

The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



The Twentieth Sunday After Trinity – 13th October 2024

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.

The Eucharist is celebrated on most days of the week in this church. *See notices inside.*

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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Weds 12.30-5.00pm, Thurs 12.30-5.30pm

Fri 9.00-4.30pm

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 Vicar.

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

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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 the candidates, picture them with yourself and the whole Church throughout the ages, journeying into the fullness of God's love.



**THE EUCHARIST with HOLY BAPTISM of
LILIA ELIZABETH JONES-BAXTER**

Before the Eucharist begins, we keep silence and pray together

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We stand when the bell rings, to sing the hymn.

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,

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 sing the Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy):

**Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

We sing the Gloria in excelsis:

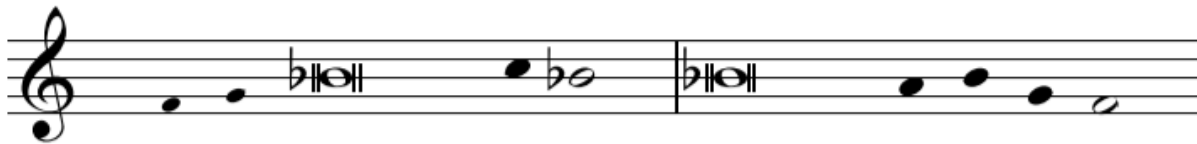
**Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
peace to his people on earth, peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
peace to his people on earth, peace to his people on earth.
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;
for you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer, receive our prayer, receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory, the glory, the glory of God the Father.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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

*We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (Hebrews 4.12-16) read by Jane Gray we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

We sing Psalm 90.12-17.



12 So teach us to • num • ber our days;
that we may ap • ply • our • hearts to • wisdom.

13 Turn again, O Lord; how long • will • you delay?
Have com • pas • sion • on your • servants.

14 Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in the • morn • ing;
that we may re • joice and • be • glad all our • days.

15 Give us gladness for the days you have af • flict • ed us;
and for the years in • which we • have • seen ad • versity.

16 Show your • ser • vants your works;
and let your • glory • be • over their • children.

17 May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be up • on • us;
prosper our handiwork, O • prosper • the • work of our • hands.

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (Mark 10.17-31).

Alleluia alleluia alleluia ... Alleluia alleluia alleluia.

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.

The candidate for baptism comes to the front of the church, with her 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 her in her 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 her growth in faith.

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

With the help of God, we will.

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

Will you care for her, and help her to take her 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.

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.

Lilia Elizabeth, 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 Michael Fisher, 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.

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:

We pray thee, heavenly Father,

*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 are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name,

He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant recalls the Last Supper.

Let us proclaim the myst'ry of faith.

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

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Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues the prayer and we respond:

Amen. Amen. Amen. 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.**

As the bread is broken, we sing:

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace; grant us 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 : My eyes for beauty pine – Herbert Howells.

We remain seated to sing.

Take my life, and let it be

*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:

Who would true valour see,

Voluntary: John Stanley's Voluntary IX in G minor

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

Notices for the Coming Week

Today our Stewardship Pledges for 2025 will be presented with the Eucharistic Offering at both celebrations of the Eucharist. Thank you to everyone who has completed a form. If you haven't done so yet, but would like to, you still can! There is a sheaf of pledge forms at the back of church with envelopes – please fill in the form, enclose it, and place it in the basket before mass begins.

Flowers. This week the flowers have been sponsored by Sharon and Tim Baxter to commemorate the baptism of their granddaughter Lilia.

The Wednesday music recital - this week we warmly welcome back Yohei Nakajima & Miho Sanou: music for viola and piano - Brahms Sonata in F minor Op.120/1 and Prokofiev/Borisovsky (1891-1953) Pieces from Romeo & Juliet, Ballet Op. 64 .

The funeral of **Dorian Morgan**, sometime Headteacher of St Paul's School and friend of St Nicholas', will take place at 1.00pm in the North Chapel at Woodvale Crematorium. All are welcome to attend.

There will be a sit-down **Parish Lunch** after the Sung Eucharist on Sunday 27 October, our Dedication Festival. We look forward to welcoming Fr John Blackburne, Vicar of St Michael's, as our Guest Preacher. Tickets are on sale from today at £15 per head for two courses, from Jo Baker or by email from jo.baker11@outlook.com

The Macmillan Coffee afternoon held on Friday 27th September **raised £760.50** – thank you to everyone who baked and donated!

St Luke's Queens Park will be celebrating their Patronal Festival on Sunday 20 October, including Choral Evensong at 6.00pm – music by Wood and Sumsion. All are welcome.

Sunday Supplement - on Sunday 10th November, we will be holding a GraveTalk event from 12.30pm until 2pm. GraveTalk offers a selection of conversation starters to help us to begin talking together in small groups about death, dying, and funerals. Because we will share a light soup lunch, it would be useful to know how many people would like to come along and what your dietary requirements are - a sign-up sheet is available at the back.

Tom's pilgrimage to Santiago – to donate to Tom's Camino Fundraiser visit: www.justgiving.com/page/tomandchriscamino or use this QR code: If you would like Tom to carry your prayer intentions with him, there is a jar at the back of church.



The Friends of St Nicholas' are pleased to announce there will be a 5-course dinner in church on Saturday 23rd November, 7 for 7.30pm. The ticket price is £45 per person and includes a welcome drink on arrival. Tickets available now from Miranda Sinyard (miranda.sinyard@gmail.com), telephone 01273 699282 or in person after the 10:30am Eucharist on a Sunday.

Our sponsored charity this month is **Emmaus**, which supports people to work their way out of homelessness, providing purpose as well as a stable home for as long as someone needs it. In the past 26 years Emmaus Brighton & Hove has provided a unique solution to combatting homelessness to over 1,500 Companions (residents) many of whom have complex needs.

Attendance last Sunday – 8am: 11 adults, 1 child; 10.30am: 72 adults, 2 children.

Names for inclusion in the prayers can be sent to the Parish Office.

This Week at St Nicholas'

Sunday 13 th	TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8.00am Eucharist <i>Special prayer at both masses for: People of the parish</i> 10.00am Morning Prayer (Lady Chapel) 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism followed by refreshments after the service
Monday 14 th	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Peace in the Middle East</i> 6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 15 th	S. Teresa of Avila	8.15am Eucharist (1662 BCP) followed by breakfast <i>Worldwide Carmelites – Catholic and Anglican</i> 6.30-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 16 th	Feria	2.00pm Music Recital <i>Yohei Nakajima & Miho Sanou,</i> <i>music for viola and piano by Brahms & Prokofiev</i> 3.00pm Eucharist followed by tea and cake <i>Emmaus Brighton</i> 7.00-10.00pm Five Rhythms Meditative Dance
Thursday 17 th	S. Ignatius of Antioch	5.30pm Eucharist followed by 6.00pm Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament <i>Bishop Martin and his Assistants</i> 7.00-8.30pm SycamOre Course
Friday 18 th	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Funeral Directors and all who care for the bereaved</i> 12.30-3.00pm Open Church
Saturday 19 th	Feria	8.30-11.30am Private Hire 12.00pm Eucharist <i>Brighton Recovery College</i> 1.00-3.30pm Private Hire
Sunday 20 th	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8.00am Eucharist <i>Special prayer at both masses for: People of the parish</i> 10.00am Morning Prayer (Lady Chapel) 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Ministry of Healing followed by refreshments after the service
Matins and Evensong: Tues 9.45am, Weds 4.30pm, Thurs 9.00am, Fri 5.30pm		