

The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



The First Sunday of Lent – 9th March 2025

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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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.

Follow us online: www.stnicholasbrighton.org.uk / www.facebook.com/StNicsBrighton

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

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

Notices

Toilet roll tubes – Fr Pete is collecting the cardboard tubes from toilet rolls for Messy Church. Please leave them next to the blister pack recycling for him to collect. **Messy Church** is this Tuesday, 3-4pm; children with accompanying adults are most welcome to come for crafting, worship and refreshments.

This week's **Wednesday recital**: Emily Jenkins (soprano) and Archie Bonham (piano) sing Benjamin Britten's folk song arrangements. All welcome.

Summer fair Sat 21 June. We are appealing for volunteers to help look after different stalls and tasks at the fair. Please have a look at the grid at the back of church: if you're able to offer your time please put your name by a stall/task – all help very much appreciated!

Full revision of Church Electoral Roll. Every six years our church electoral roll has to be discarded and completely revised. 2025 is one such year! The process of revision has begun and will run until 2 May in time for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 18 May. Anyone who has been on the roll until now, and anyone new to the life of the parish who is eligible to be on the roll, is strongly encouraged to join the new roll. Entry on the roll entitles you to vote at the APCM; but it is also one of the ways you can formalise your membership of the parish. Please speak to our Electoral Roll officer Frances Lindsay-Hills if you have any questions about joining the Roll.

Carbon Literacy Training - the Diocesan Environment Officer is running a five-week course at St Luke's, Prestonville. The course will help people to learn more about the impact of our everyday activities on the rest of the world, as well as equipping people with the tools to help reduce our harmful impact at the level of individuals, communities, and organisations. The course runs on Tuesdays during Lent (11th March-18th April) from 2-3.30pm (apart from the third session which is on Monday 24th April). The course is free, but with the option to be certified at the end of the course by the Carbon Literacy Project, which costs £10. For the Tuesday sessions, you are also welcome to gather for lunch first at the Junk Food Cafe from 12.30pm. If you would like to sign up, email Buff Stone at: environment.officer@chichester.anglican.org. Speak to Fr Pete if you have any questions.

I am giving a talk called '**Vanished Voices**' at the Friends Meeting House in Ship Street Brighton at 2.30pm on 11 March for approx. 60 minutes and all are welcome. The talk looks at the (now sadly lost) fishing industry carried on down on the main beach for centuries. St Nick's is sure to get a mention! Arrive early to view some rarely seen original seafront / fishing prints from the Fishing Museum. Cost only £2.50 (cash only) with all proceeds to charity. *Brian Ogilvie*

A Retreat Day on the Lord's Prayer: a quiet day of reflecting on our relationship with The Lord's Prayer and the meanings it might hold for us today. On Saturday 12th April 2025 a Retreat Day on the Lord's Prayer, led by Stephen Crowther, will be held at St Nicholas of Myra from 9.45 to 3.30. It is organised by the Brighton and Hove group of the World Community for Christian Meditation and all members of the congregation are warmly invited to attend. A poster detailing the full programme for the day is displayed at the back of the

church. Suggested donation, £10. Please contact Felicity on 01273 553216 or felicity.stimpson@btinternet.com to confirm your place.

Our sponsored charity this month is **United Society Partners in the Gospel**, the Anglican mission agency that partners with churches worldwide in God's mission to enliven faith, strengthen relationships, unlock potential and champion justice. USPG accompanies Anglican churches across the world as they form communities of hope and resistance in the struggles associated with climate change, migration, gender, the human rights of indigenous people and inter-religious living.

Attendance last week: 8am: 11 adults 10.30am: 3 children and 80 adults

Lent Groups 2025

Lent Groups this year will follow the diocesan Year of Faith Lent course, 'I believe – big themes of the Nicene Creed.' There are two in person courses and one on Zoom. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church (or email Fr Dominic) if you would like to attend.

Sunday afternoons 3pm in Hanover

Hosted by Gavin Bennison, led by Marion and Miles Dunmore
9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th March (four sessions, possibly five)
Group accommodates 5 guests and includes light refreshment

Tuesday evenings at Time 7.00pm in central Hove

Hosted by Martin Auton-Lloyd, led by Jenny Leith
11th, 18th, 25th March, 1st, 8th April (five sessions)
Group accommodates 6 guests and includes supper

Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm On Zoom

11th, 18th, 25th March, 1st, 8th April (five sessions)

No limit on numbers - all welcome

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

Meeting ID: 867 7248 2744 Passcode: 108653 Leader: Fr Dominic

The course booklet can be found at

<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/documents/diocesan-lent-course-2025/>

A number of hard copies are also available in church today

THE EUCHARIST

We stand when the bell rings. We sing:

Lead us, heav'nly Father, lead us

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:

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Christe, Christe eleison.

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The celebrant prays the Collect and we respond: Amen

We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (Deuteronomy 26.1-11) read by Jo Baker we respond: Thanks be to God.

We sing the refrain in the Lent Prose.



Hear us, O Lord, have mer-cy up-on us: for we have sin_ned a-against thee

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (Luke 4.1-13).

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory....

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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.

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 Brian Ogilvie, 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, or you can donate online using the QR code. 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:

Father, hear the prayer we offer:

*We stand as the celebrant says the Prayer over the Offerings and we respond: **Amen.***

We remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer.

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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.

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**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.**

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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.

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: How shall I sing that majesty; M: Thomas Tallis T: John Mason

We remain seated to sing.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,

*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:

O Jesus, I have promised

All are welcome to stay after the Eucharist for refreshments

This Week at St Nicholas'

St Nicholas' is open for prayer and worship throughout the week, for both the celebration of the Eucharist and the daily office (Morning and Evening Prayer).

Everyone is welcome – why not drop in?

Sunday 9	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 with Ministry of Healing
Monday 10	Lent Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>The sick and housebound</i> 6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 11	Lent Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>The leaders of nations</i> 3.00-4.00pm Messy Church 6.00-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 12	Lent Feria	2.00pm Recital: Emily Jenkins (soprano) and Archie Bonham (piano) - Benjamin Britten's folk song arrangements 3.00pm Eucharist <i>Brighton Pupil Referral Unit</i> 7.00-10.00pm – Five Rhythms Meditative Dance
Thursday 13	Lent Feria	5.30pm Eucharist followed by Silent Prayer until 6.30pm <i>Political prisoners</i>
Friday 14	Lent Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Hospices and end of life care in our city</i> 12.30-3.00pm Open Church
Saturday 15	Lent Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>The Mayor and City Councillors</i> 12.30-3.00pm Open Church
Sunday 16	SECOND 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 4.00pm Bellingringing Quarter Peal
Matins and Evensong: Tues 9.00am, Weds 4.30pm, Thurs 9.00am, Fri 5.30pm		