

The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra

First Sunday of Christmas, 28th December 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.

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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 Parish Office.

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Join us on **Zoom**: Meeting ID: 833 4639 2107 Passcode: 991506

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Sunday 28	FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	10.30am Parish Eucharist
Monday 29	<i>St Thomas Becket, Martyr</i>	6.45-9pm Narcotics Anonymous
Tuesday 30	<i>Feria</i>	7-10pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 31	<i>John Wyclif, Reformer</i>	3pm Mass
Thursday 1	<i>Naming and Circumcision of Jesus</i>	12 noon Mass
Friday 2	<i>St Basil the Great</i>	
Saturday 3	<i>Feria</i>	
Sunday 4	EPIPHANY	8am Mass (BCP) 10.30am Parish Eucharist with the Ministry of Healing.

THE EUCHARIST

Before the Eucharist begins, we keep silence and pray together

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We stand when the bell rings, to sing the hymn.

Good King Wenceslas looked out

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 all respond: **Amen.***

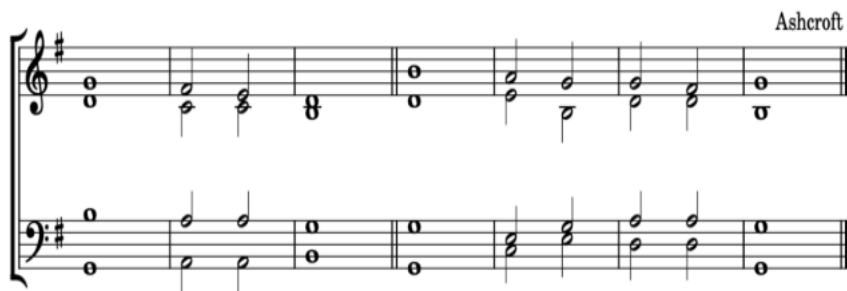
We sing the Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy):

**Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

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

*We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (Isaiah 63.7-9) read by Jo Baker we respond:
Thanks be to God.*

We remain seated to sing the responses to Psalm 148.



Alleluia. Praise the • Lord from • the • heavens;
--• praise • him • in • the • heights.

Praise him, all • you • his • angels;
--• praise • him, • all • his • host.

Praise him, • sun • and • moon;
praise • him, all • you • stars • of • light.

**Praise him, • heaven • of • heavens,
and you • waters • a•bove • the • heavens.**

Let them praise the • name of • the • Lord,
for he com•manded • and • they • were cre•ated.

**He made them fast for • ever • and • ever;
he gave them a law which • shall • not • pass • a•way.**

Praise the Lord • from • the • earth,
you • sea monst•ers • and • all • deeps;

**Fire and hail, • snow • and • mist,
tempestuous • wind, • ful•filling • his • word;**

Mountains • and • all • hills,
 --• fruit • trees • and • all • cedars;

Wild • beasts and • all • cattle,
 creeping • things and • birds • on • the • wing;

Kings of the • earth and • all • peoples,
 princes and all • rul•ers • of • the • world;

Young men and women, old and • young • to•gether;
 let them • praise • the • name of • the • Lord.

For his name only • is • ex•alted,
 his • splendour a•bove • earth • and • heaven.

He has raised up the horn of his people and praise for all his • faith•ful • servants,
 the children of • Israel, • a • people who • are • near him.

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (Matthew 2.13-23).

Alleluia alleluia 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 Brian Ogilvie, 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.



As the Offerings are brought to the altar we stand to sing:

Angels from the realms of glory,

*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 God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name,
He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The celebrant recalls the Last Supper.

Let us proclaim the myst'ry of faith.

**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.
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Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The celebrant continues the prayer and we respond:

Amen. Amen. Amen. 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:

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace; 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 service booklet in your hands. If you are unable to stand, please let a Churchwarden or sidesperson know, and Communion will be brought to you.

We remain seated to sing.

A great and mighty wonder, a full and holy cure:

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

We sit for notices.

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:

Unto us a boy is born!

Voluntary

All are most welcome to stay after the Eucharist for refreshments.