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

**Welcome to Worship!**

**Sunday 13th July 2025**

**The 4th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 10)**

**Services today**

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

9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist St Neots Parish Church

***Hymns: 635; 738; 42; Anthem + 452; 610 Thorne***

11 a.m. Sung Eucharist Eynesbury

***Hymns: 635; 738; 575; 610 Thorne***

3.30 p.m. ‘All Aboard’ St Neots Parish Church

**Services & Events this week**

Monday School visits SNPC

Wednesday 09.30 Eucharist SNPC

11.00 Eucharist at Poppyfields

12.15 Lunchtime Organ Concert (David Price) SNPC

19.30 Healing Eucharist Eynesbury

Thursday 09.30 Eucharist  Eynesbury

Friday 09.30 Eucharist SNPC

Friday and Saturday Photography exhibition SN Ch Rms

**Services for next Sunday, 20th July (Trinity 5):**

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

9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist St Neots Parish Church

11 a.m. Sung Eucharist Eynesbury

12.30 p.m. Baptisms St Neots Parish Church

*Monday 21st: 9.30 am St Mary’s School Leavers Service St Neots Parish Church*

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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. |

**Collect for Trinity 4**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,

without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:

increase and multiply upon us your mercy;

that with you as our ruler and guide

we may so pass through things temporal

that we lose not our hold on things eternal;

grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake,

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**Alternative Collect for Trinity 4**

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus

you brought salvation to our wayward world:

draw us into harmony with your will,

that we may find all things restored in him,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Reading from the Old Testament: Deuteronomy 30.9-14**

The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. “Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 10.25-37**

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbour as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbour?”

Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

**New Testament Reading (not used): Colossians 1.1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,

you have fed us at the table of life and hope:

teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,

that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son

Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Thank you from Mothers’ Union**

Thank you to all who generously contributed cakes and tombola prizes for the MU Garden Party last week. £245.45 was raised for AFIA (Away From It All holidays) and the tombola raised £100 for branch funds. Thank you to all who attended and to all who helped out on the day.

**Further Ahead**

**The Friends of St Neots Parish Church Annual General Meeting** is being held on Wednesday 23rd July at 3.30pm in the church. Tea, cake and biscuits available from 3pm. Everyone welcome, especially new Friends to swell our membership. We are now in our second decade. Best wishes to all and thank you for your support during the past year. ***Bruce Elam, Chairman.***

**St Neots tower openings** and connected church events: the feast of St Neot will be kept on the weekend of 2nd-3rd August this year. We will be opening the SNPC tower on the Saturday: thank you to all who have expressed willingness to help with any part of our opening that day. We may also have a short ceremony outside to commemorate the centenary of the War Memorial (to be confirmed); and we may also be planning a second opening day in the first half of September.

Members of Mothers’ Union will be holding their usual celebration of their founder Mary Sumner with a eucharist on Saturday 9th August at SNPC at 10.30 a.m.

with Canon Robert Sibson presiding.

There will be a Concert and event in support of Guide Dogs at 7.30pm on Saturday 18th October at St Neots Parish Church. Save the date – more details to follow.

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| **St Neots Parish Church Summer Organ Concerts**  On Wednesdays at 12.15pm. Free entry: refreshments available  16th July – David Price (Thailand)  23rd July – Peter Shepherd (Chesterfield)  30th July – Martyn Warsop (Northamptonshire)  6th August – Christopher Stuart Beaumont (Leamington Spa)  13th August – Shanna Hart (Aldgate & Selwyn College)  20th August – David Smith (St Leonards on Sea)  27th August – Lloyd Barnett (St Neots) |