

**Saint Nicholas Parish Notices**  
**Ascension Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

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

**We will have our Annual Parish Church meeting (APCM)** after the Service on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>. This is a formal meeting which involves the election of Churchwardens, PCC and Deanery Synod members. It's also an opportunity to review what we have done as a parish over the last year. Please do consider standing for Deanery Synod or the PCC to help us plan our way forward over the next years. If you would like more information on standing for a role please speak to the Churchwardens or a member of the PCC.

**Between now and Pentecost the Church of England is** keeping a period of nine days of ecumenical prayer as part of the global ecumenical prayer movement *Thy Kingdom Come*. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, has prepared a novena — *God With Us* — for those of us who would like to take part.

For more information and to download this resource, visit <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/thy-kingdom-come>

**The surplus from the Welsh Male Voice Choir is £918.66** for church funds. Many thanks to the Events Group for organising the evening.

**We continue to collect for Christian Aid and their work in** supporting families in Nairobi, Kenya and tackling urban poverty through sustainable urban farming. Supporters across Britain and Ireland will be raising funds, praying, and taking action. You will find Christian Aid envelopes with your service sheets this week — please do consider donating what you can to support this important cause. Your donations — inside the envelopes — can be put into the collection to be blessed both this week and next.

**The Annual Mackerel Fayre is today, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> of May,** at the Fishing Museum on the Lower Prom, between the piers. This event will include “the Blessing of the Nets”, a time-honoured ceremony to welcome the new fishing seasons and which recognises the heritage of the fisherfolk who worshipped here at Saint Nicholas over the centuries. The new large display board which tells the history of our church can also be viewed.

This year the service will be taken by longstanding friend of our parish, Revd Buff Stone from St Lukes, Prestonville, and Mayor Amanda Grimshaw will be in attendance for one of the final duties of her year in office. The event starts at 12.30pm and includes much entertainment besides, including sea shanty singers and a hilarious local comedy troupe. Admission is free, but donations to the museum and the RNLI are very welcome.

**Last tickets available for 90 minute tours of the church** on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, at 12.30pm and 3pm. Numbers are limited and the talks often sell out, so book now to hear and see some of the 1,000

years of history, treasures and characters of our beautiful church. Tickets can be found on the Fringe website –

<https://www.brightonfringe.org/events/tour-of-st-nicholas-church/>

**We are thrilled to be hosting the South London Jazz Orchestra** here in church on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May. They write that they plan to dazzle you with big band favourites from the whole history of jazz - as well as some more surprising choices - in an evening of funk, Latin, and of course, classic swing with timeless tunes from the likes of Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Count Basie and many more.

Tickets are available now through Brighton Fringe and are selling fast!

<https://www.brightonfringe.org/events/south-london-jazz-orchestra/>

**Cakes needed!** Do you enjoy baking? Would you be able to bake a cake or two for the Wednesday Recitals? If so, please contact Vivienne or one of the wardens!

**For this week's music recital we will be joined by** Luca Luciano, a highly acclaimed, Naples-born, clarinettist and philosopher. Luca, described as 'the new voice of the clarinet' by *De Klarinet* magazine, has been performing since the age of twelve and, in the years since, has gained a reputation across Europe and the UK for his bold and unique interpretations and exciting approach to music. He will be playing a selection of music for the clarinet from the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries.

**Upcoming Events:** The Annual Summer Fair: 27<sup>th</sup> June. Further details nearer the time.

**Bishop Martin retires at the end of May**, and as a diocesan family we are beginning the search for his successor. Have your say in the appointment at [tinyurl.com/next-bishop](http://tinyurl.com/next-bishop) or by using the handy QR code – just scan it with your phone's camera. It will take only a few minutes to complete, and it is open until May 26<sup>th</sup>. We welcome



Find out more about the process for

responses from everyone.

appointing our next

bishop at [www.chichester.anglican.org/vacancy-in-see/](http://www.chichester.anglican.org/vacancy-in-see/)

**Our sponsored charity this month** is Action around Bethlehem Children with Disability (ABCD), a front-line humanitarian charity working to improve the lives of children with disabilities across Palestine regardless of faith, race, or gender. ABCD work closely with local partners to provide high-quality treatment programmes designed to empower and educate families in the region and to make life-saving child-centred care available to those who need it the most.

More information about ABCD and the great work that they do can be found on their website:  
<https://abcdbethlehem.org/>

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

**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.

**The Companions Fellowship Group** will next meet on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of May, from 7-8pm. All welcome: Meeting ID: 867 7248 2744 Passcode: 108653

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

## *Wednesday Music Recitals*

### **15-Apr The John Lake Quartet**

Add to Jazz Playlist - *Originals & Standards*

### **22-Apr Safiye Sahin**

Piano - *Liszt, Bach and Prokofiev*

### **29-Apr Maurizio Baudino**

Guitar - *Albéniz, Walton, Villa-Lobos, Piazzolla*

### **6-May Katy Blatt, Chris Darwin, and Sylvia Coward**

Violin and Piano – *Telemann, Vivaldi, Bach, and more*

### **13-May Adrien Brandeis**

Jazz Piano - *Repertoire from his latest album*

### **20-May Luca Luciano**

Clarinet - *20 and 21st century music*

### **27-May Viola Lenzi and Isabella Gori**

Four hands - one piano - *Gershwin, Ravel*

### **3-June Stuart Deeks**

Violin - *Bach*

### **10-June Leora Cohen and Ariel Lanyi**

Violin and Piano - *Schumann and Mozart*

### **17-June Jane Tyler**

and the Hammig String Quartet - *-Beethoven*

### **25-June Louis-Victor Bak**

Piano - *Fauré, Chopin, Dutilleux*