

St Nicholas Church Fleckney

Welcome!



First time in our church?

Don't worry; it is easier than you think!

**St Nicholas Church is situated on Main St, Fleckney.
There is a car park at the rear accessed via
Church Lane with the Church Hall adjacent.**

Most people first come to the 10:30 am service which is held every Sunday morning or to Evensong which takes place through the year at 6.30 pm.

Sunday Morning Sung Eucharist

The first person you are likely to meet is one of the sidesmen. Once you come inside, he or she will welcome you and give you a service booklet - slim orange book or blue leaflet, a hymn book (larger orange book) and a notice sheet. Find a seat anywhere in the main body of the church – no seats are reserved.

There is a portable ramp for access into the church for those in wheelchairs. Please ask a companion to go into church ahead of you and request this. There is a toilet at the back of the vestry or in the Church Hall which is next to the car park.

Children are welcome at ALL our services but you may wish to bring a couple of quiet toys to entertain the smaller ones. There are children's books in the bookcase which you are welcome to borrow. Please don't worry if they make a noise! We are used to it.

You will know that the service is about to begin as a bell will ring and the side door near the back of the church will open and a procession of people will come through – the congregation stands up to greet them. These people are the choir and then the altar servers and the clergy.



Whoever is presiding at the service will greet everyone and the service is then underway – most of the hymns are not announced – just follow the numbers on the board which you will see on the left hand side above the pulpit. Although there is considerable variety during the year, most of the services have the same basic shape week by week which people get used to after coming a few times.

You are unlikely to get lost in the liturgy, but if you do, just ask someone who is near you to show you where we are – they will be delighted to help. Most people stand to sing and sit or kneel to pray. During the singing of the third hymn a collection plate is handed round for donations towards running the church.

The morning services on a Sunday are always communion services. If you don't feel you want to receive the consecrated bread and wine, you are encouraged to come to the altar rail along with everyone else for a blessing - just bring an order of service with you so that we know who you are. Children are welcome to come for a blessing.

On some feast days and special occasions, you may see someone at the front of the procession bringing an offering of incense in a thurible. We use incense in our worship as a symbol of our prayers rising to heaven and a sign of the sacredness of the worship in this place.

On the first Sunday in the month, we have a less formal Family Service when our Youth Orchestra accompany us in our singing. On entry to the church, children will be given small candles and are invited to bring them up to the altar to be lit during the prayers. They may also be invited to help with the collection.



On the third Sunday we have our Sunday club for all children under 12 in our Church hall. Parents are encouraged to accompany small children. There are lots of activities – stories, craft and singing etc and then the children are brought back into church in time for the Eucharist. Note all our leaders have DBS (formerly CRB) clearance.

After the service there is usually tea and coffee served in the Church hall. You don't have to stay, but it is a good chance to meet people if you want to do so.

Sunday Evening Evensong

The evening services are not communion services. Most of the year, this is a service of evensong from the Book of Common Prayer with hymns from the large orange books.

WELCOME CARD

If you are finding your way into the congregation, please fill in a Welcome Card. These are available at the back of the church or ask someone to show you where these are.

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