

The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



Ss. Peter and Paul – 29 June 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**: Kwanita Lau and Guangmei Chen (violin and piano) play pieces by Beethoven and Schubert.

Fr Dominic will be on leave from Monday 23 June, and will be back on Tuesday 1 July.

Carole Potter's Requiem Eucharist will take place in St Nick's on 3 July at noon. All are welcome, and we are encouraged to wear something with a leopard print on it. If you are thinking of staying behind after the service, please could you let Veronica know so that she has an idea of how many to cater for.

The Summer Fair raised £2,500. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a successful day those, especially to all who helped to organise it and volunteered on the day.

There will be a **Parish Lunch** on Sunday 20 July, following the Parish Eucharist. The menu is a 2-course lunch comprising roast beef with accompanying vegetables, and Eton Mess for dessert. Tickets are £15 and are available from Jo Baker (01273 708708) from 28 June.

Messy Church volunteers. If, as a church, we want our Messy Church to continue, we will need some more volunteers. We need people to help with the following: plan the sessions (e.g. coming up with craft ideas); set up the church and put things away (including moving chairs and putting out tables); provide food. Is this something you could help with? Speak to Fr Pete for more information, or to express your interest.

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

Help David Lee to send essential Medical Aid to Ukraine: on 8 September 2025, David Lee will be delivering a 4x4 vehicle and essential medical aid to Ukraine, and is raising funds for essential winter tyres and medical supplies like CAT tourniquets and trauma dressings. Use the QR code or go to <https://gofund.me/2b2bd499>



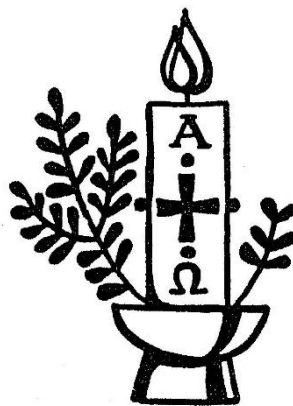
Our sponsored charity this month is **Emmaus**, which supports people to work their way out of homelessness, providing purpose as well as a stable home for as long as someone needs it. In the past 26 years Emmaus Brighton & Hove has provided a unique solution to combatting homelessness to over 1,500 Companions (residents) many of whom have complex needs.

A one-day symposium exploring mindfulness, heartfulness, and compassion-based practices is being held on 4 July at the Friends Meeting House, 9am-5pm. Tickets £20 (or £30 with donation). Fr Chris is taking part in a panel discussions, so speak to him for more information, or visit <http://sussexmindfulnesscentre.nhs.uk/event/mindfulness-heartfulness-and-compassion-multi-faith-day>.

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. For all involved, particularly the candidates but also parents, godparents and sponsors, it is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring the faith. The wider community of the local church and friends welcome the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future. Hearing and doing these things provides an opportunity to remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with this new member of the Church.

The service paints many vivid pictures of what happens on the Christian way. There is the sign of the cross, the badge of faith in the Christian journey, which reminds us of Christ's death for us. Our 'drowning' in the water of baptism, where we believe we die to sin and are raised to new life, unites us to Christ's dying and rising, a picture that can be brought home vividly by the way the baptism is administered. Water is also a sign of new life, as we are born again by water and the Spirit. This reminds us of Jesus' baptism. And as a sign of that new life, there is a lighted candle, a picture of the light of Christ conquering the darkness of evil. Everyone who is baptized walks in that light for the rest of their lives.

As you pray for the candidates, picture them with yourself and the whole Church throughout the ages, journeying into the fullness of God's love.



**THE EUCHARIST with HOLY BAPTISM of
TABITHA GEORGIA BRODERICK REAH**

We stand to sing the opening hymn:

And can it be that I should gain

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 we respond: **Amen.***

We sing the Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy):

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

We sing the Gloria in excelsis:

Glory to God, Glory to God,

Glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God in the highest,

and 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 to God, Glory to God,

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

The celebrant prays the Collect and we respond: Amen

We sing Psalm 125



4 Do good, O Lord, to those • who • are good,
and to those who are • true • of • heart.

5 Those who turn aside to crooked ways the Lord shall take away with the •
ev•ildoers;
but let there be peace upon • Is•ra•el.

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (Matthew 16.13-19).

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.

The candidate for baptism comes to the front of the church, with her family.

The celebrant addresses the whole congregation.

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome this child

and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The celebrant addresses parents and godparents of the child.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives this child with joy.

Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith.

Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith

and walk with her in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism this child begins her journey in faith. You speak for her today.

Will you care for her, and help her to take her place within the life and worship
of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

The celebrant makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the child.

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

People: **Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

As the ministers, candidate and congregation process to the font, we sing:

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Celebrant: Praise God who made heaven and earth,

People: **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The celebrant prays over the water.

...be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

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.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The celebrant dips the child in water.

Tabitha Georgia, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The celebrant anoints the newly baptised with the oil of Chrism.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

The celebrant gives the newly baptised a lighted candle.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

We return to our seats 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.**

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.



Fight the good fight with all thy might;

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 might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant recalls the Last Supper.

The mystery of faith. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The celebrant continues the prayer and we respond:

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:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, 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 : Gaelic Blessing, John Rutter

We remain seated to sing.

Hail, Holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria!

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:

'Thou art the Christ, O Lord,

Voluntary: Postlude, William Lloyd Webber

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 29	Ss. PETER AND PAUL	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 Baptism
Monday 30	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Victims of modern slavery</i> 6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 1	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer) <i>Emmaus</i> 6.30-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 2	Feria	2.00pm Recital: Kwanita Lau and Guangmei Chen (violin and piano) play pieces by Beethoven and Schubert 3.00pm Eucharist <i>Healing and wholeness</i> 7.00-10.00pm – Five Rhythms Meditative Dance
Thursday 3	S. Thomas	12.00pm Requiem Eucharist for Carol Potter <i>The resurrection of the dead</i>
Friday 4	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>The departed of July</i>
Saturday 5	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist 2.00pm Marriage of Andrew Childers and Karla Hancock
Sunday 6	THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	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

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