

4th Sunday in Advent

21st December 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 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

9.45am Holy Communion, St Brannock's.

11.00am 9 Lessons & Carols, St Anne's.

4.00pm 9 Lessons & Carols, St Brannocks.

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#### Christmas Eve Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>

4.00pm Crib Service, St Brannock's

10.00pm Midnight Mass, St Brannock's

#### CHRISTMAS DAY Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Family Festive Holy Communion

St Brannock's

#### Friday 26<sup>th</sup>

4.30pm No Choir Practice

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NEXT SUNDAY 28th December

NEW TIME 10.00am Holy

Communion, 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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Christ Church

Christmas Tree Event

and Coffee Morning

Saturday 10 am to 12 noon

(opposite the Library)

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## Christmas Cards & Greetings



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To all at St Brannock's, Have a Wonderful Christmas
Avon Vally Woods Dedicated a tree
Mike & Jacqueline

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To all at St Brannock's, Have a Wonderful Christmas,
Carolyn Angwin-Thompson

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Please see the cards & greetings in the display area, St Brannock's, also there are some cards in St Anne's. God Bless

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# Welcome

#### OPENING HYMN No 631

Tell out my soul

Today we light the Fourth Candle of Advent, the Candle of Joy, as we remember Mary the mother of Jesus

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle: to you be praise and glory for ever. Your light has shone in our darkened world through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;

grant that we who have seen your glory may daily be renewed in your image and prepared like her for the coming of your Son, who is the Lord and Saviour of all. Blessed be God for ever.

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **READING** Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

### **GRADUAL HYMN** No 411

Lord Jesus Christ

### **GOSPEL READING** Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

### **OFFERTORY HYMN** No 701

Virgin born

### **POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



### **CLOSING HYMN** No 480

O come, O come, Emmanuel

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



Thank You

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