

St Neots Parish Church (St Mary) & Eynesbury St Mary

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 25th May 2025

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

(Also known as Rogation Sunday)



Services today

8 a.m. Eucharist (BCP) St Neots Parish Church

9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist St Neots Parish Church

The Rector is at Gamlingay and Everton this morning

President & Preacher – The Revd Margaret Marshall **Rawsthorne**

Hymns: 649; 507; 453; Anthem + 740; 806

11 a.m. Sung Eucharist Eynesbury

President & Preacher – Fr. Melvyn Barnsley

Hymns: 649; 507; 453; 806 **Thorne**

6 p.m. Choral Evensong (*for The Venerable Bede*) St Neots Parish Church

Office Hymn 301 (t.291); Pss 126 & 127; Zeph 3.14-end; Matt 28.1-10,16; 298ii; 312

Services & Events this week

Tuesday 12.15 Funeral of Jeanette Newman SNPC

Wednesday 09.30 Eucharist SNPC

Thursday is ASCENSION DAY

09.30 Eucharist Eynesbury

19.30 SUNG EUCHARIST SNPC

Friday 09.30 Eucharist SNPC

Saturday 19.30 Friends of SNPC concert – The Wandering Minstrels

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Giving for the work of the Church

We do not pass a collection plate around the congregation during the service, but we always welcome donations from those who attend worship, either in cash or by using the card reader near the door at SNPC before or after the service.

Please Gift Aid that donation if you can do so (envelopes are available).

We also encourage regular givers to become members of the Parish Giving Scheme (which is how many Church members make their donations).

Please ask at the door, or via the Office, if you want more information about this.

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Weekly Sheet 20250525

Collect for Easter 6 (used until Ascension Day)

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Alternative Collect for Easter 6

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Collect for Ascension Day and after

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Alternative Ascension Collect

Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven:
help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side,
where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever.

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (first in service): Acts 16.9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed[c] there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Gospel Reading: John 5.1-9

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha,

which has five porticoes. In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” The ill man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me.” Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

New Testament Reading (not used in service): Rev 21.10, 22-22.5

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Post-Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Post-Communion for Ascension

God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This week: more information

On Saturday 31st May at 7.30pm, the Friends of St Neots Parish Church are hosting an evening of songs and drama from the many popular works of Gilbert and Sullivan given by the professional group ‘The Wandering Minstrels’. Tickets are still available from Bruce Elam, Jane Gustafsson, and other committee members.

Further Ahead

Thursday 5th June **The Mothers Union** Annual Outing takes place. Please speak to Catherina Griffiths if you have not yet booked a place, and want to go.

Thursday 12th June, 7.30pm in St Neots Church Room

The Loves Farm WI welcomes female non-members to attend their annual open meeting. The focus is The Home of Hope, Malawi

The Home of Hope Malawi is a truly remarkable place, dedicated to providing care and support to vulnerable and disadvantaged children. Established over 30 years ago to care for those who had lost one or both parents, its focus has shifted as the number of orphans has decreased - a testament to positive change in Malawi! The Home was founded by Reverend Chipeta and his wife, who himself experienced the challenges of being an orphan, when he retired from full time ministry in 1992 and welcomed a number of children into his home. Today, around 750 young people call the Home their village during school terms.

A talk about the work of the home, especially the girls which they care for, by Ruth Janes and Jo Addis, supporters and volunteers of the project. The project welcomes donations of:

- 1. Ladies knickers of all sizes (ideally black full brief but any are welcomed)*
- 2. Girls knickers age 13+ (similar size to smaller ladies sizes but tax free!)*
- 3. Jewellery and nail varnish for householders (they are the lowest in society yet do the most important role so we always make a point of giving them a pamper)*
- 4. Reading glasses (2+)*
- 5. Sewing bits eg threads, needles, machine needles, bobbins, elastic etc*
- 6. Paracetamol, in date first aid/medical bits eg plasters and dressing*

Hopefully there are things there for all price ranges. The main need is knickers. They will also collect bras and soaps, including the small hotel types

Sunday 22nd June, 3-5pm at SNPC, we are hosting

St Neots Big Band for an afternoon concert and dance.

Further details available via the QR code link.

Choral Evensong moves to Sunday 29th.

And finally, finally, finally



Many thanks to all who donated to Christian Aid, whether by the local appeal or by the National website. All donations make a difference.

Please keep our churchwardens in mind as they are admitted to another year in office next Sunday afternoon (1st June) at Ely Cathedral. They also have a forthcoming Archdeacon's inspection on 5th June.

2nd August (which this year falls on a Saturday) is the centenary of the dedication of the St Neots War memorial. We may want to pencil that in the diary.

Various people have enquired about summer tower opening days. We will work to establish some dates soon.