

Saint Nicholas Parish Notices
Trintiy 16, 20th September 2026

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We are very pleased to welcome Mother Fiona Harrison-Smith as the new vicar of our parish following her licensing service on Thursday and look forward to working alongside her over the years to come.

All are invited to join an interfaith Pilgrimage for Climate and Peace this afternoon organised by Brighton Christian Climate Action. We will meet at 1pm at One Church, Florence Road before walking together through the town and ending up at the Friend's Meeting House, Ship Street by 3.30pm.

We will be hosting the Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on Friday 25th of September from 12 noon until 3.30pm. All are welcome to attend and to partake of some delicious food, drinks, and fellowship while raising money for a very important cause.

If you would like to support the Coffee Afternoon it would be wonderful to have lots of donations of home-made cakes to sell on the day. Monetary donations to go towards ingredients would also be very welcomed! Please speak to Veronica to find out more.

Harvest Fruit, Veg, and Flowers Collection. We will be collecting money to help with the costs of decorating the church for the Harvest Festival. The fruit and veg that we use will then be sent on to a charity for them to use. The bucket will be available at the end of each service, alternatively you can make a transfer into the bank account and mark the donation as flower fund. Thank you, Martin and the flower team.

Brian Ogilvie will be giving a talk entitled '*The extraordinary life and times of Thomas Read Kemp*' on 29 September and all are welcome.

Host: Brighton Quakers

Venue: Friends Meeting House, Ship Street, Brighton

Time: 2.30pm (approx. 60 minutes)

Admission: £3

An interesting tale from a life full of them ...

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!

This Wednesday we welcome accomplished Russian pianist Angelina Kopyrina. Kopyrina is an active concert pianist and one of the leading experts on the composer Rachmaninov, holding an

MPhil from Chichester University on the subject of Rachmaninov's piano sonatas. She has performed extensively across Europe and the UK and is the recipient of a number of international awards, and we are honoured to have her joining us this week. Kopyrina will be performing a selection of work for the piano drawn from the compositions of Bach-Busoni, Beethoven, and Liszt.

Sadly we are having to suspend our collection of medical blister packs for the time being. If anyone knows of someone living in West Sussex (where these are part of the doorstep collection) who might be willing to accept our blister packs going forward please speak to Rachel or send her an email. Thank you.

We are thrilled to announce that we will be hosting the tour finale of Richard Durrant's *The Art of Levitation* here in church on Saturday 3rd October at 7.30pm. Richard is a celebrated concert guitarist with international reach and popularity and has chosen Saint Nicholas as the closing venue of his tour as it was the first venue that he ever played in - at the age of 10 years old! He also played here in June 1986 before his London debut. The performance will include music from the High Baroque, English Folk Baroque, and a number of his own compositions. Tickets are £22 or £16 for under 25s and are available from Richard's website - <https://www.richarddurrant.com/the-art-of-levitation> or on the door.

Our sponsored charity this month is The Clocktower Sanctuary, the only drop-in day centre in Brighton and Hove for young people aged 16-25 experiencing homelessness. Founded in 1998 the Sanctuary provides essentials such as food, a place to wash and dry clothes, internet access and hot showers, along with groups and activities, coaching and mentoring, and ongoing support to help young people achieve long term stability and a path out of homelessness. For more information, or to volunteer, see their website - <https://www.thechts.org.uk/>

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

The Companions Fellowship Group will next meet Tuesday 29th September, 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.

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*