hall after the service.
12.00pm Community Café & Foodbank South Street Church

Thursday 15th

8.30am Morning prayer St Brannock's
2.30 – 4.30pm Community Café Christ Church (opposite the Library)

Friday 16th

8.30am Celtic Morning prayer St Brannock's
1.00pm Committal, St Brannock's churchyard for the late Joan Kliem
2.00pm Funeral Service, St Brannock's Rooms, followed by committal in the churchyard for the late Khaliq Mian
4.30pm Choir practice, St Brannock's

Saturday 17th

11.00am Tyspane Care Home Holy Communion

NEXT SUNDAY 18th January

9.00am Said Holy Communion, St Brannock's.

We join with our friends at St. Augustine's Church, Heanton Punchardon 11.00am

Confirmation Service

conducted by The Rt. Revd Moira Astin, Bishop of Crediton

Our prayers for our candidates:

Carl Chivers,
Gillian Harris,
Destiny Aruoture,
Excellence Aruoture,
Blessing Aruoture

The following week:

Tuesday 20th

8.30am Morning prayer St Brannock's
2.15pm Cremation service, Barnstaple for the late David Oram

Wednesday 21st

10.30am. We join with our friends at Christ Church for their morning service (no service at St Brannock's).
11.30am Cremation service, Barnstaple for the late Patricia Harris
12.00pm Community Café & Foodbank South Street Church

Thursday 22nd

8.30am Morning prayer St Brannock's
10.45am Cremation service, Barnstaple for the late Shelia Redmore
2.30 – 4.30pm Community Café Christ Church (opposite the Library)

Friday 23rd

8.30am Celtic Morning prayer St Brannock's
12.00pm Funeral service Heanton Punchard for the late Revd Margaret Cranston
4.30pm Choir practice, St Brannock's

Following SUNDAY 25th January

10.00am Holy Communion, St Brannock's

Welcome

OPENING HYMN No 37

Angel Voices

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

READING Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the Lord, who created the
heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes
from it, who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are
blind, to bring out the prisoners from the
dungeon, from the prison those who sit in
darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to
idols. See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare; before they
spring forth, I tell you of them.

GRADUAL HYMN No 99

Christ is the world's light

GOSPEL READING Matthew 3:1-17

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make

his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

OFFERTORY HYMN No 506

O let the son of God

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CLOSING HYMN No 658

There is a redeemer

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