

Saint Nicholas Parish Notices
Ninth Sunday After Trinity, 2nd August 2026

To submit an item for the notices, please contact notices@stnicholasbrighton.org.uk

The 3.15 Mass on Wednesday this week will be celebrated as a Requiem Mass for the dearly departed. All are welcome to attend and to pray for those who have gone before us.

There will be no 5.30pm Mass this Thursday. Instead Mass will be held at 7pm, followed by a meeting of the PCC.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Brighton Pride yesterday we hope a great day was had by all.

Mother Fiona will be licensed as the Vicar of our parish at a ceremony on September 17th at 7.30pm here in church. Please see the reverse of this booklet or the notice board at the back of the church for the Licensing Notice.

This Wednesday we welcome Eleanor Kelly (classical guitar) who will be performing works by Latin American composers, featuring works by Carmen Guzmán from her debut album 'Dedicatoria'. Eleanor will also be joined by vibraphonist Mike Hughes for some duets including 'Sea Suite' by Laurie Randolph.

Brian Ogilvie invites us all to a talk that he is giving entitled *The Extraordinary Life and Times of Thomas Reed Kemp*, taking place on the 12th of August at Ventnor Hall, Central United Reform Church, Blatchington Road, Hove. The talk is hosted by the Sussex Family History Group and will begin at 7.30pm. Admission free. Brian shares an interesting tale from Kemp's life, writing "In 1817 Thomas Kemp – a leading member of this Church, the joint Lord of The Manor of Brighton, and MP for Lewes - shocked local society when he broke from the Church of England (resigning as MP in the process) to join a new 'breakaway' evangelical sect. One of the principles of the new movement was to admit, for the first time, women to play a leading role in worship. There were howls of protests no doubt; in those days, the very idea of a female vicar at St Nicholas would have been unimaginable!"

Blue bag lost! Debbie Davison lost her blue bag last week. If found, please let Debbie or one of the church wardens know.

The Friends of St Michael' Church invite us to an illustrated talk in the church by local Social Geographer Dr Geoffrey Mead: '*Illuminating the Soul: aspects of Brighton's ecclesiastical landscape*', taking place on Friday 14th August.

'Brighton is always a place of difference, and in the 17th century was described as a town '*...full of Dissenters*'...plus ca change! This talk takes us on a virtual stroll through central Brighton, looking at some of its religious structures, past and present, both extant and long gone, and some of the related social issues; with churches High and Low, all manner of Non-Conformity and some later examples of the city's social and religious changes.'

Come and learn more about those forgotten sects and buildings on your doorstep.

£12 to include talk and welcome drink. Doors 6.00 for 6.30.

We are all invited to The Blessing of the Sea due to take place on Sunday 16th August at 3pm on the groyne by Palace Pier. This service will allow an opportunity to give thanks for all that the sea provides for us, to contemplate and say sorry for the damage we have caused, to ask God for His help in caring for the oceans and will include a blessing of the sea with a driftwood cross. Attendees are encouraged to bring something with them that represents their own relationship with the sea, such as sports gear or an artwork.

The service will be followed by tea and coffee in a local café.

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!

Our sponsored charity this month is Green Christian. Founded in 1982, this volunteer-led organisation work tirelessly with Christian groups of all background to address the challenges of climate change, pollution, and ecosystem collapse through prayer, action, and encouragement. For more about their work and how to get involved please see their website –

<<https://greenchristian.org.uk/introduction/about-green-christian/>>

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) and your message will be passed on to them.

The Companions Fellowship Group will next meet on Tuesday 11th August, and every subsequent fortnight, from 7-8pm. All welcome: Meeting ID: 867 7248 2744 Passcode: 108653

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

Bishop Ruth, Bishop of Horsham, has asked us to pray for those responsible for nominating the new Bishop of the diocese of Chichester over the next months.

These are the people we are asked to pray for and here is the recommended prayer for us to use

- Revd Canon Lisa Barnett, Team Rector of Horsham
- Bob Chambers, lay representative on the General Synod (2024-26), member of St Margaret's, Angmering
- Revd Anita Colpus, Rector of Trinity Lewes
- Michelle Lashley, Early Years Minister at Hailsham Parish Church

- Ven Martin Lloyd-Williams, Archdeacon of Brighton and Lewes
- Bradley Smith, lay representative on the General Synod (2015-26), Churchwarden at Aldingbourne, Barnham and Eastergate

Almighty God,

We praise you for the abundance of your grace, mercy, and peace, sustaining those who serve you across this diocese.

We thank you for the work of the Vacancy In See Committee, and we pray for the six people elected to serve as members of the Crown Nominations Commission.

We ask that by your Holy Spirit you would give them gifts of wisdom and discernment for the work entrusted to them.

We pray that you would continue to form them in the likeness of your Son, with humility, courage, and faithfulness.

May they serve to the glory of your name and the building up of your Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Attendance Last Week: 51 Adults



We are deeply saddened by the recent attack in Berlin

We stand in solidarity with the Berlin LGBTQ+ community.

This is why we march for our rights. Pride should be a place of celebration and joy.

Brighton stands with Berlin.

Wednesday Music Recitals

5-Aug Eleanor Kelly and Mike Hughes

Guitar and Vibraphone - *Latin Americana*

12-Aug Stuart Deeks

Bach, Biber and fiddle tunes from the UK

19-Aug Trio Reinecke

Clarinet, Viola, Piano - *Beethoven, Juon, Jacobsson*

26-Aug Ivan Hovorun

Piano - *Mozart, Chopin, Rachmaninoff*

2-Sept CATIL Wind Quintet

Hindemith, Onslow, Debussy

9-Sept John Bruzon

Piano - *Liszt, Chopin*

16-Sept Sylvia Akagi & Peter Golden

Guitar, Flute - *Classical, Traditional, Blues, Original*

23-Sept Angelina Kopyrina

Piano - *Bach-Busoni, Beethoven, Liszt*

30-Sep Peter De Souza

Piano - *Mozart, Handel*



LICENSING NOTICE

Name of Priest designate	The Revd Fiona Jane HARRISON-SMITH
Current Appointment	Rector of St Mary and St Margaret's Castle Bromwich and Vicar of St Clement of Alexandria Castle Bromwich
New Appointment	Vicar of St Nicholas of Myra, Brighton
Stipend/Time Commitment	Full-time stipendiary
First Incumbency	No
Date of App Announcement	Sunday 28 th June 2026
Date of Licensing	Thursday 17th September 2026
Time	7.30 pm
Venue	St Nicholas of Myra, Dyke Road, Brighton BN1 3LJ
Instituted by	Bishop of Lewes
Inducted by	Archdeacon of Brighton and Lewes
Liturgical Chaplain	The Revd Alice Smith

Circulated to:

The Priest Designate; The Patrons (if applicable); Headteacher (if applicable); The Churchwardens; The Bishop's Senior Staff; Diocesan Staff, Palace Staff, Diocesan Registry; The Rural Dean; The Deanery Lay Chair; Communications Team.

Notes:

- The Service will be in the context of the Eucharist, and it is recommended that a special booklet is produced. The order of service is available on the diocesan website: <https://www.chichester.anglican.org/licensing-service-information/>
- The booklet should include Common Worship materials and should contain hymns and music for those parts of the service which are sung. Lections should be the Eucharistic reading for the day unless the Bishop directs otherwise.
- A proof of the service must be sent to the office of the officiating Bishop for approval before final printing. If the service is being conducted by an Archdeacon, then please send the draft to the Senior Liturgical Chaplain.
- A rehearsal will be organised by the liturgical chaplain prior to the event for all concerned. Please do not hesitate to contact the Appointments Secretary should you have any questions.

Laura Muchmore, Clergy HR and Appointments Administrator, 24/07/2026