The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton,
Saint Nicholas of Myra
Christ the King with Holy Baptism
22nd November 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**
} *by 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 22	**CHRIST THE KING**	**8am Mass CW** **10.30am Sung Eucharist** **with Baptism and Ministry of Healing**
Monday 23	*St Clement, Bishop and Martyr (c. 100)*	6.45-9pm Narcotics Anonymous 7-9pm Bell Ringers Practise
Tuesday 24	*Feria*	7pm Zoom Companions Online, See notices
Wednesday 25	*St Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr (4th Century)*	**10.30am Mass followed by tea and coffee** 1.30pm Music Recital
Thursday 26	*Feria*	5pm Mass followed by silent prayer
Friday 27	*Feria*	No Mass today
Saturday 28	*Feria*	FoSN Dinner
Sunday 29	**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**	**8am Mass CW** **10.30am Sung Eucharist**

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:

Crown him with many crowns,

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 and Introduction

Invitation to Confession
Jesus says; 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.
(silence)

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved your with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. 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.

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

We sit for the Scripture readings.

At the end of the reading (Ephesians 1.15-23) we respond:
Thanks be to God.

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (Matthew 25.31-46)

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew.*
Glory to you, O Lord.
At the end:
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.
Alleluia alleluia alleluia alleluia.

We sit to hear the homily



Holy Baptism

We sit or stand for the prayers of intercession led by Trevor Loveday 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.

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

(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:
The King of love my shepherd is,

We stand as the President says the Prayer over the Offerings and 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.

Christ is the bread of life:
When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

The President continues the prayer and we sing at the end:
Amen! Amen! Amen!

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.
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.

(Sung) **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.

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia.'
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

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. If you would like a prayer for healing and/or anointing for healing – please go to the Lady Chapel before or after communion – or let one of sidespeople know if you need someone to come to you.

Communion Anthem

We remain seated to sing:

Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets:

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

We sit for notices.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
The blessing is prayed 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:

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!