

# The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



## Ascension Sunday – 1 June 2025

**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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**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.

**Follow us** online: [www.stnicholasbrighton.org.uk](http://www.stnicholasbrighton.org.uk) / [www.facebook.com/StNicsBrighton](https://www.facebook.com/StNicsBrighton)

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83346392107?pwd=T2lyRWtab1hHeVNHYjhCK3JLNXZsUT09>

## Notices

Weds **recital**: the Blue Café Duo (harp & guitar)

The **Companions** fellowship group will meet on Zoom each Tuesday fortnightly at 7.00pm: next meeting is Tuesday 2 June. All welcome: Meeting ID: 867 7248 2744 Passcode: 108653  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86772482744?pwd=CvBCue5XqxazLxLyiajFa5BStgMsnb.1>

On Saturday 7 June at 6.00pm, the Eve of Pentecost, there will be a special '**Hour of Ecumenical Prayer for our City**' in the churchyard, including a candlelit procession and followed by refreshments. Do come and join with sister and brother Christians from across Brighton and Hove to mark this important festival, and our common goal of unity.

**Summer fair Sat 21 June.** We are appealing for volunteers to help look after different stalls and tasks at the fair. Please have a look at the grid at the back of church: if you're able to offer your time please put your name by a stall/task – all help very much appreciated!

**Brian Ogilvie's** three tours of St Nicholas' during May's Fringe Festival brought in 78 visitors and raised £520 plus donations. Thanks to Sorrell, Veronica, Louise, Mike, and Laurie for their help running these, and also to Aiko who stepped in to lead part of the first tour.

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 week: 8.00am: 12 10.30am: 73 adults and 2 children.

## PRESS RELEASE

St Nicholas' Summer Fair Saturday, 21 June, 2025

12 noon – 3:00 pm

Things are hotting up on the organisation of this year's Summer Fair and we are now asking help from you, our congregation. Donations are kindly requested as follows:

- Chocolate, including small bars/packets, for the Chocolate Tombola **OR** donation of cash and we will buy the chocolate for you.
- Home made cakes (with list of ingredients), **OR** donation of cash and our cake makers will make the cakes for you.
- Jams, marmalade, chutney and other preserves. Ask Jo or Veronica for clean jars if you are able to make these.
- Bottles for the Bottle Tombola (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic).
- Bric-a-Brac (not very large items as they are difficult to dispose of if they are not sold).
- Books (paperbacks only, i.e. no hardbacks), up to date and in good condition.
- All donations, including cakes, can be brought to church between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm on Friday 20 June, **OR** non-perishables on any Sunday beforehand in June. If you come on 20 June, please use the back door and ring the bell. **OR bring on the day from 10:30 am.**
- More help is required for setting up the tables and chairs from 10:00 am and also clearing up at the end from 3:00 pm. Names to Jo Baker please. **OR write your name on the Volunteer Plan on the table at the back of the church (bottom of page 2).**

**NB: After the 10.30 Eucharist on 15 June there will be a meeting at 12 noon in church of all stall-holders. If you are down to help, please would you make every effort to attend this meeting. Thank you.**

## THE EUCHARIST

*We stand to sing the opening hymn:*

**Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!**

*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:*

**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 1.1-11) read by Jo Baker we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

*We sing Psalm 47, led by Vivienne McKay.*



1 Clap your hands together, • all • you • peo•ples;  
O sing to • God • with • shouts • of • joy.

2 For the Lord Most High is • to • be • fear•ed;  
he is the great • King • over • all • the • earth.

3 He subdued the • peop•les • under • us  
and the • nat•ions • under • our • feet.

4 He has chosen our • heri•tage • for • us,  
the pride of • Ja•cob, • whom • he • loves.

5 God has gone up with a • mer•ry • noi•se,  
the • Lord with • the • sound • of the • trumpet.

6 O sing praises to • God, • sing • prais•es;  
sing praises • to • our • King, • sing • praises.

7 For God is the • King • of • all the • earth;  
sing • praises • with • all • your • skill.

8 God reigns • over • the • na•tions;  
God has taken his seat up•on • his • ho•ly • throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples are • gathered • to•ge•ther  
with the people of the • God • of • Ab•ra•ham.

10 For the powers of the • earth • be•long to • God  
and he is • ve•ry • highly • ex•alted.

*We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (Luke 24.44-end).*

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 Amy Morrell, 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.*



### **How shall I sing that majesty**

*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 booklet in your hands. If you are unable to stand, please let a sidesperson know, and Communion will be brought to you.*

*Communion anthem : King of all ages, Paul Isom (Latin 10<sup>th</sup> Century, tr. Mount St Bernard Abbey)*

*We remain seated to sing.*

**All heav'n declares**

*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:*

**Christ triumphant, ever reigning,**

*Voluntary: Voluntary I in C Major op.5 – Allegro, John Stanley*

*All are most welcome to stay for refreshments in church.*

## This Week at St Nicholas'

*St Nicholas' is open throughout the week. Everyone is welcome – why not drop in?*

Sunday 1	<b>ASCENSION SUNDAY</b>	8.00am Eucharist (BCP) <i>Prayer intention at 8.00 &amp; 10.30: People of the parish</i> 10.00am Matins (Lady Chapel) 10.30am Sung Eucharist
Monday 2	Easter Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Emmaus</i> 6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 3	Easter Feria	12.00pm Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer) <i>The healing of creation</i> 6.30-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 4	S. Petroc	2.00pm Recital: Blue Café Duo (harp & guitar) 3.00pm Eucharist <i>Peace and unity</i> 7.00-10.00pm – Five Rhythms Meditative Dance
Thursday 5	S. Boniface	5.30pm Eucharist followed by Silent Prayer until 6.30pm <i>The Church in Germany and the Diocese of Exeter</i>
Friday 6	Easter Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Departed of June</i> 12.30-3.00pm – Open Church
Saturday 7	Easter Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Those preparing for marriage</i> 2.00pm Holy Matrimony of James Room and Gilly Voss *No open church* 6.00pm Hour of Ecumenical Prayer for our city in the churchyard, followed by refreshments
Sunday 8	<b>PENTECOST</b>	8.00am Eucharist <i>Prayer intention at 8.00 &amp; 10.30: People of the parish</i> 10.00am Matins (Lady Chapel) 10.30am Sung Eucharist with Ministry of Healing