

Presentation of Christ in the Temple 1st February 2026

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

10am Holy Communion, St Brannock's

11am BCP Holy Communion, St Anne's

Tuesday 3rd

8.30am Morning prayer St Brannock's

Wednesday 4th

10.00am. Said Holy Communion + Prayers for Healing, St Brannock's. Coffee in the hall after the service.

12.00pm Community Café South Street

Thursday 5th

8.30am Morning prayer St Brannock's
2.30 – 4.30pm Community Café
Christ Church (opposite the Library)
6.30pm Youth Soup, Live Well, Vivian Moon Centre.

Friday 6th

8.30am Celtic Morning prayer St Brannock's
1.00pm Funeral service, St Brannock's
late Revd Jean Loveday
4.30pm NO Choir practice, St Brannock's

NEXT SUNDAY

10.00am Holy Communion, St Brannock's.

Welcome

OPENING HYMN No 375

King of Glory

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was
this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:

grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

READING Malachi 3:1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

GRADUAL HYMN No 582

Restore O Lord

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

OFFERTORY HYMN No 605

Sing we of a Blessed Mary

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

CLOSING HYMN Longing for Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness

Longing for truth, we turn to You

Make us Your own, Your holy people

Light for the world to see

Christ, be our light

Shine in our hearts

Shine through the darkness

Christ, be our light

Shine in Your church gathered today

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light....

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,

shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light....

Longing for shelter, many are homeless

Longing for warmth, many are cold

Make us Your building, sheltering others

Walls made of living stone

Christ, be our light....

Many the gifts, many the people

Many the hearts that yearn to belong

Let us be servants to one another

Making Your kingdom come

Christ, be our light....



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