

# The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



## The Fourth Sunday of Lent *Mothering Sunday* – 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83346392107?pwd=T2lyRWtab1hHeVNHYjhCK3JLNzZsUT09>

## Notices

This month's **Homelees House Communion** place in the lounge today at 3.30pm. If you know anyone at Homelees or nearby who would appreciate fellowship and the Eucharist on a Sunday afternoon, please let them know about this regular meeting – and put them in touch with Veronica Thomason.

Our monthly guided meditation, **Space for You**, takes place tomorrow, Monday 31 March, at 1.00pm in church. All are welcome.

This week's **Wednesday recital**: František Brikcius Cello - Bach, Telemann and Irena Kosíková

**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.

**Easter lilies.** If you would like to donate an Easter lily in remembrance of a departed loved one, please write their name clearly on an envelope with your donation (£3 per lily, per name), and place it in the Easter flower collection bucket. The names of those held in remembrance will be displayed with the flowers at Easter. May they rest in peace, and rise with Christ in glory.

**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](mailto:felicity.stimpson@btinternet.com) to confirm your place.

**Spring Clean!** On Friday 11 April during Open Church (12.30-3.00pm) we plan to give the church a spring clean in readiness for Easter. If you can spare an hour or two to do even a few little cleaning jobs, this would be much appreciated. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you intend to come, to give us an idea of numbers.

**Printer cartridge recycling:** as part of our efforts to care for God's creation, there is now a printer cartridge recycling box at the back of church (near the blister pack recycling). This is part of the Recycle4Charity scheme, and church makes a small amount from every cartridge recycled.

**Servery plumbing.** Many of you will have experienced the problems with the servery sink, which is not draining. Most unfortunately, we now know that the issue is not the pipes but the

soakaway, which is completely full (of decades of silt, crumbs, tea leaves etc) and will need major intervention. The Churchwardens are working with a surveyor to explore a remedy. Please bear with as they try to solve this problem, and thank you for your patience – particularly to those who offer hospitality for us at the servery.

On **10 May** we look forward to hosting the **Brighton Rock Choir** for a concert of upbeat contemporary music. Rock Choir is a national community choir with local groups across the country, and which supports many charitable causes. Doors and bar from 6.30pm, concert at 7.30pm. Tickets for £10 from Jo Baker ([jo.baker11@outlook.com](mailto:jo.baker11@outlook.com) or 01273 708708). Proceeds from the concert will support the work of St Nicholas.

**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!

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: 8 adults    10.30am: 2 children 77 adults

*We keep silence before the Eucharist and pray together the Prayer of Humble Access:*

**We do not presume  
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your 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 we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

#### **THE EUCHARIST**

*We stand when the bell rings. We sing:*

**The King of love my shepherd is,**

*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.**

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

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

*We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (Exodus 2.1-10) read by Amanda Ogilvie we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

*We sing the refrain in the Lent Prose, led by Charles Hugh Fisher.*



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 2.33-35).*

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

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

*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 Susan Alderson, 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:*

**Happy are they, they that love God,**

*We stand as the celebrant says the Prayer over the Offerings 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:*

**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.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.**

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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.*

*Communion anthem: Virgin Born, we bow before thee – T: Reginald Heber M: Louis Bourgeois*

*We remain seated to sing.*

**For Mary, mother of our 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:*

**Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,**

*All are welcome to stay after the Eucharist for refreshments – coffee, tea and Simnel Cake*



## 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 30	<b>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Mothering Sunday)</b>	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 3.30pm Homeless House Communion
Monday 31	Lent Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Hospices</i> 1.00pm Space for You guided meditation 6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 1	Lent Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Clock Tower Sanctuary</i> 6.00-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 2	Lent Feria	2.00pm Recital: František Brikcius Cello - Bach, Telemann and Irena Kosíková 3.00pm Eucharist <i>Food banks in Brighton &amp; Hove</i> 7.00-10.00pm – Five Rhythms Meditative Dance
Thursday 3	Lent Feria	5.30pm Eucharist followed by Silent Prayer until 6.30pm <i>God's loving mercy</i>
Friday 4	Lent Feria	12.00pm Requiem Eucharist <i>Departed of April</i> 12.30-3.00pm Open Church
Saturday 5	Lent Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Confessors and penitents</i> 12.30-3.00pm Open Church
Sunday 6	<b>THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Passion Sunday)</b>	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
Matins and Evensong: Tues 9.00am, Weds 4.30pm, Thurs 9.00am, Fri 5.30pm		