

**The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton,
Saint Nicholas of Myra
Bible Sunday
25th October 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.

Instruction in the Christian Faith

Holy Baptism for children and adults

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

Holy Matrimony and Thanksgiving after Civil Marriage

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arrangement
with
the Vicar*

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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 25	BIBLE SUNDAY	8am Mass 10.30am Sung Eucharist with Ministry of Healing
Monday 26	<i>St Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons (899)</i>	1pm Space for You Guided Meditation. All welcome 6.45-9pm Narcotics Anonymous 7-9pm Bell Ringers Practise
Tuesday 27	<i>Feria</i>	7pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Zoom Companions Online, see notices.
Wednesday 28	<i>SS Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>	1.30pm Music Recital, Galina Umanskiy – Piano 3.15pm Mass 7.30pm Dance Class, all welcome, see notices.
Thursday 29	<i>James Hannington, Bishop and Martyr (1885)</i>	5pm Mass followed by silent prayer
Friday 30	<i>Feria</i>	9.30-11.30am Church Closed for Organ Practise
Saturday 31	<i>All Souls</i>	4pm All Souls Requiem Mass. Please write names of the dead to be read out during the service at the back of church.
Sunday 1	ALL SAINTS	8am Mass (BCP) 10.30am Sung Eucharist.

Monday 2	<i>Feria</i>	6.45-9pm Narcotics Anonymous 7-9pm Bell Ringers Practise
Tuesday 3	<i>Richard Hooker, Teacher of the Faith (1600)</i>	No Mass today
Wednesday 4	<i>Feria</i>	1.30pm Music Recital 3.15pm Requiem Mass 7.30pm Dance Class, all welcome, see notices.
Thursday 5	<i>Feri</i>	5pm Mass followed by silent prayer
Friday 6	<i>St Leonard, Hermit (6th Century)</i>	9.30-11.30am Church Closed for Organ Practise
Saturday 7	<i>St Willibrord of York, Apostle of Frisia (739)</i>	No Mass today
Sunday 8	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	8am Mass 10.30am Sung Eucharist with Ministry of Healing.

THE EUCHARIST

The Ministry of Healing will be offered in the Lady Chapel during Communion today. All are welcome to partake.

We stand to sing the opening hymn:

Thou, whose almighty word

President: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome and Introduction

Invitation to Confession

The word of God is living and active. It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart. All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we give account. We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Let your faithful love come unto me, O Lord, even your salvation, according to your promise:
Lord have mercy.

(We sing) **Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path:
 Christ have mercy.
(We sing) **Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.**

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; O seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.
 Lord have mercy.
(We sing) **Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

The President says the prayer of absolution and all respond: **Amen.**

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 President prays the Collect and we respond: **Amen**

We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (Nehemia 8.1-4a, 8-12) we respond: **Thanks be to God.**

We sing Psalm 119.9-16

At the end of the reading (Colossians 3.12-17) we respond:
Thanks be to God.

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (Matthew 24.30-35).

Alleluia alleluia alleluia alleluia ... **Alleluia alleluia alleluia alleluia.**

Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*.

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 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.

President: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

People: **And also with you.**

(you are invited to exchange peace with those around you with the words 'peace be 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:

Come, living God, when least expected,

We stand as the President says the Prayer over the Offerings.

We remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer.

President: 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 President 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 President recalls the Last Supper.

Great is the mystery of faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The President 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.

The President breaks the consecrated bread:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

(Sung) **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.

President: Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
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.

During Communion you are invited to partake in the Ministry of Healing in the Lady Chapel.

Communion Anthem

We remain seated to sing:

Here in this place, new light is streaming,

*We stand for the Post-Communion Prayer and respond: **Amen***

We sit for notices.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

May the eternal God bless and keep us, guard our bodies, save our souls and bring us safe to the heavenly country, our eternal home, where Father, Son and Holy Spirit reign, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

We remain standing to sing:

**We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;**

Voluntary

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