

**Saint Nicholas Parish Notices**  
**First Sunday in Lent, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

*To submit an item for the notices, please contact [notices@stnicholasbrighton.org.uk](mailto:notices@stnicholasbrighton.org.uk)*

**During Lent**, we may feel moved to make our confession and receive the sacrament of reconciliation. Both Fr Chris and Fr David are available to administer the sacrament of reconciliation during Lent, and throughout the year. **If you would like to speak** with Fr David or Fr Chris and don't have their contact information, please contact the Church Wardens via email ([churchwardens@stnicholasbrighton.org.uk](mailto:churchwardens@stnicholasbrighton.org.uk)) and your message will be passed on to them.

**Lent with the Companions fellowship group:** The Companions will be meeting every Tuesday between now and Easter. They will be sharing the Diocesan Lent course together, which this year reflects on the Gospel according to Matthew and looks set to be a very interesting and rewarding course. All welcome: Meeting ID: 867 7248 2744 Passcode: 108653

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86772482744?pwd=CvBCue5XqxazLxLyiajFa5BStgMsnb.1>

**East Flowers, Lillies, and Flower Team News:** The flower team will be collecting for the easter flowers following the services each Sunday between now and Easter. If you would like to contribute, please put something in the bucket as you leave, or, alternatively, you can do a bank transfer to the Church account, but please make sure you mark it as "Easter Flowers".

For those of you that wish to remember a loved one with an Easter Lily, there will be a list available for you to add names to from the 15th of March. There is a suggested donation of £5 per lily, which can be made at any point between now and Easter.

The flower team are starting to look at how we can become more sustainable in what we do, what greenery and flowers we use and the use of floral foam (oasis). We are going to have to invest in some different equipment to help us do this so if you would like to support us, please add a little bit to your donation. Many thanks Martin and the team.

**Following debates at Synod** this month regarding the conclusion of the Living in Love and Faith process, Bishop Martin has circulated a letter to all parishes in the Diocese. Please have a read of this – it can be found on the notice board at the back of the church.

**Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March is International Women's Day**, and will be marked by the Brighton Fishing Museum, on the seafront, with the unveiling of a memorial board to Martha Gunn, the famous "Queen of the Brighton Dippers", and who is buried in our churchyard. The memorial will be twinned with a board telling the story of the history, treasures, and characters of Saint Nicholas.

The event will take place from 12 noon 'til 3pm and all are welcome. Mayor Amanda Grimshaw will arrive for the unveiling at 12.30pm. In attendance will be members of the Martha Gunn Trust including, it is rumoured, the good lady herself!

**Fr Dominic Keech** has been appointed as an Honorary Canon of Chichester Cathedral in recognition of his “outstanding work as a pastor and teacher, drawing on his deep intellect and imagination”. He will be installed into his new position at Evensong at Chichester Cathedral on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 3pm, all are welcome to attend but places are limited and you are encouraged to book in advance here - <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/104942>

**The Wednesday music recital this week** will feature Emily Jennings and Cassie Matthews, who are going to present a selection of music for soprano and guitar draw from Britten, De Falla, and Villa-Lobos.

**Francesca Tipper, a student at the university of Sussex, is looking for people to take part in a short documentary** about Christianity and faith in Brighton. Participants will be invited to a roughly 30-minute interview, to take place at a time and location which suits you. She writes of the project: “the core aim is exploratory rather than adversarial. I’m interested in how Christianity is lived and understood in Brighton, particularly around questions of sexuality and gender, but not in staging debate or setting churches against one another. The guiding lens is one of listening and understanding”. Interview questions will be reflective and pastoral in nature and will be focused around “asking participants how they understand their faith in the context of Brighton, how conversations around sexuality and gender arise in church life, and how people navigate difference within Christianity”, with a particular interest in “lived experience rather than doctrine, and in allowing contributors to articulate their views in their own words and on their own terms”. For further information or to express an interest in taking part, please email Tom at the parish office.

**Please Save the Dates!** Future events in church. 25<sup>th</sup> April: The Brighton Welsh Male Voice Choir concert. 27<sup>th</sup> June: The Annual Summer Fair. Further details of both nearer the time. **Additional new dates:** Guided tours of the church, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of May led by Brian Ogilvie, and the South London Jazz Orchestra on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May.

**There will be an Ecumenical Walk of Witness** on Good Friday, starting at 10am from Pavilion Gardens, pausing at Chapel Royal, and culminating at Saint Nicholas at 11am for a short service. All are welcome to join and to be a part of this. There will be light refreshments provided.

**Our sponsored charity this month** is the Beachy Head Chaplaincy, a frontline Christian charity offering compassionate support for those in crisis at Beach Head. Since its founding in 2004 this team of trained search and rescue chaplains have helped over 7,500 people who wanted to end their lives on the cliffs, and helped them to find a more hopeful, brighter, path forward. More information can be found on their website - <https://www.bhct.org.uk/>

**Further information** about the charities which we support can be found at the back of the church after mass.