

The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



The Baptism of Christ – 12 January

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**

} *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 8.45a.m. until 1.00pm.

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

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THE EUCHARIST

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.

Crown him with many crowns,

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 confess our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.**

**We are heartily sorry,
and repent of all our sins.**

**For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
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 celebrant says the prayer of absolution and all respond: **Amen.***

We sing the Kyrie eleison:

**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:

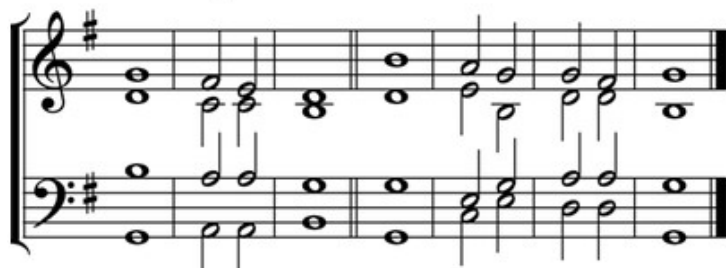
Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
peace to his people on earth, peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
peace to his people on earth, 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 (Acts 8.14-17) read by Louise Roddon we respond: Thanks be to God.

We sing Psalm 29, led by Charles Hugh Fisher.

William Croft



1 Ascribe to the Lord, you • powers • of • heaven,
ascribe to the • Lo•rd • glory • and • strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour • due • to his • name;
worship the • Lord • in the • beauty • of • holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is up on the waters; the God of • glo • ry • thunders;
the Lord is up • on • the • migh • ty • waters.

**4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in • op•er•ation;
the voice of the • Lord is • a • glor•ious • voice.**

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the • ced•ar • trees;
the Lord • breaks • the • cedars • of • Lebanon;

**6 He makes Lebanon • skip • like a • calf
and • Sirion • like a • young • wild • ox.**

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes
the • wild•er•ness;
the Lord shakes the • wild•er•ness • of • Kadesh.

**8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the • for•ests •
bare;
in his • temp•le • all • cry, • ‘Glory!’**

9 The Lord sits enthroned above the • wa•ter • flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as • king • for • ev•er•more.

**10 The Lord shall give • strength to • his • people;
the Lord shall give his • people • the • blessing • of • peace.**

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (Luke 3.15-17, 21-22).

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.

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 Martin Auton-Lloyd, 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:

Lord, the light of your love is shining,

*We stand as the celebrant says the Prayer over the Offerings and we 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.

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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.

The Ministry of Healing – the laying on of hands with prayer and anointing – is offered in the Lady Chapel. If you would like to receive this, please go through to the chapel after you receive Communion or a blessing.

Communion anthem: As the deer pants for the water – Martin Nystrom.

We remain seated to sing.

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,

*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. Amen. Amen. AMEN!***

Celebrant: Go in the peace of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

We remain standing to sing:

Thou, whose almighty word

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

Notices for the Coming Week

There is no **Monday mass** this week. Please note the other **temporary changes** to the weekly mass schedule: Tuesday Eucharist now at 12.00pm; the Zoom Companions Group, Messy Church and Sunday Supplement are also on a pause this month.

Christmas card upcycling. Give your cards a second chance – please drop them in the container at the back of church and they will be crafted into something new for next year!

Wednesday's music recitals return on 15 January 2025, where we will be joined by Yohei Nakajima and Miho Sanou playing pieces for viola and piano.

Diary dates for 2025: as in previous years I will be leading Bank Holiday walks on Monday 26 May (3 to 4 miles) and Monday 25 August (7 to 9 miles), and also tours of St Nicks on 4 May (3pm) and 24 May (12.15pm and 3pm) Details to follow ! - *Brian Ogilvie*

The next **Parish Lunch** is on Feb 2 after the Sung Eucharist: delicious chicken pot-roast followed by sticky toffee pudding. Beat the February doldrums by coming to a luminous service for Candlemas and staying on for a companionable lunch. £15 per head – for tickets please sign up with Jo Baker - jo.baker11@outlook.com.

Friends of St. Nicholas Day Out 13th of February: *Discover the hidden secrets of Worthing Museum.* Leave Brighton (or Hove) by train at 11am. There will be assistance available all day for those with restricted mobility. Have traditional Fish and Chips by the Pier in Worthing and then visit Worthing Museum for a guided tour of the museum including a behind-the-scenes look at its extensive costume collection. Cost £35 excluding train fares. Numbers are limited so if you would like to be included, please email: FosnChurch@gmail.com or mention it to one of the Churchwardens.

The **Friends' Quiz** will take place Saturday 8th February 7pm for a 7.30pm start. The price is £15pp and teams of up to 8 people are welcome. There will be a break for supper, the food will be Macaroni Cheese and Boston Nut Brownies. Tickets will be on sale at the 10.30 service on Sundays until 2nd Feb.

We will be joined this Holy Week by an **ordinand from Cranmer Hall** in Durham. He would love to be able to come with his wife and two children (3 and 2). If you have space to offer them beds during their stay please let Fr Dominic know.

On Sunday 26 at the Sung Eucharist we will be celebrating with children from St Paul's School who have been prepared for **First Communion and Holy Baptism**. Please keep them & their families in your prayers as they get ready for this special celebration.

Attendance last week: 8am 9 adults; 10.30am 84 adults 1 child

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Our sponsored charity this month is **Family Support Work (FSW)**, which 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.

This Week at St Nicholas'

Sunday 12	THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST	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
Monday 13	S. Hilary of Poitiers	*No mass today* 6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 14	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>St Paul's School</i> 6.30-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 15	Feria	2.00pm Recital: Yohei Nakajima & Miho <u>Sanou</u> - Music for viola and piano including Vaughan Williams and Bridge 3.00pm Eucharist followed by tea and cake <i>Mayor and City Council</i>
Thursday 16	Feria	5.30pm Eucharist followed by Silent Prayer until 6.30pm <i>Religious communities of the Anglican Communion</i>
Friday 17	S. Anthony of Egypt	12.00pm Requiem Eucharist <i>The departed of January</i> 12.30-3.00pm Open Church
Saturday 18	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Healthcare workers in our city</i> 12.30-3.00pm Open Church
Sunday 19	THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	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
Matins and Evensong: Tues 9.00am, Weds 4.30pm, Thurs 9.00am, Fri 5.30pm		