

The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



The Eighth Sunday After Trinity – 7th August 2022

Welcome. St Nicholas' is the original church of *Brighthelmston* 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: Junior Church normally meets during the 10.30am Eucharist.

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

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Parish Office Hours:
Weds 12.30-5.00pm
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.

If you would like to receive our **regular mailing**, please contact the Vicar.

Follow us online: www.stnicholasbrighton.org.uk / www.facebook.com/StNicsBrighton

Please read our Covid-safe guidelines for worship in church

- Masks are no longer a legal requirement inside the church. However, judicious mask wearing is encouraged! For example, it may be particularly advisable to wear a mask in tight spaces (corridors, queues etc) where others are present.
- Please spread out in the building, and be considerate of others' desire for space. If you stay for coffee after mass, please move away from the servery and circulate in the nave.
- We are continuing to ventilate the building during services.

If you would like to leave a donation to support the work of St Nicholas', there are dishes at the doors for a collection both before and after mass. A warden will also be available with a contactless machine afterwards.

THE EUCHARIST

We stand when the bell rings. We sing:

**Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions;
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of all shall end divisions:
*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.***

**Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
*All are welcome...***

**Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God through Jesus
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
*All are welcome...***

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of love's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome...

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome...

Text: "All are Welcome" - Marty Haugen, 1994

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.**

We sing the Kyrie eleison:

**Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

We sing the Gloria in excelsis:

**Glory to God, to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory;
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Organ

**Glory to God, to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Glory to God, to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

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**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;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer, receive our prayer.**

Organ

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God of God the Father.
Amen. Amen.**

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

*We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (Genesis 15.1–6) read by Ray Lambert we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

We sing psalm 33.12-22



12 (Cantor): *Happy* is the nation whose • God • is the LORD!
Happy the people he has chosen • to • be • his • own!

13 (All): The LORD looks down from • hea • ven;
and beholds all the peo • ple • in • the • world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he • turns • his gaze;
on all • who • dwell on • the • earth.

15 He fashions all the • hearts • of them;
and un • der • stands all • their • works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty • ar • my;
a strong man is not delivered • by • his • great • strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for de • liv • erance;
for all its strength • it • can • not • save.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who • fear • him;
on those who wait • up • on • his • love,

19 To pluck their • lives • from death;
and to feed them • in • time • of • famine.

20 Our soul waits • for • the LORD;
he is • our • help and • our • shield.

21 Indeed, our heart re • joi • ces in him;
for in his holy Name • we • put • our • trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be up • on • us;
as we have put • our • trust • in • you.

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (Luke 12.32–40).

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:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit for the homily, followed by the reflective voluntary: Wesley - Gavotte

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 Aiko Somers-Harris, 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 offertory gifts are brought to the altar, we stand to sing:

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit,
let us find thy promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temple leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.

Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) alt.

*We stand as the celebrant says the Prayer over the Gifts 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,

Lord God of hosts,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name,

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant recalls the Last Supper.

The mystery of faith. **Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

*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:

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, 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 wave your service sheet and communion will be brought to you.

Communion anthem: You shall go out with joy (words Wright, music : Steggall)

We remain seated to sing.

**Do not be afraid,
for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name;
you are mine.**

**When you walk through the waters,
I'll be with you.
You will never sink beneath the waves.**

**When the fire is burning
all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.**

**When the fear of loneliness
is looming,
then remember I am at your side.**

**When you dwell in the exile
of the stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes.**

**You are mine, O my child;
I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love.**

Gerard Markland, based on Isaiah 43: 1-4

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

We sit for notices; and stand for the blessing.

*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:

*Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere.*

*Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.*

**While shepherds kept their watching
o'er wand'ring flocks by night,
behold, from out of heaven,
there shone a holy light.**

**And lo, when they had seen it,
they all bowed down and prayed;
they travelled on together
to where the babe was laid.**

**When I was a seeker,
I sought both night and day:
I asked my Lord to help me
and he showed me the way.**

**He made me a watchman
upon the city wall,
and, if I am a Christian,
I am the least of all.**

Traditional

Please remain seated for the organ voluntary if you are able: Lefebre-Wely – Sortie in E Flat

All are welcome to stay after mass for refreshments.

Notices

Fr Dominic is on study leave, from Sunday 7 August until Saturday 17 September. During this period, the Sunday liturgies will be celebrated as normal at 8.00am and 10.30am. Silent Prayer will take place on Thursday at 5.30pm (excepting 11 August, when Evening Prayer is said at 7.00pm), and the Eucharist will be celebrated each Friday at 12.00pm. If you have a general enquiry, our Parish Administrator Joanne will be happy to hear from you: the office remains open at the usual hours. You can contact our Churchwardens Nigel and Heather about any matter great or small, by phone or email. If you have a pastoral concern, please share this with our Lay Pastoral Minister Veronica Thomason, or with one of the Wardens, who will be able to contact a priest in case of necessity. Contact details are on the front page of the mass booklet.

This Wednesday's recital at 2.00pm: Classical Bohemians (violin, guitar, flute and voice).

Cakes and Quiches Pop-Up Café and Takeaway. Come and enjoy a delicious lunch or afternoon tea in beautiful surroundings, and bring your friends! Each Friday from 12.30pm-4.00pm, from 29 July until 23 September.

Michaelmas Fair. This year's fair will take place on Saturday 17 September from 12 noon to 3.00pm: save the date! We are hoping to run a wide variety of stalls and activities. Might you be able to help? Please take a look at the signup sheet at the back of church if you might be able lend a hand with this important annual outreach and fundraising activity.

If you are able to help with **foodbank donations**, we are still collecting. The box is by the south door. Thank you.

What's on this week

Sunday 7 th	The Eighth Sunday After Trinity	8.00am Eucharist <i>Special prayer at both masses for: People of the parish</i> 10.30am Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments after the service
Monday 8 th	Feria	7.00-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 9 th	Feria	7.00-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus choir rehearsal
Wednesday 10 th	S. Lawrence	2.00pm Recital – <i>Classical Bohemians (violin, guitar, flute and voice)</i>
Thursday 11 th	S. Clare	<u>*No 5.30-6.30pm Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament today*</u> 7.00pm Evening Prayer 7.30pm Meeting of the PCC
Friday 12 th	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist 12.30-4.00pm Welcome Café
Saturday 13 th	Feria	
Sunday 14 th	The Ninth Sunday After Trinity	8.00am Eucharist <i>Special prayer at both masses for: People of the parish</i> 10.30am Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments after the service
<i>Names for inclusion in the prayers can be sent to Fr Dominic</i>		

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