

The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



The Second Sunday After Epiphany – 16th January 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 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)

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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.

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Please read our Covid-safe guidelines for worship in church

- Please use the hand sanitiser provided on entry and exit.
- Unless you are exempt, it is a legal requirement to wear a covering over your nose and mouth.
- Please spread out in the building, and be considerate of others' desire for space.
- NHS Test & Trace forms are on the table by the door. If you are happy to leave your details, please fill in the form and place it in the Test and Trace tin as you leave. If you prefer to use a QR code, this is displayed in the porch and by the sanitiser table.
- Please stay at home if you are feeling unwell, or if you or any member of your household has symptoms of coronavirus.

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THE EUCHARIST

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.

We stand when the bell rings. We sing:

**Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.**

**Mercy he has shown us, his love is for ever,
faithful to the end of days.**

*Come, then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.*

*Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.*

**Power he has wielded, honour is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken,
new life he now gives to all.**

**Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,
splendour of the living God.**

**Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet,
praise God with the lute and harp;
praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing,
praise God till the end of days.**

Ernest Sands

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, and Gloria in excelsis:

**Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy upon us.**

**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.**

**10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who • know • you;
and your favour to • those • who are • true of • heart.**

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (John 2:1-11).

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, Prelude – Couperin (OL46).

We stand 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 Michael Le Garst 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:

**Jesu, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly
while the gath'ring waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.**

**Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah, leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.**

**Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cleanse from ev'ry sin;
let the healing streams abound,
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of thee,
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.**

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

*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: God be in my head (Walford Davies).

We remain seated to sing.

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908) Based on 1 Timothy 1:17

*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:

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

Jan Struther (1901-1953)

If you can, please stay to listen to the organ voluntary: Couperin – Fugue sur la Tierce du Grand Clavier (OL 63).

Notices

Andrew Henderson's funeral mass will take place in church on Tuesday 18th January at 12.00pm, followed by the burial of his ashes in the Garden of Remembrance. All are most welcome to attend.

Our recitals return this Wednesday at 2.00pm when we have Evelyn Harrison & Zhanna Kemp (alto sax and piano) playing Hot-Sonate by Erwin Schulhoff (4 moments) plus music by Tchaikovsky, Jacques Ibert, Gershwin, Johnny Hodges and Mike Garson.

Our **Zoom Homegroup** meets fortnightly on Tuesdays at 7.00pm; the next meeting is on 25 January. Between January and Lent we will be looking at the church's social teaching, and how different Christian traditions approach **the common good**. Zoom link can be found in the monthly mailing or from Lesley Anne at mizlesley@sky.com.

Forward planning for **Lent groups**. It would be helpful to know in advance how many people would like to participate in a Lent course this year, either online or 'in person'. There are sign up sheets at the back of church – to indicate that you would like to be part of a course, or are willing to lead/host.

Parson's rest day. Over the last few months I experimented with taking my day off on Saturday. From this week my day off will move back to **Monday**. The Saturday 12.00pm mass will resume on 22 January. *Fr D*

What's on this week

Sunday 16 th	The Second Sunday after Epiphany	8.00am Eucharist <i>Special prayer at both masses for: People of the parish</i> 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church and refreshments after the service
Tuesday 18 th	Feria	12.00pm Requiem Eucharist for Andrew Henderson <i>Eternal Rest</i>
Wednesday 19 th	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Pupil Referral Unit</i> 2.00pm Recital: Evelyne Harrison & Zhanna Kemp (alto sax and piano) playing music by Erwin Schulhoff, Tchaikovsky, Jacques Ibert, Gershwin, Johnny Hodges and Mike Garson
Thursday 20 th	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Community Base</i> 5.30pm-6.30pm Time for Contemplation – silent prayer before the blessed Sacrament
Friday 21 st	St. Agnes	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Persecuted Christians</i>
Saturday 22 nd	Our Lady on Saturday	12.00pm Eucharist <i>St Nicholas' Junior Church</i>
Sunday 23 rd	The Third Sunday after Epiphany	8.00am Eucharist <i>Special prayer at both masses for: People of the parish</i> 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church and refreshments after the service
<i>Names for inclusion in the prayers can be sent to Fr Dominic</i>		

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