

Sunday 3rd of Lent

23rd March 2025

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## ST BRANNOCK'S & ST ANNE'S

### Historic Church ~ Living Faith

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

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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 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 9.45am Holy Communion, St Brannock's. Coffee after the service.

Tuesday 25th

8.30am Morning prayer St Brannock's
10.00am Burial ashes, late Patrick Bryne, St Brannock's
4.00pm Local churches meet, The Vicarage.

Wednesday 26th

11.00am We join with our friends at Christ Church for their Lent service. Lent lunch follows in the hall (Christ Church). All invited. ((No service at St Brannock's))
12.00pm Community Café & Foodbank South Street Church

Thursday 27th

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

Friday 28th

8.30am Celtic Morning prayer St Brannock's
11.00am Lent Conversations led by Revd Keith Leiper St Brannock's Rooms.
7.30pm Choir practice St Brannock's

Saturday 29th

10.00am Burial ashes, late Kenneth Nowlan, St Brannock's

NEXT SUNDAY 30th Mothering Sunday

CLOCKS MOVE FORWARD

9.45am Holy Communion, St Brannock's, Coffee after the service in St B Rooms

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## NOTICE:

### Church Electoral Roll

Once in every six years, the preparation of new church electoral rolls takes place, which means that everyone must come off the roll and re-apply. Forms will be available in the churches. Or please ask clergy or wardens for one.

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Wednesday Lent Lunch.

Both successful and enjoyable.

For all who made soup and helped on the day a warm *Thank You*. A generous £140 was raised which will be donated to UNICEF Children in Gaza appeal. *Jill*



Thank you everyone, for the visits, cards & good wishes I have received during my recent stay in hospital. I am feeling much better now, but have been told to take it easy, for a bit. My thanks & prayers, to you all
Love, Marjorie (Cork)

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# Welcome

**OPENING HYMN** No 720

We pray thee heavenly Father

**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**

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your  
will for us, to give up what harms us, and to  
seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen

**READING** Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the  
waters; and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and  
milk without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that  
which is not bread, and your labour for that  
which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to  
me, and eat what is good, and delight  
yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and  
come to me; listen, so that you may live. I  
will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I  
made him a witness to the peoples, a leader  
and commander for the peoples. See, you  
shall call nations that you do not know, and  
nations that do not know you shall run to  
you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy  
One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek  
the Lord while he may be found, call upon  
him while he is near; let the wicked forsake  
their way, and the unrighteous their  
thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that  
he may have mercy on them, and to our  
God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my  
thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are  
your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as  
the heavens are higher than the earth, so  
are my ways higher than your ways and my  
thoughts than your thoughts.

**GRADUAL HYMN** No 105

Christ whose glory fills the skies

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present  
who told him about the Galileans whose  
blood Pilate had mingled with their  
sacrifices. He asked them, ‘Do you think that  
because these Galileans suffered in this way  
they were worse sinners than all other  
Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you  
repent, you will all perish as they did. Or  
those eighteen who were killed when the  
tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think  
that they were worse offenders than all the  
others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but  
unless you repent, you will all perish just as  
they did.’ Then he told this parable: ‘A man  
had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he  
came looking for fruit on it and found none.  
So he said to the gardener, “See here! For  
three years I have come looking for fruit on  
this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it  
down! Why should it be wasting the soil?”  
He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more  
year, until I dig round it and put manure on  
it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good;  
but if not, you can cut it down.”’

**OFFERTORY HYMN** 691

Thy kingdom come, O God

**POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to  
withstand the temptations of the world, the  
flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and  
minds to follow you, the only God; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN** No 419

Lord the light

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code to donate your  
offering to the Church.



Thank You

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