

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



## Ash Wednesday – 14<sup>th</sup> February 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.

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



*After the homily, the ashes are blessed. We are invited to come forward to the altar step, to receive ashes on our foreheads as a sign of penitence.*

*We sit or stand for the prayers of intercession, 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.**

*As the Offerings are brought to the altar, we stand to sing:*

**Jesu, lover of my soul,**

*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.**

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**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:*

*(Cantor):* 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: Franck – Panis Angelicus.*

*We remain seated to sing.*

**Sweet sacrament divine,**

*We stand for the Post-Communion Prayer and respond: **Amen***

*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. People: **Thanks be to God.***

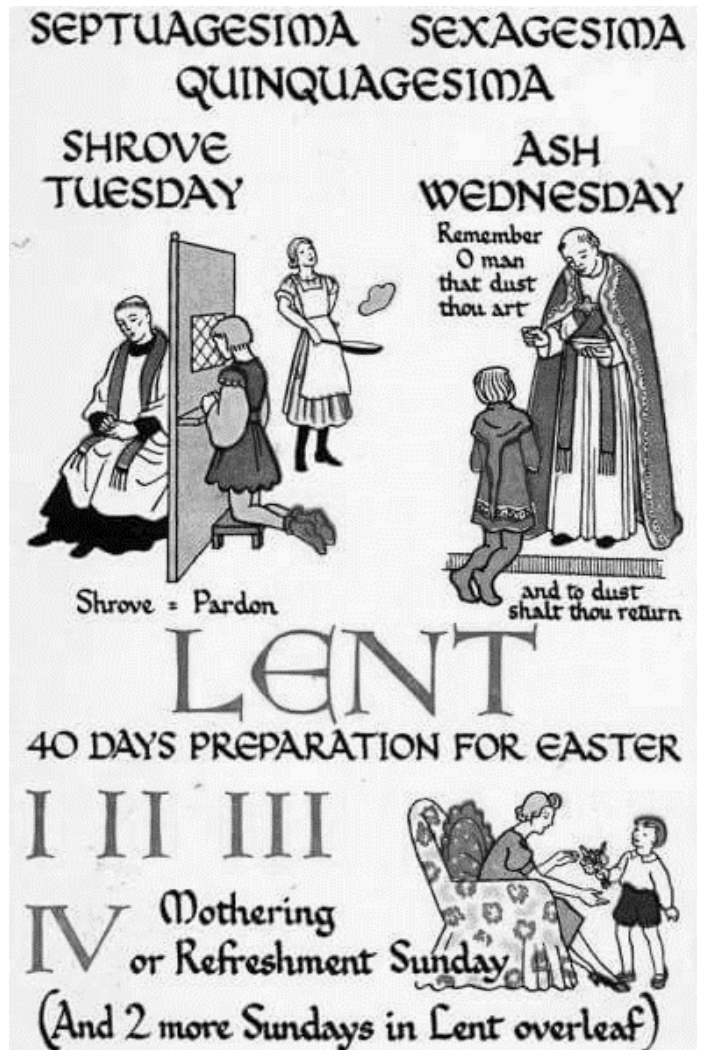
*We remain standing to sing:*

**Judge eternal, throned in splendour,**

# LENT 2024

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection and prepared for this by a season of penitence and fasting. By carefully keeping these days, Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord. The Church invites us all to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.



The Sacrament of Penance (also known as Confession or Reconciliation) is available with the Vicar by Appointment at any time during the Lenten season.

## Lent Groups 2024

Fuller details of the courses can be found on the noticeboard at the back of church, together with the sign-up sheets. Do take a look and see which course might suit you, as you make your journey through the season of Lent.

Tuesday afternoons 4pm

### **Exploring Traditions of Contemplative Prayer**

27 Feb; 5, 12, 19 and 26 March (final session in church)

Leader: Fr Chris McDermott

Host: Frances Lindsay Hills (North Laine)

Tuesday evenings 7pm – online only

### ***A Truth Universally Acknowledged: 40 days with Jane Austen, by Rachel Mann***

13, 20, 27 Feb, 5, 12, 19 March

Leader: Lesley Anne DiMarco

Host: Zoom

Thursday afternoons 2pm

### ***A Truth Universally Acknowledged: 40 days with Jane Austen, by Rachel Mann***

15, 22 Feb, 7, 14, 21 March, and Tuesday 29 March

Leader: Lesley Anne DiMarco

Host: Pam Riddell (Seven Dials)

Sunday afternoons 2.30pm

### ***Tarry Awhile: Wisdom from Black Spirituality for People of Faith, by Selina Stone* – the Archbishop's Lent Book for 2024**

18, 25 Feb, 3, 17 March

Leader: Jenny Leith

Host: Gavin Bennison (Hanover)

## Notices

**To celebrate our new piano, we will have a special piano recital on Sunday 18 February at 4pm**, where Andrew will be playing pieces by Beethoven, Bach, Ravel, and Chopin. No ticket necessary – entry is free with donations welcomed, and refreshments will be offered. Do come along to celebrate our new piano!

**The Wednesday music recital** next week (21 February) – we welcome John Bruzon who will present a romantic programme of music on our new concert piano by Tchaikovsky, Liszt and Stephanie Cant.

The **Companions Zoom Home Group** will be meeting weekly throughout Lent at 7pm, continuing on Tuesday 20 February. It would be so lovely to open our homes and welcome you in to share with us. For further information please email: [mizlesley@sky.com](mailto:mizlesley@sky.com) Zoom meeting ID: 827 9286 1192 Passcode: 364025

**Some of you may remember Rev'd. Clive Gardner**, he is to be licensed as Priest in Charge of St. Cuthbert with St. Aidan in Portsmouth Diocese on Monday 11 March at 7pm. If you would like to go to Portsmouth please speak to Lesley Anne or email [mizlesley@sky.com](mailto:mizlesley@sky.com)

**Please remember to continue to collect your used postage stamps** and pass them on to Jo Baker who is collecting them for USPG, which is one of our charities.

**Save the date: the 2024 Summer Fair** will be held on Monday 6 May. We will have the usual selection of stalls, the fabulous Hangleton Band and the dog show! Do you have any suitable bottles or unwanted gifts, then please put them aside for our tombola. If you are able to make jam/marmalade/chutney that would be great, please let Mark Alderson know if you need any jam jars. Our craft stall led by Frances, Susan and the sewing group will be happy to receive any other small handmade items for sale, eg macramé, needle point, patchwork, wood turning, pottery, carving etc. Please put aside any good quality books and bric-a-brac too, sorry no clothes please. If you are planting seeds this spring, do a few extra for our plant stall or take some cuttings from your favourite plants. Other stalls will include chocolate tombola, cake stall, BBQ, bar, teas with home-made scones. If you have any questions please speak to Mark Alderson.

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.

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



## This Week at St Nicholas'

Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT</b>	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
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Steadfastness in faith</i> 6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	8.15am Eucharist (1662 BCP) followed by breakfast <i>Forgiveness and reconciliation</i> 3.00-4.30pm Messy Church 7.00-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	1.00pm Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes followed by soup lunch 7.30pm Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes <i>Growth in holiness and renewal of life</i>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	S. Sigfrid	5.30pm Eucharist followed by silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament until 6.30pm <i>The sharing of faith</i>
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>The homeless of Brighton &amp; Hove</i> 12.30-2.00pm Open Church 2.00-4.00pm Sewing Workshop
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Civil servants and public officials</i> 12.30-3.00pm Open Church
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	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 4.00pm Piano Recital and Blessing



# INAUGURAL PIANO RECITAL

SUNDAY  
18 FEBRUARY  
4:00 PM

ANDREW DICKSON

BEETHOVEN  
SONATA NO. 26 'LES ADIEUX'

RAVEL  
SONATINE

BACH  
FANTASIA AND FUGUE  
IN A MINOR, BWV 904

CHOPIN  
VALSE BRILLIANTE #2 IN A MINOR  
WALTZ IN C-SHARP MINOR

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH

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REFRESHMENTS  
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