

**The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton,
Saint Nicholas of Myra
Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity,
20th September 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 **9.30am** until **1.00pm**. If you would like to receive our **regular mailing**, please contact the Parish Office.

Sunday 20	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8am Mass 10.30am Sung Eucharist
Monday 21	<i>St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	6.45-9pm Narcotics Anonymous 7-9pm Bell Ringers Practise
Tuesday 22	<i>Feria</i>	6-7.30pm Brighton Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 23	<i>Feria</i>	1.30pm Music Recital, Angelina Kopyrina – Bach-Busoni, Beethoven, Liszt for piano. 3.15pm Mass
Thursday 24	<i>Feria</i>	5.30pm Mass followed by silent prayer
Friday 25	<i>Lancelot Andrewes, Spiritual Writer</i>	9.30-11.30am Church Closed for Organ Practise 12 noon – 3.30pm Macmillan Coffee Afternoon, all welcome!
Saturday 26	<i>Wilson Carlile, Founder of the Church Army</i>	No Mass today
Sunday 27	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	10.30am Sung Eucharist with Ministry of Healing.

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83346392107?pwd=T2lyRWtAb1hHeVNHYjhCK3JLNXZsUT09>

THE EUCHARIST

We stand to sing the opening hymn:

**God Is love: His the care,
tending each, everywhere,**

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):

**Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

We sing the Gloria in excelsis:

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

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

*We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (Exodus 16.2-15) read by Meta Wells-Thorpe, we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

We sing Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45 led by Vivienne McKay



- 1 O give thanks to the Lord and call up•on • his • name;
make known his • deeds • a•mong • the • peoples.
- 2 Sing to • him, • sing • praises,
and tell of • all • his • marvel•lous • works.
- 3 Rejoice in the praise of his • ho•ly • name;
let the hearts of them re•joice • who • seek • the • Lord.
- 4 Seek the • Lord • and his • strength;
— • seek • his • face • con•tinually.
- 5 Remember the marvels • he • has • done,
his wonders and the • judge•ments • of • his • mouth,
- 6 O seed of • Abra•ham his • servant,
O • children • of • Jacob • his • chosen.
- 37 Then he brought them out with • silver • and • gold;
there was not one a•mong • their • tribes • that • stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was • glad at • their de•parting,
for a • dread of • them had • fallen • up•on them.
- 39 He spread out a • cloud • for a • covering
and a • fire • to • light up • the • night.
- 40 They asked and he • brought • them • quails;
he satisfied • them • with the • bread • of • heaven.

- 41 He opened the rock, and the • waters • gushed • out
and ran in the • dry • places • like • a • river.
- 42 **For he remembered his • ho•ly • word
and • Ab•ra•ham, • his • servant.**
- 43 So he brought forth his • people • with • joy,
his • cho•sen • ones • with • singing.
- 44 **He gave them the • lands of • the • nations
and they took pos•session • of the • fruit of • their • toil,**
- 45 That they might • keep • his • statutes
and faithfully observe his laws. • Al•le•lu•i•a.

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (Matthew 20.1-16)

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.

**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 Veronica Thomason and respond:

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:

**Immortal, invisible,
God only wise,**

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 might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant recalls the Last Supper.

The mystery of faith. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The celebrant continues the prayer and we sing:

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:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, 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: How – Fairest Lord Jesus

We remain seated to sing.

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;**

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:

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;**

Voluntary: Boellman – Toccata from Suite Gothique

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