

The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



Saint Bartholomew, Apostle – 24 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**

} *by
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=T2lyRWtab1hHeVNHYjhCK3JLNXXZsUT09>

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 and Jenny a fond farewell, at the end of August. If you would like to make a contribution to a leaving gift for Fr Pete, this can be done online to the PCC's bank account: Co-operative Bank sort code 08-92-99 a/c no. 65061026 account name: St Nicholas PCC Brighton RC 1131831. Please use the payment reference 'Fr Pete'. Alternatively, you can make a contribution in cash or by cheque, which the Churchwardens will be happy to receive at church on Sunday 17 and 24 August.

Weds **recital**: Berniya Hamie (piano) plays Beethoven and Shostakovich.

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.

The **Companions** fellowship group will meet on Zoom each Tuesday fortnightly at 7.00pm: next meeting is Tuesday 26 August, when we will be reading part 1 of 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>



The Friends of St Nicholas' concert – *A Musical Journey Across the Globe* – will be on Saturday 20th September, featuring Sally Ann Shep, Anthony Hawgood, Trevor Alexander, and Peter Crockford. Doors open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start. Tickets can be purchased from Miranda Sinyard, and cost £30 (including a picnic supper).

An invitation to the congregation to attend the annual **Friends of St Nicholas Garden Party** on Sunday 24th August from 3 - 5. If you would like to come could you please either let Miranda know or email fosnchurch@gmail.com.

Our sponsored charity this month is **Family Support Work (FSW)**, which provides emotional and practical support to families in need. This includes listening, advice, advocacy, food

parcels, support groups and play activities. FSW supports families struggling with issues such as poverty, ill health, learning difficulties, bereavement, family break-up and domestic abuse.

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!

Deconstructing Gender - Dr Sam Hall, trans man and local GP, is giving a talk at St Nicholas on Saturday 6th September at 2pm, exploring the connection between queerphobia, misogyny, and toxic masculinity. Free to attend, and refreshments available. Contact Nigel for more details.

Intercession List. From Sunday 7 September, our intercession list will be revised. If you would like a loved one to remain on the list from that Sunday, please email the Vicar.

Weekday mass schedule in September. In preparation for the forthcoming vacancy, the number of weekday masses will be reduced, beginning from 1 September. The Eucharist will continue to be celebrated at the usual times from Tuesday-Friday, but there will be no celebration on Monday or Saturday.

THE EUCHARIST

We stand to sing the opening hymn:

Take my life, and let it be

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 (1 Corinthians 4.9-15) read by Paul Sawtell we respond: Thanks be to God.

We say the response to Psalm 145.1-7.

Response: **The glorious company of Apostles praise you, O Lord.**

I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless you
and praise your name for ever and ever. *Response*

Great is the Lord and highly to be praised;
his greatness is beyond all searching out.
One generation shall praise your works to another
and declare your mighty acts. *Response*

They shall speak of the majesty of your glory,
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts,
and I will also tell of your greatness. *Response*

They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness. *Response*

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (Luke 22.24-30).

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 Veronica Thomason, 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.



In Christ there is no east or west,

*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.

During Communion we remain seated to sing.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

*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:

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Voluntary: Francois Couperin, Trio from Mass for the Convents

All are most welcome to stay for refreshments in church.

This Week at St Nicholas'

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| Sunday 24 | SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE | 8.00am Eucharist <i>Prayer intention at 8.00 & 10.30: People of the parish</i> 10.30am Sung Eucharist 3.00pm Friends of St Nicholas' Garden Party |
| Monday 25 | Feria | 12.00pm Eucharist <i>Peace in Europe</i> 6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice |
| Tuesday 26 | Feria | 12.00pm Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer) <i>Mayor of Brighton and Hove, and city Councillors</i> 6.30-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal |
| Wednesday 27 | S. Monica | 2.00pm Recital: Berniya Hamie (piano) plays Beethoven and Shostakovich 3.00pm Eucharist <i>Parents and carers</i> |
| Thursday 28 | S. Augustine | 5.30pm Eucharist followed by silent prayer until 6.30pm <i>For the gifts of God's grace</i> |
| Friday 29 | Beheading of S. John the Baptist | 12.00pm Eucharist <i>Persecuted Christians</i> |
| Saturday 30 | Feria | 12.00pm Eucharist and Holy Matrimony of Cameron Dunn and Sophie Allen <i>The gift of joy</i> |
| Sunday 31 | ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY | 8.00am Eucharist <i>Prayer intention at 8.00 & 10.30: People of the parish</i> 10.30am Sung Eucharist and Ministry of Healing 3.30pm Homelees House Communion |