

The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) – 2 February

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.

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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THE EUCHARIST

Today we travel with Our Lady and the Christ-Child as they go to the Temple at Jerusalem, forty days after the Lord's birth.

The service begins at the church door. As the candles are lit, the cantor and choir sing the canticle Nunc Dimittis, the Song of Simeon.

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 blesses the candles and people.

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

During the procession, we sing:

Glorious things of thee are spoken,

We sing the Kyrie eleison:

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Christe, Christe eleison.

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

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.

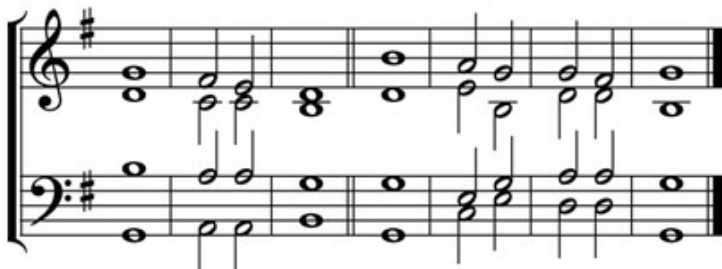
Amen. Amen.

The celebrant prays the Collect and we respond: Amen.

We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (Malachi 3.1-5) read by Maria Broderick we respond: Thanks be to God.

We sing Psalm 24.1-10, led by Charles Hugh Fisher.

William Croft



- 1 The earth is the Lord's and • all • that • fills it,
the compass of the world and • all • who • dwell • there • in.
- 2 **For he has founded it up • on • the • seas
and set it firm upon the • ri • vers • of • the • deep.**
- 3 'Who shall ascend the • hill • of the • Lord,
or who can rise • up • in his • ho • ly place?'
- 4 **'Those who have clean • hands and a • pure • heart,
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor • sworn • an • oath to • a • lie;**
- 5 'They shall receive a • blessing from • the • Lord,
a just reward from the • God • of • their • sal • vation.'

6 Such is the company of • those • who • seek him,
of those who seek your • face, • O • God • of • Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you ever•last•ing • doors;
and the King of • glo•ry • shall • come • in.

8 'Who is the • King • of • glory?'

'The Lord, strong and mighty, the • Lord • who is • mighty • in • battle.'

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you ever•last•ing doors;
and the King of • glo•ry • shall • come • in.

10 'Who is this • King • of • glory?'

'The Lord of hosts, • he • is the • King • of • glory.'

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (Luke 2.22-40).

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 Brian Ogilvie, 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:

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,

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, 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: God is love, let the heavens adore him.

We remain seated to sing.

Faithful vigil ended,

*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:

Christ whose glory fills the skies,

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

Notices for the Coming Week

The next **Parish Lunch** is today after the Sung Eucharist: delicious chicken pot-roast/ portobello pot roast (VE/V), followed by sticky toffee pudding (including V/VE option). Tickets (£15) may still be available – please speak to Jo Baker after mass.

Wednesday recital at 2pm: John Bruzon (piano) plays Scarlatti, Mozart, Beethoven, Mompou and Chopin.

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.

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.

Mardi Gras party with a Cajun supper, music by the Gin Jazz trio, and dancing... on Sat 1 March, 7 for 7.30pm: tickets on sale now from Jo Baker after mass or email jo.baker11@outlook.com. A party not to be missed, to get us ready for Lent!

LENT. Ash Wednesday is 5 March. The Eucharist will be celebrated at 12.00pm (said) and 8.00pm (sung). If you have **palm crosses** at home from last year, we would welcome them back to make ash for this year's celebration. Please put them in the basket on the table by the south door. If you would be interested in either hosting or leading a Lent group this year, please put your name on the sheet on the table at the back of church – I will begin organising groups soon – *Fr D.*

Parish walks and tours diary dates for 2025: as in previous years I will be leading Bank Holiday walks on Monday 26 May (see below) and Monday 25 August (7 to 9 miles - detail to follow) and also tours of St Nicks on 4 May (3pm) and 24 May (12.15pm and 3pm). The May walk will be an 4 easy mile stroll from the Palace Pier along the undercliff to St Margaret's in Rottingdean, where the church's flower festival will be displayed *Brian Ogilvie*

Save the date! **Summer fair** Sat 21 June. More information to follow.

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.

Attendance last week: 8am: 8 adults 10.30am: 7 children and 94 adults

This Week at St Nicholas'

Sunday 2	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Candlemas)	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 followed by Parish Lunch
Monday 3	S. Ansgar	12.00pm Eucharist <i>USPG and other mission agencies</i> 6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 4	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>First Base day centre</i> 6.30-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 5	Feria	2.00pm Recital: John Bruzon (piano) plays Scarlatti, Mozart, Beethoven, Mompou and Chopin 3.00pm Eucharist followed by tea and cake <i>St Paul's School</i> 7.00-10.00pm – Five Rhythms Meditative Dance
Thursday 6	Martyrs of Japan	5.30pm Eucharist followed by Silent Prayer until 6.30pm <i>Persecuted Christians</i>
Friday 7	Feria	12.00pm Requiem Eucharist <i>Departed of February</i> 12.30-3.00pm Open Church
Saturday 8	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Health care workers in our city</i> 7 for 7.30 – Friends of St Nicholas' Quiz
Sunday 9	FOURTH BEFORE LENT	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
Matins and Evensong: Tues 9.00am, Weds 4.30pm, Thurs 9.00am, Fri 5.30pm		