

The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



The Sunday Next Before Lent – 11th February 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.*

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Holy Baptism for children and adults

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with
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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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Prayers before the Eucharist

You may like to use these as a help to your prayers before the Eucharist begins.

O how amiable are thy dwellings * thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord * my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young * even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house * they will be always praising thee.

For one day in thy courts * is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God * than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence * the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts * blessed is the one that putteth his trust in thee.

Ps. 84.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank thee that in this wonderful sacrament thou hast given us a memorial of thy passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of thy body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Corpus Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me

Body of Christ, save me

Blood of Christ, inebriate me

Water from the side of Christ, wash me

Passion of Christ, strengthen me

O good Jesus, hear me

Within Thy wounds hide me

Suffer me not to be separated from Thee

From the malignant enemy defend me

In the hour of my death call me

And bid me come unto Thee

That with Thy Saints I may praise Thee

Forever and ever. Amen.

Anima Christi, medieval

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.

Christ whose glory fills the skies,

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

We sing the Gloria in excelsis:

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

Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
peace to his people on earth, peace to his people 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;
for you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer, receive our prayer, receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory, the glory, the glory of God the Father.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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

*We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (II Corinthians 4.3-6) read by
Meta Wells-Thorpe we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

We sing Psalm 50.1-6, led by Charles Hugh Fisher.



1 (Cantor): *The Lord*, the God of gods, has • spo • ken;
he has called the earth from the rising of the • sun • to • its • setting.

2 (All): **Out of Zion**, perfect • in • its beauty;
God re • veals • him • self in • glory.

3 Our God will come and will • not • keep silence;
before him there is a consuming flame, and round about • him • a • raging • storm.

**4 He calls the heavens and the • earth • from above;
to witness the • judg • ment • of his • people.**

**5 "Gather before me my • lo • yal followers;
those who have made a covenant with me and • sealed • it • with • sacrifice."**

**6 Let the heavens declare the rightness • of • his cause;
for • God • him • self is • judge.**

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (Mark 9.2-9).

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. 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:

Hail to the Lord's anointed,

*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 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 : Mozart – Ave Verum Corpus.

We remain seated to sing.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,

*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.

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

We remain standing to sing:

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,

Voluntary: J.S. Bach - Fantasia in G Major: II. Gravement

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

Notices for the Coming Week

Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, 14 February. The Eucharist will be celebrated at 1.00pm (said with hymns and followed by a soup lunch) and at 7.30pm (sung). News about Lent groups is overleaf. We are now collecting **old palm crosses** to be burnt for Ash Wednesday ash: there is a basket by the door.

To celebrate our new piano, we will have a special piano recital on Sunday 18 February at 4pm, where Andrew will be playing pieces by Beethoven, Bach, Ravel, and Chopin. No ticket necessary – entry is free with donations welcomed, and refreshments will be offered. Do come along to celebrate our new piano!

There is no Wednesday music recital this week – we return on 21 February with John Bruzon who will present a romantic programme of music on our new concert piano by Tchaikovsky, Liszt and Stephanie Cant.

Messy Church. We will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday at our next Messy Church this Tuesday 13 February (3pm-4.30pm). All welcome. Offers to help out very warmly received.

The **Companions Zoom Home Group** will be meeting weekly throughout Lent at 7pm, beginning on Tuesday 13 February. It would be so lovely to open our homes and welcome you in to share with us. For further information please email: mizlesley@sky.com Zoom meeting ID: 827 9286 1192 Passcode: 364025

Some of you may remember Rev'd. Clive Gardner, he is to be licensed as Priest in Charge of St. Cuthbert with St. Aidan in Portsmouth Diocese on Monday 11 March at 7pm. If you would like to go to Portsmouth please speak to Lesley Anne or email mizlesley@sky.com

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.

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 are able to 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, eg 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 **Emmaus**, which supports people to work their way out of homelessness, providing purpose as well as a stable home for as long as someone needs it. In the past 26 years Emmaus Brighton & Hove has provided a unique solution to combatting homelessness to over 1,500 Companions (residents) many of whom have complex needs.

Attendance last Sunday – 8am 14 adults and 10.30am 76 adults.

<i>Names for inclusion in the prayers can be sent to the Parish Office</i>
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Lent Groups 2024

Fuller details of the courses can be found on the noticeboard at the back of church, together with the sign-up sheets. Do take a look and see which course might suit you, as you make your journey through the season of Lent.

Tuesday afternoons 4pm

Exploring Traditions of Contemplative Prayer

27 Feb; 5, 12, 19 and 26 March (final session in church)

Leader: Fr Chris McDermott

Host: Frances Lindsay Hills (North Laine)

Tuesday evenings 7pm – online only

A Truth Universally Acknowledged: 40 days with Jane Austen, by Rachel Mann

13, 20, 27 Feb, 5, 12, 19 March

Leader: Lesley Anne DiMarco

Host: Zoom

Thursday afternoons 2pm

A Truth Universally Acknowledged: 40 days with Jane Austen, by Rachel Mann

15, 22 Feb, 7, 14, 21 March, and Tuesday 29 March

Leader: Lesley Anne DiMarco

Host: Pam Riddell (Seven Dials)

Sunday afternoons 2.30pm

***Tarry Awhile: Wisdom from Black Spirituality for People of Faith, by Selina Stone* – the Archbishop's Lent Book for 2024**

18, 25 Feb, 3, 17 March

Leader: Jenny Leith

Host: Gavin Bennison (Hanover)

This Week at St Nicholas'

Sunday 11 th	THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT	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 12 th	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Steadfastness in faith</i> 6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 13 th	Feria	8.15am Eucharist (1662 BCP) followed by breakfast <i>Forgiveness and reconciliation</i> 3.00-4.30pm Messy Church 7.00-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 14 th	ASH WEDNESDAY	1.00pm Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes followed by soup lunch 7.30pm Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes <i>Growth in holiness and renewal of life</i>
Thursday 15 th	S. Sigfrid	5.30pm Eucharist followed by silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament until 6.30pm <i>The sharing of faith</i>
Friday 16 th	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>The homeless of Brighton & Hove</i> 12.30-2.00pm Open Church 2.00-4.00pm Sewing Workshop
Saturday 17 th	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Civil servants and public officials</i> 12.30-3.00pm Open Church
Sunday 18 th	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	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 4.00pm Piano Recital and Blessing



Winter Recitals 2023

Wednesdays at 2.00pm

December

- 6 Brighton Girls School Chamber Choir
'S Hebrew Love Songs' by Eric Whitacre plus some Christmas favourites
- 13 Phillip James Leslie, piano
Park Lane Group Alumni and 1st Prize Winner of the Gothenburg International Piano Competition presents works by Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninoff
- 20 No Recital - Christmas Break
- 27 No Recital - Christmas Break

January

- 3 No Recital - Christmas Break
- 10 James Pusey - Sitarist
A recital of Indian Classical music by James Pusey on sitar accompanied by Marc Clayton on tabla. The duo will perform an afternoon Raga to be announced on the day
- 17 Oliver Nelson & Vasilis Rakitzis
Violin and piano
- 24 Kitty-Maria Clarke & Marcus Martin
Soprano Kitty-Maria Clarke's voice has been featured on national television in shows for Disney Jnr and she has performed numerous solos in concerts around the South-East. Together with pianist Marcus Martin, she presents a celebration of Operatic arias and musical songs - from Puccini to Mozart to Lloyd Webber
- 31 Maggie Grimsdell & Pam Cragg
One Piano & Four Hands: Brahms (Waltzes), Glière (Morceaux Op.48), Debussy (Petite Suite) and Bonis (Suite: three movements)

February

- 7 Caroline Goodwin & Zhanna Kemp
Caroline and Zhanna will be performing arias and songs spanning baroque, classical, romantic and 20th century repertoire, including some well-known classics from opera and musical theatre, as well as some undiscovered treasures!
- 14 No Recital - Ash Wednesday
- 21 John Bruzon
Much loved pianist John Bruzon presents a romantic programme of music by Tchaikovsky, Liszt and Stephanie Cant
- 28 Clelia Iruzun
Piano

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