

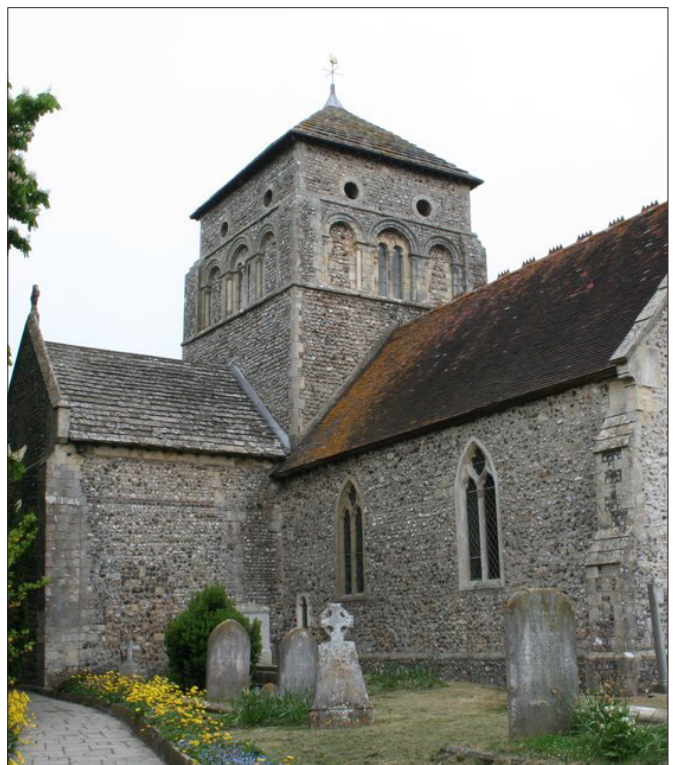
THE PARISH OF ST NICOLAS, OLD SHOREHAM NEEDS YOU

The PCC of St Nicolas, Old Shoreham, are seeking a House for Duty Priest, to lead us in the next part of our journey through faith. Nestled between the South Downs, the River Adur and the sea, lies the Parish of St Nicolas, Old Shoreham.



Our beautiful, Grade 1 listed building

Dating back to Saxon times, with later Norman and Victorian additions, is the oldest Parish Church in Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex.



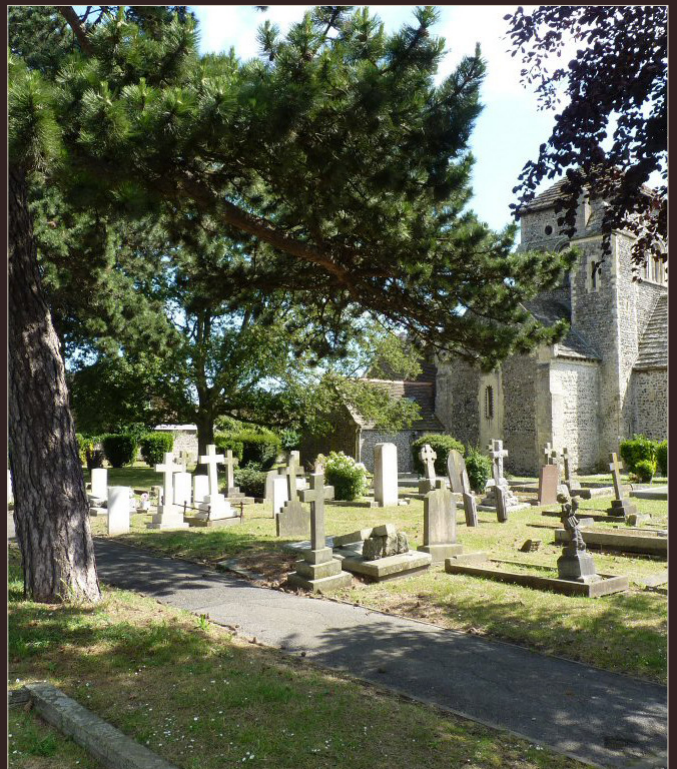
Our Town

Shoreham-by-Sea is a vibrant, growing town. It has direct and easy links to London, Brighton and Worthing. Its position between the Sea and Downs, selection of independent shops, restaurants, cafés and cultural events, make it a very desirable place to live and work.

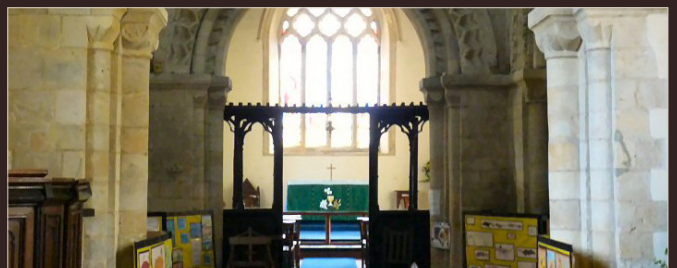


Our Church

St Nicolas has an enormous amount of beauty and charm. Visitors to the Church often remark on the calming atmosphere, and what a special place it is to worship in. We even have our own Russian Princess in our Churchyard!



Due to its proximity to the site of the tragic Shoreham Air crash, St Nicolas has also become a place of solace for those remembering loved ones. In 2025, we had the privilege of hosting the Memorial Service for the 10th Anniversary of the Air Crash.



Each Sunday there is an 8.30am Eucharist and a 10.00am Sung Eucharist. On the first Sunday of each month there is also Evensong at 6.00pm. We are particularly lucky to have the support of several local retired clergy, who are valued members of St Nicolas.

We celebrate all main festivals, including Mothering Sunday with gifts of flowers. Our Easter services consist of Ash Wednesday with the imposition of ashes, Palm Sunday with the distribution of Palm crosses. During Holy Week we have Compline with Eucharist, Maundy Thursday service, including the vigil, followed by the Good Friday Liturgy and culminating in the Easter Sunday services.

At Christmas, there is a service of 9 Lessons and Carols, along with a Crib service for children and adults alike, both of which are very well attended by those from the wider community. We also hold Midnight Mass on Christmas eve, and a service on Christmas Day morning.



Community Links

St Nicolas is firmly established in the local community. We are working hard to promote and increase the profile of our church and encourage everyone to visit. Through our connections with other groups using the church, these efforts are bearing fruit, and we have many new visitors coming to enjoy St Nicolas. These links are a great springboard for mission.

Members of the congregation organise talks and tours for other groups to learn more about the history of the Church and local area. It acts as a focal point for other organisations such as Friends of Old Shoreham (FOldS) to hold talks, tours, concerts, art exhibitions and fairs. This shows the esteem in which St Nicolas is held in the local community and the interest people have in our church.

Our legendary monthly Coffee and Cake mornings enable local people, and those from further afield, whether they attend services or not, to come into the church, enjoy each other's company and buy delicious homemade goodies!



Our summer "Hymns and Pimms" is a very popular event on our calendar, alongside our St Nicolas Day Quiz evening.

Events are publicised through the weekly newsletter, on the church website and on several Facebook pages, so that people are aware of what St Nicolas is providing.

The church is open all day for private prayer or simply to be a place of quiet for anyone who wishes to enjoy the surroundings.

Members of the congregation provide outreach by visiting local care homes and people in their own homes to celebrate the Eucharist.

Music is a big part of life at St Nicolas, from our own choir and musical director, to the Chamber choir, concerts from visiting groups and WW2 singalongs. We also sing carols at the December Coffee and Cakes sale!



Our Church School

Along with St Mary de Haura, St Nicolas is one of the founders of St Nicolas and St Mary C of E Primary School, run by DCAT (Diocese of Chichester Academy Trust). This is a very popular two form entry primary school with its own nursery class. We are very proud of our strong links with the school. The two Churchwardens are Trustees and two members of our congregation are Governors of the school and play an active role in continuing to enhance these links. Clergy are warmly welcomed into school to visit, take assemblies, school Eucharists and play an important part in school life. They would also become part of the Local Governing Body. The children visit the church as part of their local studies, and hold concerts here, which further embed our ties.



Finance and Church Fabric.

The Friends of St Nicolas fund raise for the upkeep of the church fabric. Our weathervane has recently been repaired and re-gilded with funds from a legacy. At the moment, we do not anticipate any large renovation work. Our Quinquennial Inspection is due later this year.

We have set our reserves in accordance with the Charity Commission guidelines. In 2025 we contributed 52% of St Nicolas share of the Parish Ministry Costs for a full-time priest whilst being part of a United Benefice with two other churches. This has been disbanded, and we are now a stand-alone Parish.

Why should God send you to St Nicolas

We need a shepherd to lead our sheep in their worship and to encourage and attract a wider congregation, particularly younger families with children.

We are delighted to be able to offer this 'House for Duty' which is a family size home situated in a quiet residential road in Shoreham, approximately 10 minutes' walk from St Nicolas Church and 15-20 mins walk from the station and town centre. There is a slightly larger than average westerly facing rear garden, a private drive and garage.



We are praying for someone who...

- Has a strong faith but understands the practical demands on a priest today
- Has a deep love of prayer and can communicate Christian hope and values in a complex world
- Is able to impart their love of prayer to others
- Is welcoming, friendly and approachable
- Works well with others, who listens to, and values, their contributions
- Respects the old traditions but also brings new life and ideas to the Parish
- Can attract and encourage younger members of the congregation
- Is willing to extend and enhance our links with our church school
- Is able to support a strong community feel and is visible and valued as such
- Can reach out to the many people who attend St Nicolas for events and encourage them to come to a service and retain their interest in prayer
- A person who understands the problems which many people face today

What we can offer you...

- A small, but loyal, kind and sincere congregation who are welcoming and supportive of each other
- Dedicated, extremely hard-working Church wardens
- Dedicated members of the PCC who want the best for St Nicolas and to ensure its future
- A determination to support our church and encourage others to join us
- A place for prayer and contemplation
- A choir and strong musical history
- A love for our church and its maintenance
- Support of local retired priests to enhance our ministry and support you
- A wide variety of events such as Historical talks, quiz night, Musical concerts, Hymns and Pimms and our legendary monthly coffee and cake mornings!

We would love you to come and visit us to see for yourself, what a wonderful and special place St Nicolas, Old Shoreham, is.