

Christmas Eve

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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.



Wednesday 25th Christmas Day

10.00am Christmas Day Family Festive Holy Communion, St Brannock's

NEXT SUNDAY 28th December

First Sunday of Christmas

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 508

O little town of Bethlehem

### COLLECT OF THE NIGHT

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### READING Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep  
darkness—  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of  
Midian.  
For all the boots of the tramping  
warriors and all the garments rolled in  
blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onwards and for  
evermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

#### **GRADUAL HYMN** No 745

While shepherds watched

#### **GOSPEL READING** Luke 2:8-20

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!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN** No 266

Hark the herald angels sing

#### **POST COMMUNION HYMN** No 597

Silent Night

#### **POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

#### **CLOSING HYMN** No 479

O come all ye faithful (leaving out verse 5)

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*Christmas is the renewed invitation
not to be afraid and to let Him
whose love is greater
than our own hearts and minds
can comprehend to share the
journey in the year ahead.*

Henri Nouwen (adapted)



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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*