

# 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas

28<sup>th</sup> December 2025

The Holy Innocents

## 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

#### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December

1.30pm Funeral Service, Barnstaple Crematorium, for the late Lionel 'Leo' Williams

#### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve

10.00am. Holy Communion, St Brannock's. Coffee in the hall after the service.

#### Friday 2nd

4.30pm No Choir Practice (nor the 9<sup>th</sup>)

#### NEXT SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> January

10.00am Holy Communion, St Brannock's. 11.00am Holy Communion, St Anne's

Christ Church  
Christmas Tree Event  
and Coffee Morning  
Saturday 10 am to 12 noon  
(opposite the Library)

# Welcome

#### OPENING HYMN No 641

The First Noel

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

#### READING Psalm 124

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side —let Israel now say— if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters.

Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

#### GRADUAL HYMN

*Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!*

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light

*Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!*

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Saviour's birth

*And I said go!  
Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!*

Down in a lowly manger  
Our humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed this Christmas morn

*And I said go!  
Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!*

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Over the hills and everywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!  
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#### **GOSPEL READING** Matthew 2:13-18

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and

he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:  
'A voice was heard in Ramah,  
wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN** No 326

In the bleak midwinter

#### **POST COMMUNION HYMN** No 729

What child is this

#### **POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **CLOSING HYMN** No 419

Lord the light

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You can now scan the QR code to donate your offering to the Church.

Thank You



Please take this sheet home  
for reference and your  
prayers in the coming  
week. God Bless