

**The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton,
St Nicholas of Myra
Mothering Sunday with Holy Baptism, 15th March 2026**



Welcome. St Nicholas' is the original church of Brightelmston village, and the Ancient Mother Church of Brighton: a haven of peace and prayerfulness in the heart of our city. We celebrate diversity and believe that God's unconditional love is for all. Children are very welcome here.

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Parking is available at St Paul's School on St Nicholas' Road, for the 10.30am Parish Eucharist, from 8.45a.m. until 1.00pm. If you would like to receive our **regular mailing**, please contact the Parish Office.

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Join us on **Zoom**: Meeting ID: 833 4639 2107 Passcode: 991506

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Sunday 15	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	8am Mass 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Ministry of Healing.
Monday 16	<i>Feria</i>	6.45-9pm Narcotics Anonymous 7-9pm Bell Ringers Practice
Tuesday 17	<i>St Patrick</i>	
Wednesday 18	<i>St Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem</i>	1.30pm Music Recital, <i>Regent's Wind Quintet playing a selection of music by female composers.</i> 3pm Mass followed by tea and coffee
Thursday 19	<i>St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	5.30pm Mass followed by silent prayer
Friday 20	<i>St Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne</i>	9.30-11.30am Church Closed for Organ Practise.
Saturday 21	<i>Thomas Cranmer, Martyr</i>	12.30 – 4.30pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Sunday 22	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	10.30am Parish Eucharist 5pm The Brighton Singers Concert, <i>Gorgeous European Motets</i> , all welcome.

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. For all involved, particularly the candidates but also parents, godparents and sponsors, it is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring the faith. The wider community of the local church and friends welcome the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future. Hearing and doing these things provides an opportunity to remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with this new member of the Church.

The service paints many vivid pictures of what happens on the Christian way. There is the sign of the cross, the badge of faith in the Christian journey, which reminds us of Christ's death for us. Our 'drowning' in the water of baptism, where we believe we die to sin and are raised to new life, unites us to Christ's dying and rising, a picture that can be brought home vividly by the way the baptism is administered. Water is also a sign of new life, as we are born again by water and the Spirit. This reminds us of Jesus' baptism. And as a sign of that new life, there is a lighted candle, a picture of the light of Christ conquering the darkness of evil. Everyone who is baptized walks in that light for the rest of their lives.

As you pray for Roman, his family and Godparents as he begins his journey of faith.



**THE EUCHARIST with HOLY BAPTISM of
Roman Joseph-James Tucker**

Before the Eucharist begins, we keep silence. We stand when the bell rings, to sing the hymn:

**For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,**

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The celebrant introduces the liturgy, and we confess our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry, and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The celebrant says the prayer of absolution and all respond: **Amen.***

We sing the Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy):

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.
Christe, Christe eleison.
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

*The celebrant prays the Collect and we respond: **Amen***

*We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (1 Samuel 1.20-28) read by Jo Baker we respond:
Thanks be to God.*

We remain seated to sing the refrain in the Lent Prose led by Charlie High and Dave Lee:

We stand, joining
in the acclamation
to herald the
gospel (John 19.25b-27)



Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.... **Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory**

Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end:

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit to hear the homily.

Holy Baptism of Roman Joseph-James Tucker

The candidate for baptism comes to the front of the church, with their family.

The celebrant addresses the whole congregation.

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome this child
and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The celebrant addresses parents and godparents of the child.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives this child with joy.

Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith.

Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with him
in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism this child begins her journey in faith. You speak for him today.

Will you care for him and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's
Church?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

The celebrant makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the child.

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

People: Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

As the ministers, candidate and congregation process to the font, we sing:

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Celebrant: Praise God who made heaven and earth,

People: **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The celebrant prays over the water.

...be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The celebrant dips the child in water.

Roman Joseph-James Tucker, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The celebrant anoints the newly baptised with the oil of Chrism.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

The celebrant gives the newly baptised a lighted candle.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.
Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

We return to our seats for the prayers of intercession, led by Martin Auton-Lloyd, and respond:

Lord, have mercy, **Christ, have mercy** or:

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer** or: Lord hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

At the end: Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We stand for the Peace.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Donations are collected for the work of St Nicholas'. Contactless donations can be made after the Eucharist at the door, or you can donate online using the QR code. If you would like to make a regular donation, please pick up a standing order form from the cupboard by the main door and return it to the parish priest, or Churchwarden.



As the Offerings are brought to the altar we stand to sing:

**For Mary, mother of our Lord
God's holy name be praised,**

*We stand as the celebrant says the Prayer over the Offerings and respond: **Amen.***

We remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The celebrant praises God and we sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God of might:

**Heaven and earth, heaven and earth are full of your glory,
your power and might.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes; blessed, blessed is he who comes;
blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.

The celebrant recalls the Last Supper.

Let us proclaim the myst'ry of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is ris'n, Jesus Christ will come again.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.**

The celebrant continues the prayer and we sing:

Amen, amen!

People: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom,
the power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

As the bread is broken, we sing:

Choir: Jesus, source of everlasting life; Jesus, source of reconciling love:
All: **Hear our prayer, have mercy; hear our prayer, have mercy; give us your peace.**
Jesus, by whose suffering we are healed; Jesus, man of sorrows, friend of grief:
Hear our prayer, have mercy; hear our prayer, have mercy; give us your peace.
Jesus, crucified, transcending time; Jesus, Saviour, by whose death we live:
Hear our prayer, have mercy; hear our prayer, have mercy; give us your peace.

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People: **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

All who are baptised and normally receive Communion are welcome to do so here. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward with this service booklet in your hands. If you are unable to stand, please let a Churchwarden or sidesperson know, and Communion will be brought to you.

Communion Anthem: Virgin Born we Bow Before Thee – Bourgeois

We remain seated to sing.

**Happy are they, they that love God,
whose hearts have Christ confessed,**

*We stand for the Post-Communion Prayer and respond: **Amen***

We sit for notices.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: **And also with you.***

*The celebrant gives the blessing and we respond: **Amen.***

Celebrant: Go in the peace of Christ.

*People: **Thanks be to God.***

We remain standing to sing:

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;**

During Lent there is no voluntary.

All are most welcome to stay after the Eucharist for refreshments.