

**The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton,
St Nicholas of Myra
First Sunday of Lent, 22nd February 2026**



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 22	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	10.30am Parish Eucharist
Monday 23	<i>St Polycarp, Martyr</i>	6.45-9pm Narcotics Anonymous 7-9pm Bell Ringers Practice
Tuesday 24	<i>Feria</i>	
Wednesday 25	<i>Feria</i>	1.30pm Music Recital, <i>Mellifluous, Two Sopranos and Piano – Mozart, Chaminade, Fauré</i> 3pm Mass
Thursday 26	<i>Feria</i>	5.30pm Mass followed by silent prayer 7.30 – 10pm, Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Friday 27	<i>George Herbet, Poet and Priest</i>	
Saturday 28	<i>Feria</i>	7-9pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Sunday 1	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	8am Mass (BCP) 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Ministry of Healing

THE EUCHARIST

We warmly welcome Canon Emma Ham Riche as our celebrant and preacher for this service.

Before the Eucharist begins, we keep silence. We stand when the bell rings, to sing the hymn:

**Lead us, heav'nly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;**

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):

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.
Christe, Christe eleison.
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

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

We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7) read by Miles Dunmore we respond: **Thanks be to God.**

We remain seated to sing the refrain in the Lent Prose led by Vivienne McKay:



We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (Matthew 4.1-11)

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.... **Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory**

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 Trevor Lovejoy, and respond:

Lord, have mercy, **Christ, have mercy or:**

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:

**Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
if thou wouldst my disciple be;**

*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, heaven and earth are full of your glory,
your power and might.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes; blessed, blessed is he who comes;
blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.

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The celebrant recalls the Last Supper.

Let us proclaim the myst'ry of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is ris'n, Jesus Christ will come again.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.

The celebrant continues the prayer and we respond:

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:

Choir: Jesus, source of everlasting life; Jesus, source of reconciling love:
All: **Hear our prayer, have mercy; hear our prayer, have mercy; give us your peace.**
Jesus, by whose suffering we are healed; Jesus, man of sorrows, friend of grief:
Hear our prayer, have mercy; hear our prayer, have mercy; give us your peace.
Jesus, crucified, transcending time; Jesus, Saviour, by whose death we live:
Hear our prayer, have mercy; hear our prayer, have mercy; give us your 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.

Communion Anthem: Carol of Atonement – Trad.

We remain seated to sing.

**O for a closer walk with God,
a salm and heav'nly frame;**

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:

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!**

During Lent there is no voluntary.

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