

3rd Sunday in Advent

14th December 2025

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## ST BRANNOCK'S & ST ANNE'S

### Historic Church ~ Living Faith

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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

9am Said Holy Communion, St Brannock's
4.00pm Saunton@Four St Anne's, Saunton

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#### Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

10.00am St Brannock's – Helpers needed to set up the Christmas tree  
1.00pm Funeral for the late Robert Randels, St Brannock's church.

#### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

8.30am Morning prayer St Brannock's

#### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

10.00am. Holy Communion, St Brannock's. We are joined by our friends from Christ Church. Coffee in the hall after the service.  
12.00pm Community Café South Street

#### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

8.30am Morning prayer St Brannock's  
10.00am Kingsacre Primary school Christingle service, St Brannock's  
2.30 – 4.30pm Community Cafe Christ Church (opposite the Library)

#### Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

8.30am Celtic Morning prayer St Brannock's  
10.00am Southmead Primary School Carols, St Brannock's

11.00am Tyspane Christmas Service.

4.30pm Choir practice, St Brannock's

6.00pm Carols at Saunton Park by Pixie Dell stores

#### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>

10.00am – 12.00pm Coffee Morning & The Knitted Christmas Tree, Christ Church.  
4.00pm Village Carols, on the Green by the Christmas Tree.

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NEXT SUNDAY 21st December

9.45am Holy Communion, St Brannock's.
11.00am 9 Lessons & Carols St Anne's
4.00pm 9 Lessons & Carols, St Brannock's

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### Sunday Service Time

Sunday service time at St Brannock's from 9.45am to 10.00am. The first 10.00am service will be Christmas Day then every Sunday morning. St Anne's service times will remain unaffected.

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Christmas Flowers

There will be a basket at St Brannock's for Donations towards the church's Christmas flowers. *Thank You*

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**Christ Church Christmas Tree Event  
& Coffee Morning Saturday 10 am to  
12pm (opposite the Library)**

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Welcome

OPENING HYMN No 265

Hark the glad sound

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

READING Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,

and rejoice with joy and singing.
 The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
 the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
 They shall see the glory of the Lord,
 the majesty of our God.
 Strengthen the weak hands,
 and make firm the feeble knees.
 Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.
 He will come with vengeance, with terrible
 recompense. He will come and save you.'
 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
 and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
 then the lame shall leap like a deer,
 and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
 For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
 and streams in the desert; the burning sand
 shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground
 springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall
 become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds
 and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall
 be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not
 travel on it, but it shall be for God's people;
 no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
 No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous
 beast come up on it; they shall not be found
 there, but the redeemed shall walk there.
 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
 and come to Zion with singing;
 everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
 they shall obtain joy and gladness,
 and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

GRADUAL HYMN No 580

Rejoice the Lord is King

GOSPEL READING Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about

whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Longing for light, we wait in darkness
 Longing for truth, we turn to You
 Make us Your own, Your holy people
 Light for the world to see
Christ, be our light
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light
Shine in Your church gathered today

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
 Longing for hope, many despair.
 Your word alone has power to save us.
 Make us your living voice.
Christ, be our light....

Longing for food, many are hungry.
 Longing for water, many still thirst.
 Make us your bread, broken for others,
 shared until all are fed.
Christ, be our light....

Longing for shelter, many are homeless
 Longing for warmth, many are cold
 Make us Your building, sheltering others
 Walls made of living stone
Christ, be our light....

Many the gifts, many the people
 Many the hearts that yearn to belong
 Let us be servants to one another
 Making Your kingdom come
Christ, be our light....

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these
 heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your
 Spirit that when your Christ comes again we
 may shine as lights before his face; who is
 alive and reigns now and for ever.

CLOSING HYMN No 128

Come thou long expected Jesus

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