

The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



The Fifth Sunday of Easter – 28th April 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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with
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Weds 12.30-5.30pm, 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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THE EUCHARIST

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

God is love: his the care,

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.

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The celebrant introduces the liturgy and we confess our sins.

...Lord, have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

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

...Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**

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

We are sprinkled with holy water as a reminder of our baptism, and join in the refrain:

We shall draw water joyfully, singing joyfully, singing joyfully;

We shall draw water joyfully from the well springs of salvation.

We sing the Gloria in excelsis:

Choir: Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

All: Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.

Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

We worship you.

Glory in the highest.

Give you thanks.

Glory in the highest.

Praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace 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.

Have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

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 glory of God the Father.

Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

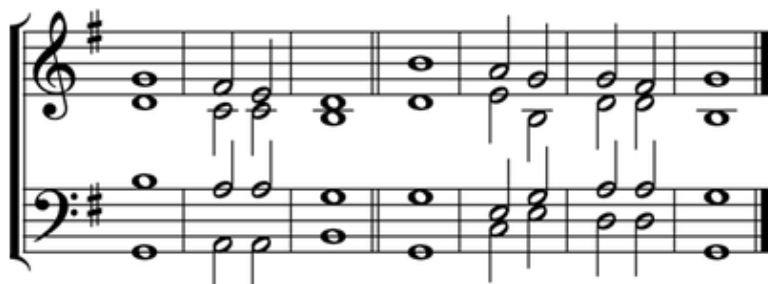
Amen. Amen.

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

*We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (Acts 8.26-end) read by Heather Wyborn we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

We sing Psalm 22.25-31

William Croft



25 (Cantor): From you comes my praise in the great • con • gre • gation;
I will perform my vows in the • presence • of • those • that • fear you.

26 (All): **The poor shall eat • and • be • satisfied;**
those who seek the Lord shall praise him, their • hearts • shall • live • for • ever.

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn • to • the • Lord;
and all the families of the • nations • shall • bow • be • fore him.

28 **For the kingdom • is • the • Lord's;**
and he • rules • o • ver • the • nations.

29 How can those who sleep in the earth bow • down • in • worship;
or those who go • down • to the • dust • kneel be • fore him?

**30 He has saved my life for himself, my descendants shall serve him;
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.**

**31 They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet unborn;
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.**

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (John 15.1-8).

Alleluia alleluia 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.

*After the homily, Amy Morrell is blessed for her work as Authorised Lay Minister
(Worship & Liturgy) in the parish.*

We stand together to declare our faith.

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

**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.**

**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.**

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.

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

People: **And also with you.**

A collection is taken for the work of St Nicholas'; contactless donations may also be made after the Eucharist at the door. If you would like to make a regular donation, please pick up a standing order form from the cupboard by the main door. As the Offerings are brought to the altar we stand to sing:

We have a gospel to proclaim,

*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 respond: 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 : Rutter – Gaelic Blessing

We remain seated to sing.

Love divine, all loves excelling,

*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. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!***

We remain standing to sing:

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

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

Notices for the Coming Week

A Space For You – the Monthly Meditation led by Frs. Chris and David takes place this Monday, 29th April at 1.00pm after the 12.00pm Mass.

The Wednesday music recital this week welcomes back John Colins who will play a recital of European organ music from the 16th to 18th centuries.

Fringe Tours of St Nicholas Church. This year I will again be leading tours of the church during the Brighton Fringe Festival, and all are welcome. Admission is a mere fiver (!) to learn something of 1000 years of our history, people and treasures. Tours last 80-90 minutes and this year take place on May 4 (12.15pm) May 11 (12.15pm and 3pm) and May 25 (12.15pm and 3pm). Pre booking is always advisable as tours, which are limited to a maximum of 40 people, can become fully booked. More information and to book places here:

<https://www.brightonfringe.org/events/tour-of-st-nicholas-church/> Brian Ogilvie.

Spring Fair - Bank Holiday Monday 6 May, noon to 3pm. If you would like to donate non-perishable items, please leave them in the community room on top of the cupboards or on the stairs (unless they are bottles or chocolate for the tombolas – please leave these in the sacristy; see front of service sheet for when Joanne is in the office). Please speak to Mark if you need items picked up. Items that can be donated:

Books - good quality books, sorry no magazines, DVD's or CD's.

Bottles – any unopened bottles, but alcoholic ones are particularly popular.

Bric-a-Brac - any good quality, clean items. Sorry NO ELECTRICAL ITEMS.

Chocolate - essentially for children, so any multipacks/boxes are suitable. Alternatively, Amy will buy some if you give her cash.

Crafts - any handmade items you have e.g. needlework, pottery, wood turning, patchwork

No earlier than Sunday 5 May:

Cakes - any homemade cakes. Please label and include ingredient list.

Plants - any seedlings or cuttings, plant pots (not plastic ones), small garden tools, packets of seeds and gardening/plant books.

Volunteers to help prepare the church for the fair after the 10.30am service on 5 May (moving chairs, tables, and donations) are hugely appreciated. On the day of the fair, the church will be open from 9am, and help would be much appreciated for hanging bunting, moving tables and chairs outside, and setting up the external stalls. St Paul's School car park (use the first gate) will be open from 9am for essential users only as members of the Hangelton Band will need to park too. Any questions please contact Mark on mark.alderson63@gmail.com or 01273 557765.

Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage. 11 May 1-5pm All are warmly invited to join this ecumenical pilgrimage, walking from Hove to Kemptown, to learn about six places of worship and their role in our city's past and present. Led by the Bishop of Chichester, Rt Revd Dr Martin Warner will give a short reflection at each place of worship, bringing together our historic urban journey and our contemporary spiritual journey. We meet at 12.30pm at St Andrew's Hove for a 1pm start and progress to Holland Road Baptist church, St Paul's on West Street, the Friends' Meeting House, and Dorset Gardens Methodist church. The walk will conclude at St John the Baptist Catholic church in Kemptown, with a celebration of ecumenical Vespers and refreshments. This event celebrates the different traditions of Christianity present in our city. Please book at: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/59116>

Our sponsored charity this month is **Family Support Work (FSW)**, provides emotional and practical support to families in need. This includes listening, advice, advocacy, food parcels, support groups and play activities. FSW supports families struggling with issues such as poverty, ill health, learning difficulties, bereavement, family break-up and domestic abuse.

Volunteers for Messy Church (second Tuesday of the month, 3pm). Please speak to Fr Pete if this is something you could help out with (even if not every month). The sort of things you can do as a volunteer include: welcoming people, assisting with crafts, preparing simple food and refreshments, and helping tidy up. There is no obligation or requirement to interact with children if you would prefer not to, and it really isn't very messy at all!

Sunday Supplement over the coming months will offer an introduction to the New Testament (in honour of the diocese's Year of the New Testament). Fr Dominic kicks us off on Sunday 5 May (c.12pm) with an overview of the New Testament. Let Fr Pete know if there are any questions about the New Testament you would like to explore, or if there is something about the New Testament you would like to share with others (e.g. your favourite book, or verse)

Attendance last Sunday – 8am 12 adults, 10.30am 73 adults and 4 children.

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

This Week at St Nicholas'

Sunday 28 th	THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	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 followed by refreshments after the service 3.30pm Homelees Communion
Monday 29 th	S. Catherine of Siena	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Nurses and all who care for the sick</i> 1.00pm A Space For You Meditation 6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 30 th	Easter feria	8.15am Eucharist (1662 BCP) followed by breakfast <i>Peace in Ukraine</i> 7.00-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 1 st	Ss. Philip & James	2.00pm Music Recital <i>John Colins, European organ music from the 16th to 18th centuries</i> 3.00pm Eucharist with Healing followed by tea and cake <i>To see Christ in others</i> 4.00-5.00pm Open Church 7.00-10.00pm Five Rhythms Meditative Dance
Thursday 2 nd	S. Athanasius	5.30pm Eucharist followed by silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament until 6.30pm <i>Teachers and lecturers</i> TSSF Chapter Meeting 7.00-8.00pm Confirmation classes
Friday 3 rd	Easter feria	12.00pm Requiem Eucharist <i>Deceased of May</i> 12.30-2.00pm Open Church
Saturday 4 th	Easter feria	10.00am Eucharist <i>Those persecuted for their faith</i> 12.15pm Fringe Tour of St Nicholas Church 5.00-10.30pm Private Hire
Sunday 5 th	THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.00am Eucharist (BCP) <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