

The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



The Third Sunday of Easter – 4 May 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

Weds **recital**: Brighton Chamber Ensemble.

This week is **Christian Aid Week**. If you would like to support this year's campaign, there will be a retiring collection today and next Sunday (18 May). Please place your donation in the envelopes in your seat shelves.

The **Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting** take place on Sunday 18 May at 12.00pm. The Churchwardens will be elected at the APM; at the APCM there will be elections for 5 PCC members and 1 Deanery Synod member. Details and nomination forms are on the table in the south aisle. Agenda, Minutes & Reports are out today (hard copies on the table). Please consider downloading these from the news page of our website instead! Apologies may be given to the PCC Secretary, Sophie Allen.

Messy Church is this Tuesday (13 May), 3-4pm; children with accompanying adults are most welcome to come for crafting, worship and refreshments.

The **Companions** fellowship group will meet on Zoom each Tuesday fortnightly at 7.00pm: next meeting is Tuesday 20 May. All welcome: Meeting ID: 867 7248 2744 Passcode: 108653 <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86772482744?pwd=CvBCue5XqxazLxLyiajFa5BStgMsnb.1>

The Funeral Eucharist for Fr Anthony will be at St Nicholas' on Tuesday 20 May at 11.30am, and all are most welcome to attend. Fr Anthony's body will be received **privately** at the church at 4.30pm the evening before, when Evening Prayer of the Dead will be celebrated by his immediate family. May our departed brother rest in peace and rise in glory.

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!

The ancient ceremony known as '**The Blessing of the Nets**' will be carried out by Fr Thomas Cotterill of St Paul's at 12.30pm today (11 May) on the Lower Prom at the Brighton Fishing Museum (below Ship Street) during the annual Mackerel Fayre. This blessing pays tribute to the brave tradition of local fisherman over many past centuries, and also gives thanks for the riches of the sea in time-honoured custom. There will also be readings, hymns, live music, food stalls, and a commemoration of the 80th anniversary of D-Day. The event is free to attend and all are welcome. *Brian Ogilvie*

I will again this year be leading tours of the church during the Brighton Fringe Festival, and all are welcome. Tickets are a mere(!) £7 to learn something of 1000 years of our history, people, and treasures. All proceeds to church funds. Tours last 80-90 minutes. Forthcoming tours are on **May 24 at 12.15pm and 3pm**. Pre booking is always advisable as tours, which are limited to a maximum of 30 people, can become fully booked. For more information and to book places please visit: <https://www.brightonfringe.org/events/tour-of-st-nicholas-church/>
Brian Ogilvie

This year's first Bank Holiday Walk leaves from the Palace (Brighton) Pier on **Monday 26 May at 10.30am** and all are welcome. Enjoy an easy 4 mile (approx. 2 hours) stroll along Madeira

Drive and the Undercliff to arrive at St Margaret's church in Rottingdean, where the flower festival will be displayed. In addition, the vicar Fr Anthony Moore has offered to provide a short tour of the famous Burne-Jones windows. No need to register in advance, just pack refreshments and come along. But if you're late, we won't wait! After the visit make your way home by bus or foot at your leisure *Brian Ogilvie*

The **Friends of St. Nicholas day out on Thursday May 29th** to visit Charleston Farmhouse has had to be cancelled because of a lack of bookings.

Our sponsored charity of the month is the **Clocktower Sanctuary**, the only drop-in day centre for homeless 16-to-25 year olds in the city. It's a place where young people can receive a freshly-cooked and healthy hot meal, clean clothes and a hot shower, attend weekly workshops, and receive one-to-one support to help them access the services they need. For more information, see: <https://www.thects.org.uk/>

Attendance last week: 8.00am: 15 10.30am: 4 children, 70 adults.

THE EUCHARIST

We stand to sing the opening hymn:

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;

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 are sprinkled with holy water as a reminder of our baptism, and join in the refrain:

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

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

We sing the Gloria in excelsis:

Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

peace to his people on earth, peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

peace to his people on earth, peace to his people 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;

for you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer, receive our prayer, receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

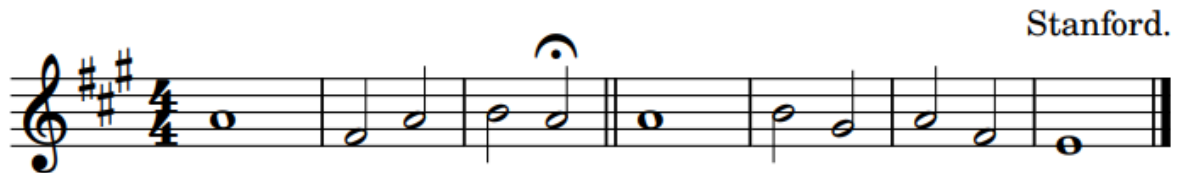
in the glory, the glory, the glory of God the Father.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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

*We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (Acts 9.36-end) read by Jo Baker we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

We sing Psalm 23, led by Vivienne McKay.



1 The • Lord • is my • shep•herd;
there•fore • can • I • lack • nothing.

2 He makes me lie • down in • green • pas•tures
and leads • me • be•side • still • waters.

3 He shall re•fresh • my • so•ul
and guide me in the paths of • righteous•ness • for • his • name's • sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will • fear • no
• ev•il;
for you are with me; your rod and your • staff, • they • com•fort • me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of • those • who • trouble •
me;
you have anointed my head with oil and my • cu•p • shall • be • full.

6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the • days • of my •
li•fe,
and I will dwell in the • house of • the • Lord • for • ever.

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (John 10.22-30).

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.

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, 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.



All people that on earth do dwell,

*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.

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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 booklet in your hands. If you are unable to stand, please let a 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 : Lord I trust thee - Handel

We remain seated to sing.

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,

*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:

Ye servants of God,

Voluntary: Toccata in Seven – John Rutter

All are most welcome to stay for refreshments in church.

This Week at St Nicholas'

St Nicholas' is open throughout the week. Everyone is welcome – why not drop in?

Sunday 11	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.00am Eucharist <i>Prayer intention at 8.00 & 10.30: People of the parish</i> 10.00am Matins (Lady Chapel) 10.30am Sung Eucharist with Ministry of Healing
Monday 12	Easter Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Interfaith work in Brighton & Hove</i> 6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 13	Easter Feria	12.00pm Eucharist (BCP) <i>The healing of creation</i> 3.00pm Messy Church 6.30-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 14	S. Matthias	2.00pm Recital: Brighton Chamber Ensemble 3.00pm Eucharist <i>12 step groups in Brighton & Hove</i> 7.00-10.00pm – Five Rhythms Meditative Dance
Thursday 15	Easter Feria	5.30pm Eucharist followed by Silent Prayer until 6.30pm <i>Peace across the world</i>
Friday 16	Easter Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Mill View Hospital</i> 1.00pm Great Escape Festival *No open Church*
Saturday 17	Easter Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>St Paul's School</i> 1.00pm Great Escape Festival *No open Church*
Sunday 18	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.00am Eucharist <i>Prayer intention at 8.00 & 10.30: People of the parish</i> 10.00am Matins (Lady Chapel) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 12.00pm APCM