

Christmas Day

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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 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.

NEXT SUNDAY 28th December

First Sunday of Christmas

NEW TIME

10.00am Holy Communion, St Brannock's,
Coffee after the service in St Brannock's
Rooms (the hall)



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# Welcome

**OPENING HYMN** No 479

O come all ye faithful

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen.

### READING Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

### GRADUAL HYMN *This Christmas time*

In a cold stone church,  
under moon and stars,  
People stand as the organ starts,  
And the candles flicker into the dark,  
this Christmas time.

There's a child awake in her bed upstairs,  
Snuggled up with her teddy bears,  
As she thinks of presents  
she says her prayers, this Christmas time.

*Merry Christmas to you,  
merry Christmas ev'rybody,  
Here's to friends old and new  
and to this Christmas time.*

In a steamy kitchen a mother stands,  
Peeling parsnips and boiling ham,  
How she hopes the dinner will go to plan,  
this Christmas time.

In an empty street under cloudless skies,  
Sits an old man with bundle tied,  
And he huddles down for another night,  
this Christmas time.

*Merry Christmas to you,  
merry Christmas ev'rybody,  
Here's to friends old and new  
and to this Christmas time.*

Here's to the message the angels sang.  
Here's to the Saviour who came  
for all men,  
Born for you and for me,  
for strangers and friends.

There's a world still needing  
to hear good news,  
More than presents and Christmas food.  
May you find the love that God  
has for you,  
this Christmas time!

*Merry Christmas to you,  
merry Christmas ev'rybody,  
Here's to friends old and new  
and to this Christmas time.  
Merry Christmas to you,  
merry Christmas ev'rybody,  
Here's to friends old and new  
and to this Christmas time.  
And to this Christmas time.*

**GOSPEL READING** John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**OFFERTORY HYMN** No 326

In the bleak midwinter

**POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:  
may the light of faith illumine our hearts  
and shine in our words and deeds;  
through him who is Christ the Lord. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN** No 266

Hark the herald angels sing

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*May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ child
be yours this Christmas Amen*

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Thank You

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