

The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



The Fifth Sunday of Easter – 15th May 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

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arrangement
with
the Vicar

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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

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We stand when the bell rings. We sing:

**O Lord, all the world belongs to you,
and you are always making things new.
What is wrong you forgive,
and the new life you give
is what's turning the world upside down.**

**The world's only loving to its friends,
but you have brought us love that never ends;
loving enemies too,
and this loving with you
is what's turning the world upside down.**

**This world lives divided and apart.
You draw us together and we start,
in your body, to see
that in fellowship we
can be turning the world upside down.**

**The world wants the wealth to live in state,
but you show us a new way to be great:
like a servant you came,
and if we do the same,
we'll be turning the world upside down.**

**O Lord, all the world belongs to you,
and you are always making all things new.
Send your Spirit on all
in your Church whom you call
to be turning the world upside down.**

Patrick Appleford (1925-2018)

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 wellsprings of salvation.**

We sing the Gloria in excelsis:

**To God be the glory, all glory in the highest
and peace to his people who dwell here below.
Our heavenly Father, our Lord and our Sov'reign,
to you the Almighty, our praises bestow.**

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (John 13.31–35).

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 to hear the homily, followed by the reflective voluntary, Corrette – Recit Tendre pour le Nasard.

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 Louise Roddon, 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:

**The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation, by water and the word;
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride,
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.**

**'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.**

Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)

*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:

O Lord of hosts all holy,
our God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory,
and your eternal light.
The angels sing Hosanna,
the earth repeats the same,
O Lord in highest heaven
we glorify your name.

How blest is the believer
who comes to find your grace,
and seeking you in repentance
is greeted by your face.
The angels sing hosanna,
the earth repeats the same.
O Lord in highest heaven,
we glorify your name.

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. 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:

O Lamb of God, our Lord most holy, who redeems us from our sin. Have mercy on us, meek and lowly, make us clean and pure within,	grant us your peace we humbly pray, as we who worship you today receive your body and your blood, renewed in faith by heav'nly food.
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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: Nardonne – I give to you a new commandment.

We remain seated to sing.

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?**

*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:

**Hills of the north, rejoice,
echoing songs arise,
hail with united voice
him who made earth and skies:
he comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.**

**Isles of the southern seas
sing to the list'ning earth,
carry on ev'ry breeze
hope of a world's new birth:
in Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.**

**Lands of the east, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn:
the God whom you have longed to know
in Christ draws near, and calls you now.**

**Shores of the utmost west,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heav'nly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.**

**Shout, as you journey on,
songs be in ev'ry mouth,
lo, from the north they come,
from east and west and south:
in Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the longing earth be blest.**
Charles Edward Oakley (1832-18650 adapted)

Please remain seated for the organ voluntary if you are able: Gigout - Toccata.

All are most welcome to stay in church for refreshments after the service.

Notices

The **Eucharist on Tuesday** will be celebrated at the later time of 5.30pm.

This Wednesday's recital at 2.00pm is Ivan Hovorun (piano) playing German romantic piano music, including Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata, Felix Mendelssohn Variations sérieuses Op. 54, and possibly a few pieces from Schumann's Kreisleriana, Op.16.

Feeling frazzled? An hour of quiet sitting in the presence of God may be just the tonic you need. Church is open for Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday evening from 5.30-6.30pm.

Next Saturday we will give church a **Spring Clean** from 10am, in preparation for our Platinum Jubilee celebrations. If you are free and willing to come and flit with a duster, you will be very welcome!

Next Sunday we will celebrate the **First Holy Communion** of Maxime Ricketts and Lexi Turton at the 10.30am Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers this week as they prepare for this special occasion.

Our **Zoom Homegroup** meets fortnightly on Tuesdays at 7.00pm; the next meeting is this Tuesday, 24 May, when we continue a series of reflections on Eastern Orthodox ikons. All are most welcome. Meeting ID: 842 1778 3274. Passcode: 675319

As part of the upcoming Brighton Fringe Festival, Brian Ogilvie will be leading **guided tours of the church on Saturdays throughout May and early June**. Admission will be free, but donations very(!) welcome in support of funds for the PCC at this time of rising costs. Full details here:

<https://www.brightonfringe.org/whats-on/tour-of-st-nicholas-church-143965/>

Please do come along to support this fundraising initiative - and encourage others also.

The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place today after the service at 12.00pm, with the Election of Churchwardens. Any person resident in the parish, or on the church electoral roll, is entitled to vote at this meeting. Shortly afterwards follows the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, at which the activities of the church over the last year are reviewed, and new representatives of the parish are elected. Members of the church electoral roll may vote at this meeting.

This year there are several vacancies to fill:

4 members of the Parochial Church Council

1 member of the Deanery Synod

We also have a vacancy for **PCC Secretary**, which could be filled either by an existing member of the PCC; or by a newly elected member, or by a person with suitable skills being co-opted onto the Council.

If you wish to stand for election, nomination forms are up in church.

Please do get in touch with Fr Dominic if you are considering standing, who will be delighted to discuss this with you further.

Christian Aid Week, this year, occurs between 15 – 21 May 2022. Donation envelopes and a seven-day devotional booklet will be available to collect in church on Sunday 15th or, if you are currently worshipping via Zoom, can be posted to you (please contact Mike Jackson - treasurer@stnicholasbrighton.org.uk). Any donations should be returned on 22 May or as soon after that as possible please. Many thanks.

There will be a **plant sale** after mass on Sunday 29 April, organised by the Friends of St Nicholas' Gardeners. Cash only – do bring some change with you and brighten up your home or garden!

Save the date: Sunday 5 June (Whit-Sunday), 6.00pm. Solemn Evensong and Sermon in Thanksgiving for the **Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen**, in the presence of the Lord-Lieutenant of East Sussex. Preacher: The Archdeacon of Brighton and Lewes. Followed by jazz and pimmis *en plein air* – all are most welcome.

War in Ukraine – ways to help. The diocese and Church of England are encouraging parishes to support the relief effort in Ukraine by cash donation to the Disasters Emergency Committee, and the USPG/Diocese in Europe Emergency Appeal. Both organisations are receiving donations online:

Disasters Emergency Committee: <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal> / USPG: <https://ukraine-emergency-appeal.raisely.com/>

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 15 th	The Fifth Sunday of Easter	8.00am Eucharist <i>Special prayer at both masses for: People of the parish</i> 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church followed by refreshments after the service 12.00pm APM and APCM
Monday 16 th	Feria	7.00-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 17 th	Feria	<u>5.30pm</u> Eucharist <i>USPG</i> 7.00-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus choir rehearsal
Wednesday 18 th	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>St Paul's School</i> 2.00pm Recital <i>Ivan Hovorun, piano, plays Beethoven, Mendelssohn and Schumann</i> 7.00-10.00pm 5 Rhythms Meditative Dance
Thursday 19 th	S. Dunstan	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Archbishop Justin</i> 5.30-6.30pm Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 20 th	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Local hospices and palliative carers</i> 1.00-5.00pm St Paul's School Governor Training
Saturday 21 st	Feria	10am Church Clean with coffee and pastries 12.00pm Eucharist <i>Businesses in our parish</i> 12.45pm Fringe Tour of the church (Brian Ogilvie)
Sunday 22 nd	The Sixth Sunday of Easter	8.00am Eucharist <i>Special prayer at both masses for: People of the parish</i> 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Admission of Children to First Communion and Junior Church followed by refreshments after the service
<i>Names for inclusion in the prayers can be sent to Fr Dominic</i>		