

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

If you would like to be prepared for **Baptism and/or Confirmation**, the next opportunity for this is 19 May at Peacehaven: please speak to Fr Dominic asap.

Weds **recital**: John Collins plays European organ music c.1500-1835.

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.

The **Companions** fellowship group will meet on Zoom each Tuesday fortnightly at 7.00pm: next meeting is Tuesday 6 May. All welcome: Meeting ID: 867 7248 2744 Passcode: 108653 <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86772482744?pwd=CvBCue5XqxazLxLyiajFa5BStgMsnb.1>

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 or 01273 708708). Proceeds from the concert will support the work of St Nicholas.

The Funeral Eucharist for Fr Anthony will be at St Nicholas' on Tuesday 20 May at 11.30am. Fr Anthony's body will be received at the church at 4.30pm the evening before, when Evening Prayer of the Dead will be celebrated. 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 Tom Cotterill of St Paul's at 12.30pm on Sunday 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 and this year take place on **May 4 (3pm) and May 24 (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*

Why not join the **Friends of St. Nicholas on their day out on Thursday May 29th** to visit Charleston Farmhouse and the celebrated Berwick Church? We start at Brighton Station and travel to Lewes. (There will be one car going directly to Charleston for those with limited mobility). Collected by coach, we go to Charleston Farmhouse, the celebrated retreat of the Bloomsbury set. You can visit their lovely gardens and enjoy a picnic included in the price. There will also be an opportunity take a tour of the historic house (+£20) or either of two exhibitions (+£11 each). Then we go on to Berwick Church with its famous murals and from there return to Lewes station and on home. The price of £30 includes all coach travel, visits to the sites, a picnic at Charleston and £10 donation to Friends of St. Nicholas for their work in helping maintain the fabric of our church and the surrounding churchyards. It will be a day full of interest and friendly conversation. If you would like to come or for further information, email FOSNChurch@gmail.com or speak to one of the church wardens.

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: 8 10.30am: 5 children, 77 adults.

THE EUCHARIST

We stand to sing the opening hymn:

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,

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 9.1-20) read by Veronica Thomason we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

We sing Psalm 30, led by the choir.



**1 I will exalt you, O Lord, because • you • have • raised me • up
and have not • let my • foes • tri•umph • over me.**

**2 O Lord my • God, • I cried • out to • you
and • you • have • heal•ed • me.**

**3 You brought me up, O • Lord, • from the • de•ad;
you restored me to life from among • those that • go • down to • the • Pit.**

**4 Sing to the Lord, you • servants • of • his • _;
give • thanks to • his • ho•ly • name.**

**5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his • favour • for a •
life•time.
Heaviness may endure for a night, but • joy • comes • in • the • morning.**

**6 In my prosperity I said, 'I shall • never • be • mov•ed.
You, Lord, of your goodness, have • made • my • hill • so • strong.'**

**7 Then you • hid your • face • from • me;
and I was • ut•ter•ly • dis•mayed.**

**8 To you, O • Lord, • I • cri•ed;
to the Lord I • made • my • sup•pli•cation.**

**9 'What profit is there in my blood, if • I go • down • to the • Pit? Will the dust
praise you or de•clare • your • faith•ful•ness?**

**10 'Hear, O Lord, and have • mercy • up•on • me;
O • Lord, • be • my • hel•per.'**

11 You have turned my • mourning • into • danc•ing;

you have put off my sackcloth and • gird•ed • me • with • gladness;

**12 Therefore my heart sings to you • with•out • ceas•ing;
O Lord my God, I will • give • you • thanks • for•ever.**

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (John 21.1-19).

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 Louise Roddon, 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.



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.

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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.

Communion anthem : I give you a new commandment - Nardonne

We remain seated to sing.

Just as I am, without one plea

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:

To God be the glory! great things he hath done;

Voluntary: Prelude to Suite in C Major – Henry Purcell

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 4	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Matins (Lady Chapel) 10.30am Sung Eucharist <i>Prayer intention: People of the parish</i>
Monday 5	Easter Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>The healing of creation</i> 1.00pm Space for You guided meditation 6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 6	Easter Feria	12.00pm Eucharist (BCP) <i>Peace in our hearts</i> 6.30-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 7	Easter Feria	2.00pm Recital: John Collins (organ) 3.00pm Eucharist <i>Foodbanks in Brighton & Hove</i> 7.00-10.00pm – Five Rhythms Meditative Dance
Thursday 8	Easter Feria	5.30pm Eucharist followed by Silent Prayer until 6.30pm <i>Those preparing for baptism</i>
Friday 9	Easter Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Persecuted Christians</i> 12.30-3.00pm Open Church
Saturday 10	Easter Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Clocktower Sanctuary</i> 7.30pm Rock Choir Concert (doors & bar 6.30pm)
Sunday 11	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.00am Eucharist (BCP) <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