

The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



Fourteenth after Trinity – 21 September 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=T2lyRWtab1hHeVNHYjhCK3JLNhZsUT09>

Notices

Bishop Martin is visiting St Nicholas' today to celebrate and preach the 10.30am Sung Eucharist, and to dedicate the new nave altar. For the order of service please see the booklet.

Weds **recital**: Jason Ma (Cello and Piano) plays Beethoven.

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 23 September, when we will be reading part 3 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>

The **serving team** is currently recruiting new members. If you would be interested in assisting the clergy with the celebration of the Eucharist, please speak with Tom, Aiko, or any other member of the team. We are a welcoming and inclusive group, and encourage all members of the congregation, young and old, who feel called to the role to get involved. Our next training day will be in the church on Saturday 27th September at 11.15am - please come along if you are interested and want to know more.

Macmillan coffee/tea/cake afternoon: Saturday 27 September, 12.30 - 3.30pm. Donations of homemade cakes and biscuits would be gratefully appreciated. Please bring them to church from 10.30am - or bring them (and lots of friends!) with you when you come along to support this important charity. All money raised will go directly to Macmillan.

Harvest Festival will be celebrated on Sunday 5 October. If you would like to make a contribution to the decoration of the church, there will be a retiring collection after mass each Sunday in September. We will also be collecting food donations at the Harvest Festival for the FSW foodbank to support those in need – please use the box by the door. There will be a Parish Lunch on Harvest Sunday, following the Parish Eucharist. The menu is a 2-course lunch comprising Glazed Ham, Dauphinoise potatoes and vegetables followed by Apple Crumble and Custard with vegan and vegetarian options available. Tickets are £15 and are available from 14 September from Jo Baker – jo.baker11@outlook.com.

As part of our preparations for the vacancy, the format of the **Sunday service booklet** will be simplified over the coming weeks. Rather than having a booklet produced fresh each week, there will be a mass booklet, plus an insert with the notices and hymns on – the system we used to use at St Nicholas' some years ago. Feedback is welcome, so please let me know what is easy to read and use, and what is less so. *Fr Dominic*

Brighton and Hove Christians Together lecture 2025. On Friday, October 10 at 7.00pm, Rev Dr Susan Durber will speak at the Chapel Royal on 'The Legacy of Nicaea', reflecting on the legacy of the Council and its resonance for faith, unity and mission in today's Church. Dr Durber is a minister in the United Reformed Church and the World Council of Churches President from Europe. She has served local churches, as Principal of Westminster College in Cambridge, and as Theology Advisor for Christian Aid. All are very warmly welcome to attend the lecture: please use the QR code to book on Eventbrite:



Donations are collected for the work of St Nicholas' during the offertory hymn. 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.

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.

This Week at St Nicholas'

Sunday 21	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8.00am Eucharist 10.30am Sung Eucharist with Dedication of the Nave Altar
Monday 22	S. Matthew	6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 23	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist (BCP 1662) 6.30-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 24	Feria	2.00pm Recital: Jason Ma (Piano and Cello) plays Beethoven 3.00pm Eucharist 7.00-10.00pm Five Rhythms Meditative Dance
Thursday 25	Feria	5.30pm Eucharist followed by Silent Prayer until 6.30pm
Friday 26	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist
Saturday 27	S. Vincent de Paul	11.15am Servers Training session 12.30-3.30pm MacMillan Tea
Sunday 28	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8.00am Eucharist 10.30am Sung Eucharist with Ministry of Healing 3.30pm Homelees House Communion

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