

The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



The Second Sunday before Lent (Sexagesima) – 23 February

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

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Notices

LENT, the season of penitence and abstinence, begins on Ash Wednesday is 5 March, when the Eucharist will be celebrated at 12.00pm (said) and 8.00pm (sung). If you have palm crosses at home from last year, we would welcome them back to make ash for this year's celebration. Please put them in the basket on the table by the south door. Details of this year's Lent groups will be published next Sunday – do bring your diaries and have a look at what's on offer.

Space for You, our monthly guided meditation, takes place in church tomorrow at 1.00pm.

This month's **Homelees House Communion** has been moved to the following Sunday, 2 March, & takes place in the lounge 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.

Wednesday recital at 2pm: Ronojit Bhuyan (piano) plays Liszt and Chopin. All are welcome.

Mardi Gras Celebration with a delicious Cajun supper, music by the Gin Jazz trio, and dancing... on Sat 1 March, 7 for 7.30pm: tickets on sale now from Jo Baker after mass or email jo.baker11@outlook.com. A party not to be missed, to get us ready for Lent!

Congregation conversations – we are launching a series of five congregation conversations based on the Five Marks of Mission to celebrate what we do as a church, to explore why we do what we do, and to think together about how we want to serve the community. The first of these will be on Sunday 2 March after the Parish Eucharist, and will explore what it means for us as a church to 'proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom'. These conversations will feed into PCC discussions about the mission of St Nicholas'.

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.

Save the date! **Summer fair** Sat 21 June. More information to follow.

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: 6 adults 10.30am: 1 child and 66 adults

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 23	THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT (Sexagesima)	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 24	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Wisdom</i> 1.00pm Space for You guided meditation 6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 25	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Children of the parish</i> 6.30-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 26	Feria	2.00pm Recital: Ronojit Bhuyan (piano) plays Liszt and Chopin 3.00pm Eucharist followed by tea and cake <i>The leaders of nations</i> 7.00-10.00pm – Five Rhythms Meditative Dance
Thursday 27	Feria	5.30pm Eucharist followed by Silent Prayer until 6.30pm <i>Mill View Hospital</i>
Friday 28	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Friendship</i> 12.30-3.00pm Open Church
Saturday 1	S. David	9.15-11.30, 12.30 -2.45 Gay Men's Chorus rehearsals - no open church today 12.00pm Eucharist <i>The Church in Wales</i> 7pm Mardi Gras Celebration
Sunday 2	SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT (Quinquagesima)	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 Homelees House Communion
Matins and Evensong: Tues 9.00am, Weds 4.30pm, Thurs 9.00am, Fri 5.30pm		

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.

Eternal Father, strong to save,

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.**

We sing the Gloria in excelsis:

Choir: Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

All: Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.

Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

We worship you.

Glory in the highest.

Give you thanks.

Glory in the highest.

Praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace 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.

Have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

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

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

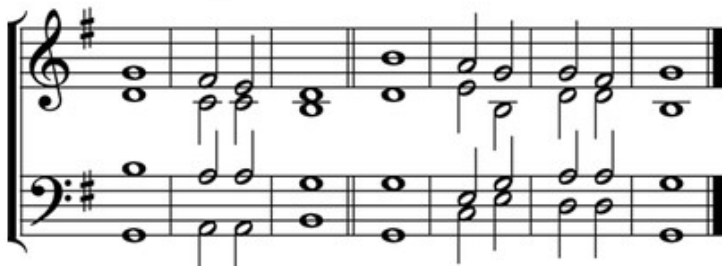
Amen. Amen.

The celebrant prays the Collect and we respond: Amen.

We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-end) read by Angie and Alex Fantis, we respond: Thanks be to God.

We sing Psalm 65, led by Charles Hugh Fisher.

William Croft



- 1 Praise is due to you, O • God, • in • Zion;
to you that answer • prayer • shall • vows • be • paid.
- 2 **To you shall all flesh come to con•fess • their • sins;**
when our misdeeds prevail against us, • you • will • purge them • a•way.
- 3 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your • courts • to • dwell
there.
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house, • even • of your • ho•ly
temple.
- 4 **With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,**
O God of • our • sal•vation, O hope of all the ends of the earth
and • of • the • far•thest • seas.
- 5 In your strength you set • fast • the • mountains
and are • girded • a•bout • with • might.
- 6 **You still the raging • of • the • seas,**
the roaring of their waves, and the • cla•mour • of • the • peoples.
- 7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble • at • your • marvels;
the gates of the morning and • even•ing • sing • your • praise.
- 8 **You visit the earth and • wa•ter it;**
you • make • it • ve•ry • plenteous.
- 9 The river of God is • full • of • water;
you prepare grain for your people, for • so • you • provide for • the • earth.
- 10 **You drench the furrows and • smooth out • the • ridges;**
you soften the ground with • showers • and • bless • its • increase.
- 11 You crown the • year with • your • goodness,
and your • paths • over•flow • with • plenty.
- 12 **May the pastures of the wilderness • flow • with • goodness**
and the • hills • be • girded • with • joy.
- 13 May the meadows be clothed with • flocks • of • sheep
and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that • they • shall • laugh • and • sing.

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (Luke 8.22-25).

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, 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.**

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:

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,

*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.

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

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.

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

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, Lamb of God and source of life; Jesus loving bearer of our sins:

All: **Hear our prayer, have mercy; hear our prayer, have mercy; give us your peace.**

Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man; Jesus, true Redeemer of the world:

Hear our prayer, have mercy; hear our prayer, have mercy; give us your peace.

Jesus, Lord of life and Lord of light; Jesus, here in form of bread and wine:

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: The Call, by Richard Lloyd.

We remain seated to sing:

Take my life, and let it be

*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:

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,

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

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