

Epiphany

4th January 2026

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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

10.00am Holy Communion, St Brannock's

11.00am Holy Communion, St Anne's

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### Tuesday 6th

8.30am Morning prayer St Brannock's

### Wednesday 7th

10.00am. Said Holy Communion + Prayers for Healing. Coffee in the hall after the service.

12.00pm Community Café & Foodbank  
South Street Church

### Thursday 8th

8.30am Morning prayer St Brannock's

2.30 – 4.30pm Community Café

Christ Church (opposite the Library)

### Friday 9th

8.30am Celtic Morning prayer St Brannock's

4.30pm NO Choir practice, St Brannock's

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NEXT SUNDAY 11th January

10.00am Holy Communion, St Brannock's.

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# Welcome

OPENING HYMN No 49

As with gladness

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### READING Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

### GRADUAL HYMN No 85

Brightest and best

### GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people,

he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN No 724**

We three Kings

#### **POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **CLOSING HYMN No 399**

Like a candle flame

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



Thank You



God of all people,  
by the light of a star,  
you called seekers from afar,  
revealing your Son to all nations.  
May the light of your love  
open our hearts to the whole human family.

God of compassion,  
we recall how the questions of the Magi,  
were met with Herod's violence  
and Rachel's inconsolable grief.  
May the light of your peace  
illuminate our world so full of conflict.

God of grace,  
the wise ones found the child,  
the Light of the World,  
and travelled home by another way.  
May your guiding light lead us  
to Jesus and the new ways of your kingdom.

In the days ahead,  
as we journey as pilgrims of hope,  
may we walk together in constant trust  
and faithful sharing of our gifts,  
seeking the wisdom of your word,  
and following the light of Christ.

Amen.



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