

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



## Second Sunday Before Advent – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**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

*Before the Eucharist begins, we keep silence and pray together*

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*We stand when the bell rings, to sing the hymn.*

**Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,**

*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 we confess our sins.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.**

**We are heartily sorry,  
and repent of all our sins.**

**For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The celebrant says the prayer of absolution and all respond: **Amen.***



2 (**All**): Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the • earth • were born;  
from age to • age • you • are • God.

3 You turn us back to the • dust • and say;  
"Go • back, • O • child of • earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday • it • is past;  
and • like • a • watch in the • night.

5 You sweep us away • like • a dream;  
we fade away • sud • den • ly like the • grass.

6 In the morning it is green and • flou • rishes;  
in the evening it • is • dried • up and • withered.

7 For we consume away in • your • displeasure;  
we are afraid because of your • wrath • ful • indig • nation.

8 Our iniquities you have set be • fore • you;  
and our secret sins in the • light • of • your • countenance.

12 So teach us to • number • our days;  
that we may app • ly • our • hearts to • wisdom.

*We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (Matthew 25.14-30).*

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

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,**

*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 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.*

The mystery 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 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.*

*The Ministry of Healing – the laying on of hands with prayer and anointing – is offered in the Lady Chapel. If you would like to receive this, please go through to the chapel after you receive Communion or a blessing.*

*Communion anthem : Smart – Great and Marvellous.*

*We remain seated to sing.*

**Take this moment, sign and space;**

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

*We remain standing to sing (repeated 3 times):*

**You shall go out with joy**

*Voluntary: Chopin - Mazurka in B flat major (Op. 7, No. 1)*

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

## Notices for the Coming Week

**Christmas Tree and Flowers.** Gaye Harris will be collecting this week towards the cost of the Christmas tree, decorations and flowers. Everything is more expensive this year so any help towards this would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**The Wednesday music recital this week:** we are delighted to welcome Eugenia & Quentin Russell (guitar, cello and piano). From Bach to Blues, a programme which spans the extent of Western Classical Music, this is an eclectic mix of Baroque masterpieces, perennial classics, personal favourites, Greek hymns and folk melodies. Everyone welcome!

**The Companions Zoom Group** will meet this Tuesday 21 November at 7.00pm. Our new topic this autumn is '20 questions Jesus asked' – for discussion and reflection. The Zoom link is below and for further information please email: [mizlesley@sky.com](mailto:mizlesley@sky.com) Zoom meeting ID: 827 9286 1192 Passcode: 364025

**The Friends of St Nicholas'** are pleased to announce there will be a 4-course candlelit dinner in church on Saturday, 25 November, 7 for 7.30pm. The ticket price is £40 per person and includes a welcome drink on arrival. Tickets available now from Jo Baker ([jo.baker11@outlook.com](mailto:jo.baker11@outlook.com)), telephone 01273 708708, or in person after the 10:30 Eucharist on a Sunday. Cash and contactless preferred. Today is the last day for ticket sales.

The new **Vicar of St Michael's** will be inducted on 29 November: Mass at 7.30pm. All are warmly invited – if you intend to come please put your first name on the sheet at the back to assist with catering numbers. *Please do come and join me at this important service if you can, as our neighbouring parish begins a new phase of life after a long vacancy. Fr Dominic*

**MCHA Lecture** by Dr Geoffrey Mead on **"The Chalk Pit Furlong"** will take place at 7pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December in the church. This is a free event to which all are welcome.

**Advent Sunday** is 3 December and we begin this season of hope with a packed Sunday to stimulate heart and mind:

We will welcome **Rabbi Gabriel Kanter Webber**, Rabbi of the Progressive Synagogue on Lansdowne Road, as a special guest at the Sung Eucharist, marking the end of our exploration of the diocesan 'Year of the Old Testament'. The homily at the mass will be brief; after the liturgy Rabbi Gabriel will give an address about Jewish approaches to the Hebrew Bible, and Jewish understandings of the coming of the Messiah. After the service he will offer a 'Sunday Supplement' session to take discussion and exploration further. At 6.00pm that evening is the **Civic Advent Carol** service, sung by Brighton Chamber Choir in the presence of the Mayor of Brighton and Hove. Mulled wine and mince pies will follow. All are most welcome.

**Volunteers for Messy Church & Altar Serving** – speak to Fr Pete if you are able to help on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December (3pm-4.30pm) for Messy Church; and to Fr Dominic about serving at mass.



There is some information about **USPG**, one of our charities, at the back of the church. There is also a box for collecting used postage stamps for recycling, labelled with all the details or you can give them to Jo Baker who has also offered to collect them.

**Attendance** last Sunday – 8am 14 adults and 10.30am 95 adults and 2 children.

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

## This Week at St Nicholas'

Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT</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 and Junior Church followed by refreshments
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Peace in Israel Palestine</i> 6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8.15am Eucharist (1662 BCP) followed by breakfast <i>St Paul's School</i> 5.30-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal 7.00-8.30pm Sycamore Course at St Paul's School
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	S. Cecilia	2.00pm Music Recital <i>Eugenia &amp; Quentin Russell</i> <i>(guitar, cello and piano) play a mix of Baroque masterpieces, perennial classics, personal favourites, Greek hymns and folk melodies</i> 3.00pm Eucharist followed by tea and cake <i>Church Musicians</i> 4.00-5.00pm Open Church 7.00-10.00pm Five Rhythms Meditative Dance
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	S. Clement	5.30pm Eucharist followed by Silent Prayer before the Sacrament until 6.30pm <i>Bishop Martin and his Assistant Bishops</i>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	S. Andrew Dung-Lac	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Persecuted Christians</i> 12.30-2.00pm Open Church 2.00-4.00pm Sewing Workshop
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	S. Catherine of Alexandria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Support of homeless people in central Brighton</i> 12.30-3.00pm Open Church 7.00pm for 7.30pm Friends of St Nicholas' Dinner
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CHRIST THE KING</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 3.30pm Homeless Communion