

The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



The Seventh Sunday after Trinity – 3 August 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

Fr Pete's final Sunday at St Nicholas' will be Sunday 31 August. He will be licensed as Associate Vicar of S. Mary the Less, Cambridge, at the High Mass on Sunday 14 September at 10.30am. All are welcome to attend the licensing. We look forward to giving thanks for Fr Pete's ministry, and wishing him a fond farewell, at the end of August.

Fr Dominic is on annual leave from Monday-Friday this week.

Weds **recital**: Matt Jelf (baritone and piano) plays Weil, Poulenc, and Dowland.

Essential works are being undertaken at St Paul's School over the summer vacation. We are still welcome to **park on Sunday mornings** but please use the playground, not the teachers' car park. Thank you.

Open Church volunteers. If you can spare a few hours a month to help keep the church open on Friday and Saturday afternoons, this would be much appreciated: there is a sign-up sheet on the table, or please speak to one of the Churchwardens after mass.

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 12 August, when we will begin reading Henri Nouwen's *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. 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.

Sadly the **parish walk** planned for the 25 August bank holiday will now no longer take place. Watch this space for news of other events out and about before long!

THE EUCHARIST

We stand to sing the opening hymn:

God of grace and God of glory,

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, Glory to God in the highest.

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;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.
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 Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

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

*We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (Colossians 3.1-11) read by Miles Dunmore we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

We sing Psalm 138, led by Charles Hugh Fisher.



- 1 Hear this, all you • peo•ples;
listen, all you that dwell • in • the • world,
- 2 You of low or • high • degree,
both rich and poor • to•ge•ther.
- 3 My mouth shall speak of • wis•dom
and my heart shall meditate on • un•der•standing.
- 4 I will incline my ear to a • par•able;
I will unfold my riddle • with • the • lyre.
- 5 Why should I fear in evil • days, • -
when the malice of my foes • sur•rounds • me,
- 6 Such as trust in their • goods • -
and glory in the abundance • of • their • riches?

7 For no one can indeed ransom an•oth•er
or pay to God the price of de•liv•er•ance.

8 To ransom a soul is too • cost•ly;
there is no price one could • pay • for • it,

9 So that they might live for • ev•er,
and never • see • the • grave.

10 For we see that the wise die also; with the foolish and ignorant they •
per•ish
and leave their rich•es • to • others.

11 Their tomb is their home for ever, their dwelling through all gene•ra•tions,
though they call their lands after • their • own • names.

12 Those who have honour, but lack under•stand•ing,
are like the • beasts • that • perish.

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (Luke 12.13-21).

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 Jo Baker, 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.



Take my life, and let it be

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.

If you prefer to receive Communion in one kind (bread only) please feel free to do so. Christ is fully present in both the bread and the cup and gives himself fully to us whether we receive in one kind, or both.

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 : My faith looks up to thee.

We remain seated to sing.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,

*We stand for the Post-Communion Prayer and respond: **Amen***

We sit for notices and stand for the Blessing.

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:

Lead us, heav'nly Father, lead us

Voluntary: Pachelbel – Fuga in C Major

All are most welcome to stay for refreshments in church.

This Week at St Nicholas'

Sunday 3	SEVENTH 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
Monday 4	S. John Vianney	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Parish priests</i> 6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 5	S. Oswald	12.00pm Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer) <i>HM Armed Forces</i>
Wednesday 6	Transfiguration of the Lord	2.00pm Recital: Matt Jelf (baritone and piano) plays Weil, Poulenc, and Dowland. 3.00pm Eucharist <i>The hope of glory</i> 7.00-10.00pm – Five Rhythms Meditative Dance
Thursday 7	Feria	5.30pm Eucharist followed by silent prayer until 6.30pm <i>Emmaus Brighton and Hove</i>
Friday 8	S. Dominic	12.00pm Eucharist <i>All who preach the gospel</i>
Saturday 9	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Brighton Street Pastors</i>
Sunday 10	EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	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