

2nd Sunday in Advent

7th 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 BCP Holy Communion, St Anne's

4.00pm Saunton@Four

Advent Reflections St Anne's, Saunton

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#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>

8.30am Morning prayer St Brannock's

6.00pm Live Well Team meeting

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>

10.00am. Morning Prayer, St Brannock's.

Coffee in the hall after the service.

12.00pm Community Café & Foodbank  
South Street Church

2.00pm Parish Council meeting – Feedback session  
RE Remembrance Sunday Service

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

8.30am Morning prayer St Brannock's

2.30 – 4.30pm Community Cafe

Christ Church (opposite the Library)

#### Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

8.30am Celtic Morning prayer St Brannock's

**9.30am – 2.30pm Caen School Christingle services, St Brannock's**

**4.30pm Choir practice, St Brannock's**

#### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>

10.00am – 12.00pm Coffee Morning & The Knitted Christmas Tree, Christ Church.

10.30 – 11.30am The Vicarage, Confirmation group.

11.30am Marriage Prep, The Vicarage.

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NEXT SUNDAY 14th December

9.45am Holy Communion, St Brannock's.

4.00pm Saunton@Four

Advent Reflections St Anne's, Saunton

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### Sunday Service Time

St Brannock's Parish Holy Communion  
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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Christmas Flowers



There will be a basket at St Brannock's for Donations towards the church's Christmas flowers. *Thank You*

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CHRISTCHURCH  
BRUNTON

Community Knitted  
Christmas Tree

Christmas Trees from local groups

Coffee  
Mornings  
10:00 – 12:00  
Saturday  
29 November  
6,12,20,27 December  
6 January

Proceeds divided between:  
Children's Hospice, the Wave  
Project, Penguin Sports  
Foundation, Children's Society,  
Ask for Jake

Come and see  
the Christmas Tree

### Christmas Tree Event and Coffee Morning

10 am to 12 noon

Christ Church  
(opposite the Library)

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Welcome

OPENING HYMN No 527

On Jordan's bank

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

READING Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

GRADUAL HYMN No 259

Hail to the Lord's anointed

GOSPEL READING Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the

wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

OFFERTORY HYMN No 438

Make way

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CLOSING HYMN No 221

God is working hi purpose out

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