

The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



The Fourth Sunday of Easter – 21st April 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

} by
arrangement
with
the Vicar

Vicar: Revd Dr Dominic Keech

01273 770324

frdominickeech@gmx.co.uk

Day off: Monday

Lay Pastoral Minister

Veronica Thomason

01273 205004

vjt4@btinternet.com

Churchwarden:

Rachel Chan

justrachelchan@hotmail.co.uk

07787 715883

Churchwarden & Safeguarding Officer:

Nigel Nash

nigelnash@me.com

07711 671155

Curate: Revd Dr Pete Leith

curate@stnicholasbrighton.org.uk

01273 313324

Director of Music:

Andrew Dickson

organist@stnicholasbrighton.org.uk

Parish Administrator: Joanne Morrell

parishoffice@stnicholasbrighton.org.uk

01273 205360

Parish Office Hours:

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 / www.facebook.com/StNicsBrighton

THE EUCHARIST

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

Christ is made the sure foundation,

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.

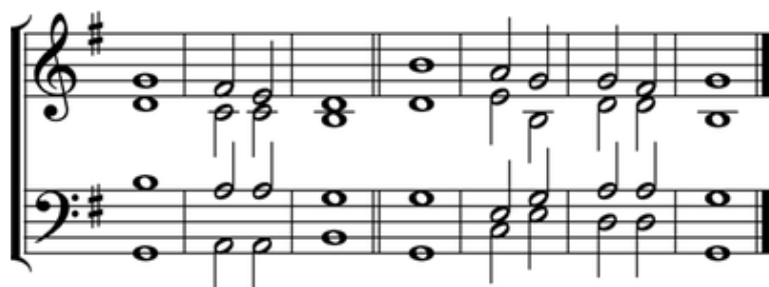
Amen. **Amen.**

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

*We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (Acts 4.5-12) read by Michael Fisher we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

We sing psalm 23, led by Vivienne McKay.

William Croft



1 (Cantor): The Lord • is • my • shepherd;
there • fore • can • I lack • nothing.

2 (All): He makes me lie down • in • green • pastures;
and • leads me • be • side • still • waters.

3 He shall re • fresh • my • soul;
and guide me in the paths of • righteousness • for • his • name's • sake.

4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will • fear • no • evil;**
for you are with me, your rod and your • staff, • they • com • fort • me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of • those • who • trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil and • my • cup • shall • be • full.

**6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days • of • my • life;
and I will dwell in the • house • of the • Lord • for • ever.**

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (John 10.11-18).

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.

Commissioning of Lap Chan as a Lay Minister of Holy Communion in the parish

The celebrant addresses Lap and the whole congregation:

Dear friends in Christ, our brother Lap has been chosen and called to assist in administering Holy Communion at the Eucharist. He comes now formally to commit himself to this service and to be affirmed in that commitment by you, among whom he will minister.

The celebrant addresses the Lay Minister and receives his words of commitment.

The celebrant addresses the people:

And you, dear friends, how do you respond to these undertakings given by our brother?

People: **By God's grace we affirm him in the commitment, we will accept this service of love from his hands, and we will support him in it by our prayers and good will.**

The Lay Minister remains at the altar step to receive a blessing and our congratulation.

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 Brian Ogilvie, 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:

In heav'nly love abiding,

*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.

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 : Schubert – Holy Holy

We remain seated to sing.

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,

*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:

You shall go out with joy

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

Notices for the Coming Week

Amy Morrell has now completed her training and will be commissioned as an Authorised Lay Minister (Liturgy & Worship) by Bishop Ruth on Saturday 27th April. The service is in Chichester Cathedral at 2.00pm. Everyone is welcome to come as we celebrate this new chapter in Amy's ministry.

The Wednesday music recital this week welcomes Maurizio Baudino and Dario Vannini who will present a guitar recital with pieces from Duarte, Scriabin, Čajkovskij, & Tansman.

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.

Spring Fair - Bank Holiday Monday 6 May, midday to 3pm. The fair is less than a month away, so now is the time to start to think about donations you may have for our stalls:

We can take from now:

Bottle tombola - any bottles, alcohol is always appreciated but it can be any unopened bottle. We also accept giftsets too e.g. candles, diffusers, soaps etc. You can bring bottles anytime from now, there are boxes in the sacristy for your donations.

Chocolate tombola - essentially for children, so any multi packs of chocolate or boxes of chocolate. Please check all donations are within the use by date.

No earlier than Sunday 5th May:

Plant stall - any seedlings or cuttings, plant pots (not plastic ones please), small garden tools, gardening books etc.

Books - time for a spring clean, we need good quality books, sorry no magazines, DVD's or videos please.

Bric-a-brac - any good quality items, sorry no electrical items.

Jams/Marmalade/chutneys etc - any homemade produce. DO NOT bring empty jam jars to church, we have plenty already. If you need any jars please let Mark know as soon as possible.

Cakes - any homemade cakes, please do not bring to church any earlier than Sunday 5 May. Please label and list ingredients too.

Craft stall - our Friday sewing group have been very busy making lots of items for sale, but if you have any homemade items please bring them along too e.g. pottery, needlepoint, wood turning, patchwork etc.

Any questions, please contact Mark on mark.alderson63@gmail.com or 01273 557765

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.

Attendance last Sunday – 8am 13 adults, 10.30am 97 adults and 10 children.

<i>Names for inclusion in the prayers can be sent to the Parish Office.</i>

This Week at St Nicholas'

Sunday 21 st	THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	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 22 nd	Easter feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Peace in the Middle East</i> 6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 23 rd	S. George	8.15am Eucharist (1662 BCP) followed by breakfast <i>The spread of the gospel in England</i> 7.00-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 24 th	S. Mellitus	2.00pm Music Recital <i>Maurizio Baudino and Dario Vannini present a guitar recital with pieces from Duarte, Scriabin, Čajkovskij, & Tansman</i> 3.00pm Eucharist followed by tea and cake <i>Theological training institutions</i> 4.00-5.00pm Open Church 7.00-10.00pm Five Rhythms Meditative Dance
Thursday 25 th	S. Mark	5.30pm Eucharist followed by silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament until 6.30pm <i>The judiciary</i> 7.00-8.00pm Confirmation classes
Friday 26 th	Easter feria	12.00pm Eucharist 12.30-2.00pm Open Church <i>Outreach to homeless people in Brighton and Hove</i>
Saturday 27 th	Easter feria	*No noon mass today or Open Church*
Sunday 28 th	THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	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 3.30pm Homeless Communion