

**The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton,
Saint Nicholas of Myra
Saint Francis of Assisi
with Holy Baptism
4th October 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.

Instruction in the Christian Faith

Holy Baptism for children and adults

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

Holy Matrimony and Thanksgiving after Civil Marriage

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arrangement
with
the Vicar*

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Parking is available at St Paul's School on St Nicholas' Road, for the 10.30am Parish Eucharist, from **9.30am** until **1.00pm**. If you would like to receive our **regular mailing**, please contact the Parish Office.

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83346392107?pwd=T2lyRWtab1hHeVNHYjhCK3JLNXZsUT09>

Sunday 4	ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI	8am Mass (BCP) 10.30am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism
Monday 5	<i>Feria</i>	1pm Space 4 You Guided Meditation 6.45-9pm Narcotics Anonymous 7-9pm Bell Ringers Practise
Tuesday 6	<i>William Tyndale, Reformation Martyr</i>	6-7.30pm Brighton Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 7	<i>Feria</i>	9am School Visit "what is a church" 1.30pm Music Recital - Aleandro Giuseppe Libano, Piano. <i>Bach, Beethoven, Manel de Falla.</i> 3.15pm Requiem Mass for the Dearly Departed 7pm Dance Class – All welcome! See notices.
Thursday 8	<i>Feria</i>	5pm Mass followed by silent prayer
Friday 9	<i>St Denys and his Companions, Martyrs</i>	9.30-11.30am Church Closed for Organ Practise
Saturday 10	<i>St Paulinus, Bishop of York</i>	12 noon – 5pm Brighton Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Sunday 11	HARVEST	8am Mass (CW) 10.30am Sung Eucharist with Ministry of Healing

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.



THE EUCHARIST with HOLY BAPTISM

We stand to sing the opening hymn:

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

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

All: **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome

We are invited to confess our sins. Please note that we are using the Common Worship formula below.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought, and word, and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
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 President says the prayer of absolution and all respond: **Amen.***

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

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

We sing the Gloria in excelsis:

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

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

We sit for the Scripture readings, beginning today with the psalm.

We sing Psalm 34.1-8 led by Marion Dunmore



- 1 I will bless the • Lord at • all • times;
his praise shall • continual•ly be • in • my • mouth.
- 2 My soul makes its • boast • in the • Lord;
let the • hum•ble • hear and • be • glad.
- 3 O magnify the • Lord • with • me,
and let us ex•alt • his • name • to•gether.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he • answer•ed • me,
and de•livered • me from • all • my • fears.
- 5 Look to • him, and • be • radiant;

so your^a faces shall • ne•ver • be • a•shamed.

**6 This poor soul cried, and was • heard • by the • Lord,
and was • saved • from • eve•ry • trouble.**

**7 The angel of the • Lord • en•camps
around those who • fear • him, • and • delivers them.**

**8 O taste and see that the • Lord • is • good;
happy are • those who • take • refuge • in • him.**

At the end of the reading (Galatians 6.14-end) read by Sharon Baxter, we respond: Thanks be to God.

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (Luke 12.22-34)

Alleluia alleluia alleluia alleluia ... **Alleluia alleluia alleluia alleluia.**

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

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

The candidates for baptism and their supporters/parents/godparents are invited to stand.

The minister addresses the whole congregation.

We thank God for *n.* who *have* come to be baptized today.

Christ loves *them* and welcomes *them* into his Church.

So I ask you all:

Will you support *them* as *they* begin *their* journey of faith?

All **We will.**

Will you help *them* to live and grow within God's family?
All We will.

The minister addresses n.

Henrietta do you wish to be baptised? I do.

The minister addresses n.'s parents and godparents.

God knows each of us by name and we are his.

Parents and godparents, you speak for *n.* today.

Will you pray for *n.*, and help *n.* to follow Christ?

We will.

The Decision

The minister addresses n. and n.'s parents and godparents.

We all wander far from God and lose our way:

Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.

In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

I do.

Do you reject evil?

I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

I do.

The minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidates with the oil of catechumens (baptism)

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

The minister may invite parents, godparents and supporters to sign the candidates with the cross.

When all the candidates have been signed, the minister says

Do not be ashamed of Christ.

You are his for ever.

All

Stand bravely with him

against all the powers of evil,

and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,

and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All

Amen.

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

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Minister: Praise God who made heaven and earth,

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The minister prays over the water.

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus.

He was baptized in the River Jordan, where your Spirit came upon him and revealed him as the Son you love.

He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him.

Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,

that those who are baptized in it may be cleansed in the water of life, and, filled with your Spirit, may know that they are loved as your children, safe in Christ 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.**

n., is this your faith?
This is my faith.

Water is poured on each candidate.

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The minister 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 Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

All

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

The baptism parties return to their seats.

We sit or stand for the prayers of intercession led by Louise Roddon and respond:

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.

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

People: **And also with you.**

(you are invited to exchange peace with those around you with the words 'peace be 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:

All creatures of our God and King,

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

We remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer.

President: 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 President praises God and we sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The President recalls the Last Supper.

Great is the mystery of faith. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The President continues the prayer and we sing:

Amen! 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.**

The President breaks the consecrated bread:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

President: Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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: Confitemini domino (Taize)

We remain seated to sing:

Make me a channel of your peace.

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

We sit for notices.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*The President gives the blessing and we respond: **Amen!***

The newly baptised are given 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.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

We remain standing to sing:

Will you come and follow me

Voluntary: Fuga - Rheinberger

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