

The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



Ascension Sunday – 12th May 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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} arrangement
} with
} the Vicar

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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.

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:

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.

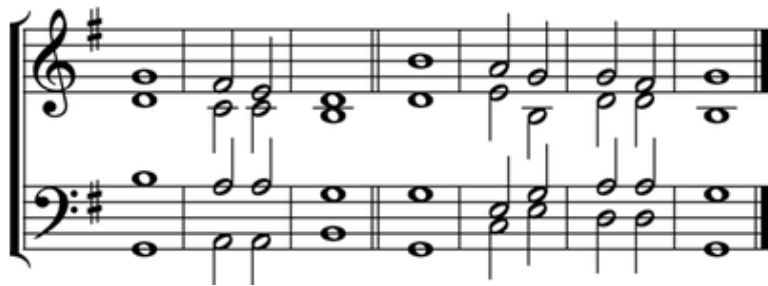
Amen. **Amen.**

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

*We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (Acts 1.1-11) read by Jane Gray we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

We sing Psalm 47, led by Vivienne McKay.

William Croft



1 (Cantor): Clap your hands together, • all • you • peoples;
O sing to • God • with • shouts • of • joy.

2 (All): For the Lord Most High is • to • be • feared;
he is the great • King • over • all • the • earth.

3 He subdued the peoples • un • der • us;
and the • na • tions • 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 • noise;
the Lord with the • so-• und • of • the • trumpet.

6 O sing praises to God, • si-• ng • praises;
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 • nations;
God has taken his seat up • on • his • ho • ly • throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples are • gathered • to • gether;
with the people • of • the • God • of • Abraham.

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 24.44-53).

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 Veronica Thomason, 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:

Crown him with many crowns,

*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 : Getty and Getty – There is a higher throne

We remain seated to sing.

Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity,

*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:

How lovely on the mountains

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

Notices for the Coming Week

The **Annual Parish Meeting** (for the election of Churchwardens) and **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** take place today at 12.00pm following the Sung Eucharist in church. There are three seats for election to the PCC: two are three-year seats, one is a two-year seat. Nomination forms are on the table in the south aisle, together with paper copies of the financial statements and reports; however, please consider downloading these from the News page of our website and bringing your electronic copy to the meeting instead!

The Wednesday music recital this week welcomes Trio Cavatina: A Celebration of Poets and Song for soprano, piano and spoken word.

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.

FSW Sponsored Walk – The Cuckmere Path Thursday 30 May. Sign up to take part in the FSW walk which will follow the pilgrimage route around the Cuckmere Churches. Leaving Alfriston at 8.50 the 11-mile walk will take in the Churches in Berwick, Alsiciston, Selemeston, Arlington and Wilmington. The walk will be led by Fr Peter Blee the Rector of Berwick. There will be refreshments at every Church and a lunch break at Arlington. Fr Peter is a graduate in

Natural Sciences and will use his knowledge to point out the flora and fauna as we walk as well as telling us about the history of the Churches. If a full day and 11 miles is too much for you, it is possible to join the walk for short distances at each of the Churches. For further details speak to Martin A-L.

Our sponsored charity this month is **United Society Partners in the Gospel**, the Anglican mission agency that partners with churches worldwide in God's mission to enliven faith, strengthen relationships, unlock potential and champion justice. USPG accompanies Anglican churches across the world as they form communities of hope and resistance in the struggles associated with climate change, migration, gender, the human rights of indigenous people and inter-religious living.

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! The **next Messy Church** is this Tuesday, 14 May.

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). 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).

Bishop Ruth is coming to preside, baptise and confirm at the **Deanery Confirmation** at 7pm on Tuesday 14 May in our church. Do come along to support our candidates if you can.

The **Feminine Christian Mysticism** reading group continues this month on the 19th of May, 2.30pm with a discussion of the opening chapters of *Revelations of Divine Love* by Julian of Norwich. For more information and a link to the text talk to tom or send him an email on t.elliott@sussex.ac.uk

Evensong and benediction will be held at 5.30pm on Sunday 19 May in celebration of Pentecost.

<p><i>Names for inclusion in the prayers can be sent to the Parish Office.</i></p>
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This Week at St Nicholas'

Sunday 12 th	ASCENSION SUNDAY	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 12.00pm APM & APCM
Monday 13 th	Easter Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Those preparing for baptism & confirmation</i> 6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 14 th	S. Matthias	*No 8.15am Eucharist (1662 BCP) today* 3.00-4.30pm Messy Church 7.00pm Deanery Confirmation
Wednesday 15 th	Easter Feria	2.00pm Music Recital <i>Trio Cavatina: A Celebration of Poets and Song for soprano, piano and spoken word</i> 3.00pm Eucharist followed by tea and cake <i>Generosity</i> 4.00-5.00pm Open Church 7.00-10.00pm Five Rhythms Meditative Dance
Thursday 16 th	Easter Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Peace and unity</i> 1.00-11.00pm Private Hire
Friday 17 th	Easter Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Those in prison</i> *No Open Church today* 1.00-11.00pm Private Hire
Saturday 18 th	Easter Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>The gifts of the Holy Spirit</i> *No Open Church today* 1.00-11.00pm Private Hire
Sunday 19 th	PENTECOST	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 followed by refreshments after the service 5.30pm Evensong

Attendance last Sunday – 8am 15 adults, 10.30am 91 adults and 3 children.