

The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



The First Sunday of Advent – 1 December

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**

} *by
arrangement
with
the Vicar*

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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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Join us on **Zoom**: Meeting ID: 833 4639 2107 Passcode: 991506

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83346392107?pwd=T2lyRWtab1hHeVNHYjhCK3JLNXZsUT09>

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.

All creatures of our God and King,

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.

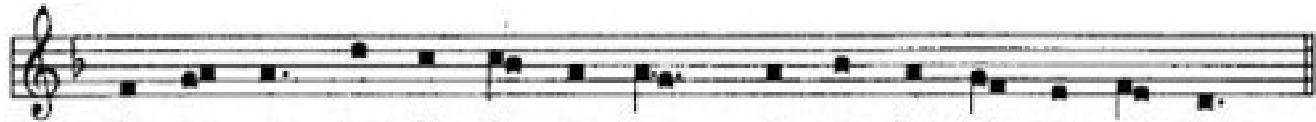
We sing the Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy):

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

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

*We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (Jeremiah 33.14-16) read by Amanda Ogilvie we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

We sing the response to the Advent Prose, led by Sorrell Clement.



Cantor: Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

*People: **Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.***

Verse...

*People: **Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.***

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (Luke 21.25-36).

*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, given by Revd Buff Stone, the Diocesan Environment Officer.

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 Jo Baker, 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.***

Donations are collected for the work of St Nicholas'. Contactless donations can 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 and return it to the parish priest, or Churchwarden.

As the Offerings are brought to the altar we stand to sing:

I cannot tell how he whom angels worship

*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.

Let us proclaim the myst'ry of faith.
**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.
Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.
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: Creator of the starry height (Plainsong)

We remain seated to sing.

Thy kingdom come! on bended knee

*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.

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

We remain standing to sing:

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,

Voluntary: Johann Pachelbel - Prelude and Fugue in c minor

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

Notices for the Coming Week

Today we welcome a guest preacher, Revd Buff Stone, the Diocesan Environment Officer. After the service she will speak about 'Carbon Confidence: Why we need to talk about the Climate Crisis' at the Sunday Supplement, a little after noon. All are very welcome.

We rejoice with **Dave, Catherine and Jago**, who were confirmed at Chichester Cathedral last Saturday. May the Lord strengthen them with his grace in their pilgrimage of faith.

The nave altar has now been completed, after work to convert it by cabinetmaker Edward Ng-Cordell. The altar has been paid for from a designated fund for this purpose comprised of bequests and a gift. The new frontals, worked by Frances Lindsay-Hills, are the gift of the Friends of St Nicholas'. The altar will be consecrated, and the frontals dedicated, by the Bishop of Chichester at the Parish Eucharist on Sunday 15 December.

The Wednesday music recital - this week we welcome **Duo Oriana**: Baroque music for two recorders including van Eyck, Purcell, and Telemann.

The **Companions** fellowship group is resuming and will meet on Zoom each Tuesday fortnightly at 7.00pm: next meeting is on 3 December. All are welcome:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86772482744?pwd=CvBCue5XqxazLxLyiajFa5BStgMsnb.1>

Meeting ID: 867 7248 2744 Passcode: 108653

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.

The **Civic Advent Carol Service** will take place today at 6.00pm. The service will be sung by Brighton Chamber Choir, and there will be mince pies and mulled wine afterwards. Everyone is welcome to come and mark the beginning of the season.

The **Patronal Festival** will be celebrated on Sunday 8 December, followed by a standing buffet of shepherd's pie and pudding for £10.00, with wine by the glass by donation. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you plan to come, to assist with catering.

Attendance last Sunday – 8am: 9 adults; 10.30am: 76 adults, 1 child.

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This Week at St Nicholas'

Sunday 1	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	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 6.00pm Civic Advent Carol Service
Monday 2	Advent Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>The discipline of watchfulness</i> 6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 3	S. Francis Xavier	8.15am Eucharist (1662 BCP) followed by breakfast <i>USPG and other mission agencies</i> 5.30-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 4	S. John of Damascus	10.00am FOSN U3A tour of church 2.00pm Music Recital <i>Duo Oriana</i> 3.00pm Eucharist followed by tea and cake <i>Theologians and teachers of faith</i> 7.00-10.00pm Five Rhythms Meditative Dance
Thursday 5	Advent Feria	5.30pm Eucharist followed by Silent Prayer until 6.30pm <i>Outreach to homeless people in our city</i>
Friday 6	Advent Feria	12.00pm Requiem Eucharist <i>Departed of December</i> 12.30-3.00pm Open Church
Saturday 7	S. Nicholas	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Ministry and mission of our parish church</i>
Sunday 8	PATRONAL FESTIVAL OF ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA	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 6.00pm Civic Advent Carol Service
Matins and Evensong: Tues 9.45am, Weds 4.30pm, Thurs 9.00am, Fri 5.30pm		