

The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



Twelfth after Trinity – 7 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**

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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 Dominic is at the diocesan conference for the first part of this week. There will therefore be no BCP mass on **Tuesday**. For the rest of September, the Eucharist will be celebrated at the usual times from Tuesday-Friday, but there will be no celebration on Monday or Saturday, in preparation for the vacancy

Weds **recital**: Dominic Downs (piano) plays Kabalevsky, Schubert and Debussy.

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 9 September, when we will be reading part 2 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).

Intercession List. From today, our intercession list has been revised. If you would like a loved one to be added to the list, please email the Vicar.

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.

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' on 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.

Tomorrow (8th September) **Brian and Amanda Ogilvie** celebrate 30 years of marriage, and invite everyone to join them in a glass of celebratory fizz after the 10.30am mass next Sunday (14th).

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 7	TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8.00am Eucharist (BCP) 10.30am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism
Monday 8	Nativity of BVM	6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 9	Feria	6.30-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 10	Feria	2.00pm Recital: Dominic Downs (piano) plays Kabalevsky, Schubert and Debussy 3.00pm Eucharist 7.00-10.00pm Five Rhythms Meditative Dance
Thursday 11	Feria	5.30pm Eucharist followed by silent prayer until 6.30pm
Friday 12	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist 12.30-3.00pm Open Church
Saturday 13	S. John Chrysostom	
Sunday 14	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8.00am Eucharist 10.30am Sung Eucharist with Ministry of Healing

THE EUCHARIST with BAPTISM

We stand to sing the opening hymn:

O worship the King, all glorious above;

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 welcomes the candidate for baptism.

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.

*We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (Deuteronomy 30.15-20) read by Maria Broderick, we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

The first staff of music is written on a five-line staff with a treble clef. It contains two measures. The first measure has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. It contains a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, and a half note on B-flat4. The second measure has a key signature of one flat and contains a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, and a half note on B-flat4.

After the Sermon the candidate for baptism is invited to come to the front with her sponsors and supporters. The president 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 candidate and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

The president addresses the candidate directly:

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 turn to Christ

Candidate **I turn to Christ**

Do you repent of your sins?

Candidate **I repent of my sins**

Do you renounce evil?

Candidate **I renounce evil**

The president or another minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidate, saying:

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

The president may invite sponsors and others to sign the candidate with the cross. When all the candidates have been signed, the president says:

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

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.**

The candidate, her supporters and the ministers process to the font. We sing:

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

The celebrant blesses the water of baptism.

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

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

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with this candidate 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 pours water over the candidate, saying

N, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The newly baptised is anointed with 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.

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.



The King of love my shepherd is,

*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: Ave verum corpus, W. A. Mozart.

During Communion we remain seated to sing.

Lord Jesus Christ,

*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:

**1 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

**2 O loving wisdom of our God!
when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight,
and to the rescue came.**

**3 O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail.**

**4 And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.**

**5 And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and
inspire
to suffer and to die.**

**6 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

Voluntary: Allegro from voluntary in E minor by John Stanley

All are most welcome to stay for refreshments in church.