

**The Ancient Mother Church of
Brighton,
St Nicholas of Myra
Easter Sunday, 5th April 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.

Vicar - During this period of interregnum please contact the Churchwardens, Parish Administrator, or relevant member of the PCC with any enquiries.

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Parking is available at St Paul's School on St Nicholas' Road, for the 10.30am Parish Eucharist, from **9.30am** until **1.00pm**. If you would like to receive our **regular mailing**, please contact the Parish Office.

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83346392107?pwd=T2lyRWtab1hHeVNHYjhCK3JLNxZsUT09>

Sunday 5	EASTER SUNDAY	8am Mass (Book of Common Prayer) 10.30am Sung Eucharist of Easter Day.
Monday 6	MONDAY OF EASTER WEEK	6.45-9pm Narcotics Anonymous 7-9pm Bell Ringers Practice
Tuesday 7	TUESDAY OF EASTER WEEK	Church Closed.
Wednesday 8	WEDNESDAY OF EASTER WEEK	1.30pm Music Recital 3pm Requiem Mass for the dearly departed.
Thursday 9	THURSDAY OF EASTER WEEK	5.30pm Mass followed by silent prayer until 6.30pm
Friday 10	FRIDAY OF EASTER WEEK	9.30-11.30am Church Closed for Organ Practise.
Saturday 11	SATURDAY OF EASTER WEEK	
Sunday 12	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.30am Sung Eucharist with ministry of healing.

THE EUCHARIST of EASTER DAY

We stand to sing the opening hymn, during which the procession stops to bless the Easter Garden:

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!**

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.

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 are sprinkled with holy water as a reminder of our baptism, and join in the refrain:

**We shall draw water joyfully, singing joyfully, singing
joyfully;**

**We shall draw water joyfully from the well springs of
salvation.**

We sing the Gloria in excelsis:

**Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
peace to his people on earth, 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, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
peace to his people on earth, peace to his people on earth.
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;
for you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer, receive our prayer, receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory, the glory, the glory of God the Father.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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

*We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (Acts 10.34-43) read by Miles Dunmore we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

We stand for the gradual hymn:

**Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes employ,**

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (John 20.1-18).

**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.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and
was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We sit or stand for the prayers of intercession, led by Brian Ogilvie 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:

**Alleluia, alleluia,
hearts to heaven and voices raise;**

*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 sing:

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.

Communion anthem : This joyful Eastertide

We remain seated to sing.

**A brighter dawn is breaking,
and earth with praise is waking;**

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. Amen. Amen. AMEN.**

Celebrant: Go in the peace of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

We remain standing to sing:

**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;**

Voluntary: Siegfried Karg-Elert: Nun danket alle Gott

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