

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



## Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection – 31 March 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 OF EASTER DAY

*We stand to sing the opening hymn, during which the procession stops to bless the Easter Garden:*

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,**

*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 10.34–43) read by Michael Le Garst we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

*We stand for the gradual hymn:*

**Love's redeeming work is done;**

*We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (John 20.1-18).*

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.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;**

**through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*We sit or stand for the prayers of intercession, led by Jo Baker, 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 table by the font. As the Offerings are brought to the altar we stand to sing:*

**This joyful Eastertide,**

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

*Communion anthem : Handel – Hallelujah Chorus (from Messiah).*

*We remain seated to sing.*

**In Christ alone my hope is found,**

*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. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

*We remain standing to sing:*

**I danced in the morning**

*Voluntary: Faulkes - Festal Postlude on Lasst uns erfreuen*

*All are most welcome to stay in church for the Community Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard, and for the bring and share Easter lunch.*

## Notices for the Coming Week

A huge **thank you** to everyone who has given so much time and skill this Holy Week, to make the church look so beautiful, and prepare for the offering of our worship in so many different ways. Many hands have taken part and everyone's contribution is much appreciated.

The **Funeral Eucharist for John Hodges** will take place on Friday 19 April at 1.00pm. All are most welcome to attend. May our departed brother rest in peace and rise in glory.

Bishop Ruth will visit St Nicholas' on 14 May to celebrate the Deanery **Baptism and Confirmation** service. If you wish to be baptised and/or confirmed, please let Fr Dominic know.

**Toilet twinning.** As part of our efforts to live well in relationship to God's creation, and within our 'Eco-Church' commitment, we would like to raise at least £120 so that we can 'twin' our toilets, by funding the building of toilets in countries where people's health is affected by sanitation-related diseases. These toilets help to stop people getting sick, and limit pollution of the wider environment. Please consider making a small donation towards this on your way out, and please also vote on which country you would like our twinned toilets to be built in.

**The Wednesday music recital** this week sees Kenny Fu, piano who will play Schumann (Humoreske op.20), Debussy (Image Book) and Rachmaninov (Sonata op.36 No. 2).

**Revision of the Electoral Roll 17 March – 14 April 2024.** The church's Electoral Roll will be updated in preparation for the APCM. To be on the Electoral Roll: you need to be sixteen and over; baptised and attend the church regularly (this does not mean every week). If you would like to go on the Electoral Roll please get a form from the Parish Office or Frances Lindsay-Hills, the Electoral Roll Officer, [fmlindsayhills@gmail.com](mailto:fmlindsayhills@gmail.com). Forms to be returned by Sunday 14 April.

If you might consider **volunteering as a sidesperson** (welcomer on the door) at the Eucharist from time to time, please let Fr Dominic or one of the Churchwardens know.

**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.

**The Friends of St Nicholas'** It's the time of year for members to renew their membership subscriptions for 2024. If you are a member, you will have received an email from Louisa, the Membership Secretary. Memberships can be renewed by paying cash or contactless to Jo or Louisa in church, or by BACS directly into The Friends' account (details in Louisa's email, or to Jo or Louisa in church). £10 for a single membership; £15 for two people living at the same address. If you are not a member and would like to join, please pick up a leaflet from the information table near the south door of the church.

**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 can 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, e.g. 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 **Family Support Work (FSW)**, 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.

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



## This Week at St Nicholas'

Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>EASTER DAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION</b>	10.00am Morning Prayer (Lady Chapel) <i>Special prayer at both masses for: People of the parish</i> 10.30am Parish Eucharist followed by an Easter Egg Hunt and a Bring and Share Lunch 6.00pm Evening Prayer and Benediction
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Monday	12.00pm Eucharist 6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter Tuesday	8.15am Eucharist (1662 BCP) followed by breakfast 7.00-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Wednesday	2.00pm Music Recital <i>Kenny Fu, piano who will play Schumann (Humoreske op.20), Debussy (Image Book) and Rachmaninov (Sonata op.36 No. 2)</i> 3.00pm Eucharist with Healing followed by tea and cake 4.00-5.00pm Open Church 7.00-10.00pm Five Rhythms Meditative Dance
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Thursday	5.30pm Eucharist followed by silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament until 6.30pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Friday	12.00pm Eucharist – for the departed of April 12.30-2.00pm Open Church 2.00-4.00pm Sewing Workshop
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Saturday	12.00pm Eucharist 12.30-3.00pm Open Church
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</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 2.00-9.00pm Private Hire (Brighton Singers concert)

**Attendance** last Sunday – 8am 11 adults; 10.30am 95 adults and 9 children.

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