

The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



Thirteenth after Trinity – 14 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

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Notices

Brian and Amanda Ogilvie have recently celebrated 30 years of marriage (on 8 September), and invite everyone to join them in a glass of celebratory fizz after the 10.30am mass today.

Please keep **Fr Pete and Jenny** in your prayers today, as Fr Pete is licensed at Little S. Mary's, Cambridge.

Weds **recital**: Caroline Goodwin (piano) and Zhanna Kemp – Art Songs by female composers.

The **PCC meet this Thursday** at 7.30pm, preceded by Eucharist at 7.00pm to which all are welcome. Please note there is no 5.30pm service.

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

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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).

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.

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.

Bishop Martin will visit St Nicholas' next Sunday (21 September) to celebrate and preach the 10.30am Sung Eucharist, and to dedicate the new nave altar. We look forward to his visit – please come if you can.

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 14	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8.00am Eucharist 10.30am Sung Eucharist with Ministry of Healing
Monday 15	S. Cyprian	6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 16	S. Ninian	12.00pm Eucharist (BCP 1662) 6.30-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 17	Hildegard of Bingen	2.00pm Recital: Caroline Goodwin (piano) and Zhanna Kemp – Art Songs by female composers 3.00pm Eucharist 7.00-10.00pm Five Rhythms Meditative Dance
Thursday 18	Feria	7.00pm Eucharist 7.30pm PCC meeting
Friday 19	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist 12.30-3.00pm Open Church
Saturday 20	Feria	6.00 for 6.30pm The Friends of St Nicholas' concert – <i>A Musical Journey Across the Globe</i>
Sunday 21	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8.00am Eucharist 10.30am Sung Eucharist with Dedication of the Nave Altar

THE EUCHARIST

We stand to sing the opening hymn:

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!

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,

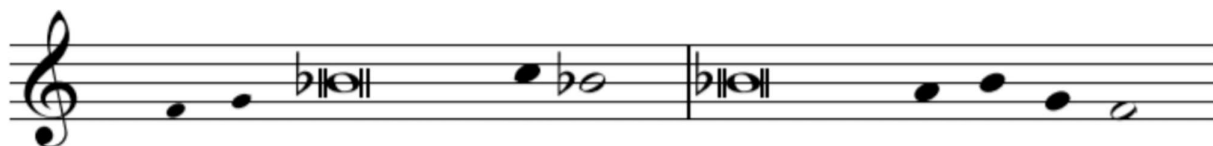
Lord God, Lamb of God,

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 (Exodus 32.7-14) read by Amanda Ogilvie, we respond: Thanks be to God.

We sing Psalm 51.1-11.



- 1 Wash me thoroughly from my • wick•edness
and •cleanse •me • from my • sin.
- 2 For I acknowledge my • faults •--
and my sin is • ev•er • be•fore me.
- 3 Against you only have I •sin•ned
and done what is • ev•il • in your • sight,
- 4 So that you are justified in your • sent•ence
and • right•eous • in your • judgement.
- 5 I have been wicked even from my • birth, •--
a sinner when my • moth•er • con•ceived me.
- 6 Behold, you desire truth deep with•in • me
and shall make me understand wisdom in the • depths • of • my • heart.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be • clean; •--
wash me and I shall be • whit•er • than • snow.

8 **Make me hear of joy and • glad • ness,
that the bones you have • brok • en • may re • joice.**

9 Turn your face from my • sins • --
and • blot • out • all my • misdeeds.

10 **Make me a clean heart, O • God, • --
and renew a right • spir • it • with • in me.**

11 Praise is due to you, O God, in • Zi • on;
to you that answer • prayer • shall • vows be • paid

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (Luke 15.1-10).

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 prayers of intercession, led by Jo Baker.

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.



Through all the changing scenes of life,

*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.

Communion Anthem: Fairest lord Jesus (arr. How)

During Communion we remain seated to sing.

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
*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:

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

Voluntary: Allegro in A minor by anonymous

All are most welcome to stay for anniversary refreshments after the mass.