

The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



The Sixth Sunday of Easter – 5th May 2024

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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Weds 12.30-5.30pm, Thurs 12.30-5.30pm

Fri 9.00-4.30pm

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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THE EUCHARIST

We stand when the bell rings, to sing the hymn.

Come down, O Love divine,

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:

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.

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

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.

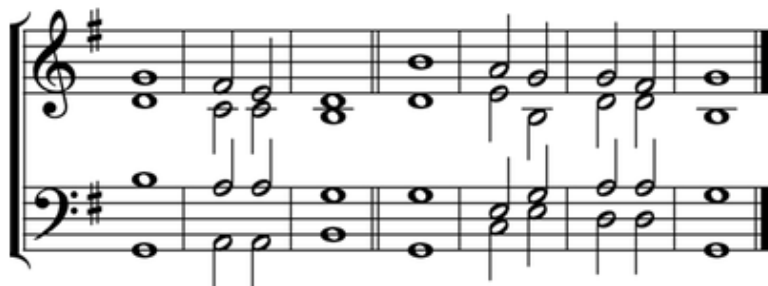
Amen. **Amen.**

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

*We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (Acts 10.44-48) read by Susan Alderson we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

We sing Psalm 98

William Croft



1 (Cantor): Sing to the Lord • a • new • song;
for he has • done • mar • vel • lous • things.

2 (All): His own right hand and his • ho • ly • arm;
have • won • for • him • the • victory.

3 The Lord has made known • his • sal • vation;
his deliverance has he openly shown • in • the • sight • of the • nations.

4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the • house • of •
Israel;

and all the ends of the earth have seen the sal • va • tion • of • our • God.

5 Sound praises to the Lord, • all • the • earth;
break into • sing • ing • and • make • music.

6 Make music to the Lord • with • the • lyre;
with the • lyre • and the • voice • of • melody.

7 With trumpets and the sound • of • the • horn;
sound praises be • fore • the • Lord, • the • King.

**8 Let the sea thunder and • all • that • fills it;
the world and • all • that • dwell • up • on it.**

9 Let the rivers • clap • their • hands;
and let the hills ring out together before the Lord, for he • comes • to • judge • the
• earth.

**10 In righteousness shall he • judge • the • world;
and the • peoples • with • eq • ui • ty.**

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (John 15.9-17).

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 Martin Auton-Lloyd, 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.**

A collection is taken for the work of St Nicholas'; contactless donations may also be made after the Eucharist at the door. If you would like to make a regular donation, please pick up a standing order form from the cupboard by the main door. As the Offerings are brought to the altar we stand to sing:

What a Friend we have in Jesus,

*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, 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, 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 : Byrd - Lord make me to know thy ways

We remain seated to sing.

Take this moment, sign and space;

*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:

We are marching in the light of God,

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

Voluntary: Debussy – Pour le piano I: Prelude

Notices for the Coming Week

The Wednesday music recital this week welcomes back Richard Bowen, guitar
Piece from Giuliani, Villa-Lobos, Sor, Jobim, Bonfa and Lauro.

Changes to worship times this week. Please note the mass on Monday is at 9.30am. There is no mass on Tuesday (we will all be recovering from the Fair!) and mass on Saturday is at 10.00am. **Thursday is Ascension Day.** There are two opportunities to worship at the Eucharist: at the School Eucharist at 9.30am, and at the 5.30pm Eucharist, followed by silent meditation. All are most welcome on this important feast day.

Fringe Tours of St Nicholas Church. This year I will again be leading tours of the church during the Brighton Fringe Festival, and all are welcome. Admission is a mere fiver (!) to

learn something of 1000 years of our history, people and treasures. Tours last 80-90 minutes and this year take place on May 4 (12.15pm) May 11 (12.15pm and 3pm) and May 25 (12.15pm and 3pm). Pre booking is always advisable as tours, which are limited to a maximum of 40 people, can become fully booked. More information and to book places here:

<https://www.brightonfringe.org/events/tour-of-st-nicholas-church/> Brian Ogilvie.

Margaret Tuccori's funeral will take place at Woodvale Crematorium on Friday, 10 May at 10.00am. All are most welcome.

Spring Fair - TOMORROW from Noon to 3pm. The fair is only a day away, so you may now drop off all donations or bring on the day the following:

Books - we now have enough books for the fair, so please do not bring any more and sorry no magazines, DVD's or CD's.

Bottles - any, but alcoholic ones are particularly popular.

Bric-a-Brac - any good quality, clean items. Sorry NO ELECTRICAL ITEMS.

Chocolate - essentially for children, so any multipacks will be suitable.

Cakes - any homemade cakes. Please label and include ingredient list.

Crafts - any handmade items you have e.g. needlework, pottery, wood turning, patchwork etc

Plants - any seedlings or cuttings, plant pots (not plastic ones), small garden tools, packets of seeds and gardening/plant books.

After today's 10.30am service we will start to prepare the church for the fair. We need to bring the donations into the church and move chairs and tables into position. It would be hugely appreciated if people could assist if able.

On Monday, the car park (use the first gate) will be open from 9am for essential users as some members of the Hangelton Band will need to park too. The church will be open from 9am so we can hang the bunting, move tables and chairs outside and set up the external stalls. Again, it would be very useful to have some extra help with this and at the end help with the clear up.

Any questions please contact Mark on mark.alderson63@gmail.com or 01273 557765.

Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage. 11 May 1-5pm All are warmly invited to join this ecumenical pilgrimage, walking from Hove to Kemptown, to learn about six places of worship and their role in our city's past and present. Led by the Bishop of Chichester, Rt Revd Dr Martin Warner will give a short reflection at each place of worship, bringing together our historic urban journey and our contemporary spiritual journey. We meet at 12.30pm at St Andrew's Hove for a 1pm start and progress to Holland Road Baptist church, St Paul's on West Street, the Friends' Meeting House, and Dorset Gardens Methodist church. The walk will conclude at St John the Baptist Catholic church in Kemptown, with a celebration of ecumenical Vespers and refreshments. This event celebrates the different traditions of Christianity present in our city. Please book at: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/59116>

The **Annual Parish Meeting** (for the election of Churchwardens) and **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** take place next Sunday, 12 May, at 12.00pm following the Sung Eucharist in church. There are three seats for election to the PCC: two are three year seats, one is a two year seat. Nomination forms are on the table in the south aisle, together with paper copies of the

financial statements and reports; however, please consider downloading these from the News page of our website and bringing your electronic copy to the meeting instead!

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.

Volunteers for Messy Church (second Tuesday of the month, 3pm). Please speak to Fr Pete if this is something you could help out with (even if not every month). The sort of things you can do as a volunteer include: welcoming people, assisting with crafts, preparing simple food and refreshments, and helping tidy up. There is no obligation or requirement to interact with children if you would prefer not to, and it really isn't very messy at all! The **next Messy Church** is on 14 May.

Sunday Supplement over the coming months will offer an introduction to the New Testament (in honour of the diocese's Year of the New Testament). Fr Dominic kicks us off on today (c.12.15pm) with an overview of the New Testament. Let Fr Pete know if there are any questions about the New Testament you would like to explore, or if there is something about the New Testament you would like to share with others (e.g. your favourite book, or verse)

Bishop Ruth is coming to preside, baptise and confirm at the **Deanery Confirmation** at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14 May in our church. Do come along to support our candidates if you can.

The **Feminine Christian Mysticism** reading group continues this month on the 19th of May, 2.30pm with a discussion of the opening chapters of *Revelations of Divine Love* by Julian of Norwich. For more information and a link to the text talk to tom or send him an email on t.elliott@sussex.ac.uk

<p><i>Names for inclusion in the prayers can be sent to the Parish Office.</i></p>
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This Week at St Nicholas'

Sunday 5 th	THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.00am Eucharist (BCP) <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 followed by refreshments after the service 12.15pm Sunday Supplement: Introduction to the New Testament
Monday 6 th	Easter feria	9.30am Eucharist <i>All who will visit the church and churchyard today</i> 12.00-3.00pm Spring Fair & Dog Show 6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 7 th	Easter feria	*No mass today* 6.00-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 8 th	Mother Julian of Norwich	2.00pm Music Recital <i>Richard Bowen, guitar</i> <i>Piece from Giuliani, Villa-Lobos, Sor, Jobim, Bonfa and Lauro</i> 3.00pm Eucharist followed by tea and cake <i>Anglican religious communities</i> 4.00-5.00pm Open Church 7.00-10.00pm Five Rhythms Meditative Dance
Thursday 9 th	Ascension Day	9.30am School Eucharist 5.30pm Eucharist followed by silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament until 6.30pm <i>Renewal of our hope in everlasting life</i> 7.00-8.00pm Confirmation class
Friday 10 th	Easter feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Peace in the Middle East</i> 12.30-3.00pm Open Church
Saturday 11 th	Easter feria	10.00am Eucharist <i>Brighton Mayor and Councillors</i> 12.15pm & 3.00pm Fringe Tour of St Nicholas Church 5.30-9.30pm Fringe Music Concert
Sunday 12 th	ASCENSION SUNDAY	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 followed by refreshments after the service 12.00pm APM & APCM

Attendance last Sunday – 8am 13 adults, 10.30am 70 adults and 4 children.