

# 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas

28<sup>th</sup> December 2025

The Holy Innocents

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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 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.*

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#### TODAY

10.00am Holy Communion, St Brannock's

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#### 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>)

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

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

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**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

