

The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



The Third Sunday of Easter – 14th 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

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with
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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.

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THE EUCHARIST with HOLY BAPTISM

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

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,

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 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.

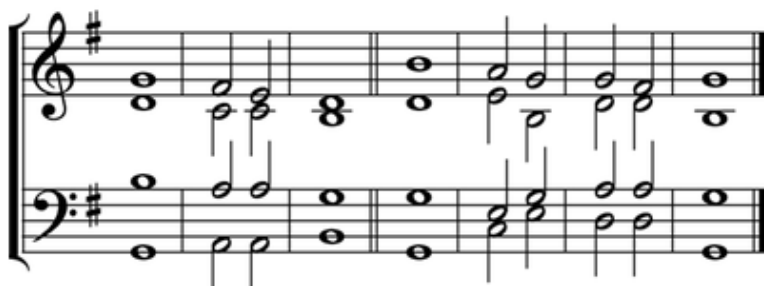
Amen. Amen.

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

*We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (Acts 3.12-19) read by Angie and Alex Fantis we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

We sing psalm 4, led by Fr Dominic.

William Croft



1 (Cantor): Answer me when I call, O God • of • my righteousness;
you set me at liberty when I was in trouble, have mercy on • me • and • hear • my
• prayer.

2 (All): How long will you nobles dis • honour • my • glory;
how long will you love vain things • and • seek • af • ter • falsehood?

3 But know that the Lord has shown me his • marvell • ous • kindness;
when I call upon the • Lord, • he • will • hear • me.

4 Stand in awe, • and • sin • not;
commune with your own heart up • on • your • bed, • and be • still.

5 Offer the sacrifices of • right • eous • ness;
and • put • your • trust • in the • Lord.

6 There are many that say, 'Who will show us • a • ny • good?'
Lord, lift up the light of your • coun • ten • ance • up • on us.

7 You have put gladness • in • my • heart;
more than when their corn and • wine • and • oil • in • crease.

**8 In peace I will lie • down • and • sleep;
for it is you Lord, only, who • make • me • dwell • in • safety.**

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (Luke 24.36b-48).

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.

The candidate for baptism comes to the front of the church. The celebrant addresses the whole congregation.

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome this child and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The celebrant addresses parents and godparents of the child.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives this child with joy.

Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith.

Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith and walk with her in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism this child begins her journey in faith. You speak for her today.

Will you care for her and help her to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

The celebrant makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the child.

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

People: Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

As the ministers, candidate and congregation process to the font, we sing:

We shall draw water joyfully, singing joyfully, singing joyfully;

We shall draw water joyfully from the well-springs of salvation.

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The celebrant prays over the water.

...be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with this candidate the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?
**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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The celebrant dips the child in water.

N, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The celebrant anoints the newly baptised with the oil of Chrism.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

The celebrant gives the newly baptised a lighted candle.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

As the ministers, candidate and congregation return from the font, we are sprinkled with holy water, and sing:

**We shall draw water joyfully, singing joyfully, singing joyfully;
We shall draw water joyfully from the well-springs of salvation.**

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 cupboard by the main door. As the Offerings are brought to the altar we stand to sing:

Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,

*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.

Communion anthem : Handel – Lord I trust thee

We remain seated to sing.

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,

*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:

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,

Voluntary: Pachelbel – Toccata in E Minor P.462

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

Notices for the Coming Week

The **Funeral Eucharist for John Hodges** will take place on Friday 19 April at 1.00pm. Evening Prayer of the Dead will be celebrated with John's Ashes the night before, at 6.00pm. All are most welcome to attend both services. May our departed brother rest in peace and rise in glory. (Please note there is no 12.00pm Eucharist on Friday, as the Eucharist will be celebrated for John at 1.00pm.)

Bishop Ruth will visit St Nicholas' on 14 May to celebrate the Deanery **Baptism and Confirmation** service. Preparation sessions are now taking place on Thursday evenings. If you wish to take part, please let Fr Dominic know ASAP.

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 Simon Carrey, piano, who will play an exciting mix of 'salon' pieces from two great French composers: the notorious Gabriel Fauré (this year we celebrate his 100th years of death) and one of the most famous female composers, Cécile Chaminade. The program includes Simon's my own transcriptions from three Melodies by Fauré.

Revision of the Electoral Roll 17 March – 14 April 2024. The church's Electoral Roll will be updated in preparation for the APCM. To be on the Electoral Roll: you need to be sixteen and over; baptised and attend the church regularly (this does not mean every week). If you would like to go on the Electoral Roll please get a form from the Parish

Office of Frances Lindsay-Hills, the Electoral Roll Officer, fmlindsayhills@gmail.com.
Forms to be returned by today, Sunday 14 April.

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

St Nicholas' is hosting a **Diocesan Vocations Day** exploring ordained ministry next Saturday, from 10.30am-3.30pm. All exploring a call to this ministry are welcome – please

book via the diocesan webpage which also gives more information about the day:
<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/events/2024/04/20/god-calling-you-ordained-ministry/>

Feminine Mysticism Reading Group. Writing in the mystical tradition by female authors has shaped Christianity since the earliest centuries of the faith. But how well known are these writings today? And how can we best understand them and their relevance to our modern lives? With a view towards deepening our awareness of feminine mystical voices, and to exploring their continuing philosophical and spiritual value in the present, Saint Nicholas Church, Brighton has set up a monthly young person (18-40) reading group. We will be reading some of the most famous mystical texts and coming together to share our thoughts, impressions, and questions. The first meeting will be held on Sunday, April 14th, 2:30pm at the Actors pub, Prince's Street, where we will be discussing the opening chapter of Jantzen's "Power, Gender and Christian Mysticism", exploring some methodologies to guide our exploration of the study of Christian mysticism. We meet thereafter on the second Sunday of each month. All are welcome, regardless of faith, religious background, or academic level. This is an LGBTQ+ inclusive group, and we aim to create a safe space to discuss issues of race, gender, sexuality, and disability as they arise in the texts and in our reflections on our own lives. To sign up and to receive a copy of our first text, please email t.elliott@sussex.ac.uk by Friday, 12th April.

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 12 adults, 10.30am 58 adults.

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

This Week at St Nicholas'

Sunday 14 th	THE THIRD 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 Holy Baptism followed by refreshments after the service
Monday 15 th	Easter feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Peace of the World</i> 6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 16 th	Easter feria	8.15am Eucharist (1662 BCP) followed by breakfast <i>HM King Charles</i> 7.00-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 17 th	Easter feria	2.00pm Music Recital <i>Simon Carrey, piano, plays pieces by Gabriel Fauré, Cécile Chaminade and Simon's my own transcriptions from three Melodies by Fauré</i> 3.00pm Eucharist followed by tea and cake <i>S. Paul's School – staff, pupils and their carers</i> 4.00-5.00pm Open Church 7.00-10.00pm Five Rhythms Meditative Dance
Thursday 18 th	Easter feria	5.30pm Eucharist followed by Evening Prayer of the Dead with John Hodge's Ashes at 6.00pm <i>The hope of heaven</i> 7.00-8.00pm Confirmation Class
Friday 19 th	S. Alphege	1.00pm Funeral Eucharist for John Hodges <i>Rest eternal and perpetual light</i>
Saturday 20 th	S. Anselm	10.00am-3.30pm Diocesan Vocations Day 12.00pm Eucharist <i>Vocations to ordained ministry</i>
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