

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

# Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Harvest Thanksgiving



## Services today

8 a.m.	Eucharist (BCP)	St Neots Parish Church
9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist <i>President &amp; Preacher – The Rector</i>	St Neots Parish Church <b>Rawsthorne</b>
<b>Hymns: 282; 284; Creed-403; 289; Anthem+285; 290</b>		
11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist <i>President &amp; Preacher – Fr Melvyn Barnsley</i>	Eynesbury
<b>Hymns: 282; 284; Creed-403; 287; 290</b>		
		<b>Thorne</b>

## Services & Events this week

Wednesday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
	19.30	Eucharist with Prayer for Healing	Eynesbury
Thursday	09.30	Eucharist	Eynesbury
Friday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
Saturday	09.00	Diocesan Synod at Ely (St Mary's)	
	11-1	MacMillan Coffee Morning	SN Ch Rms

## Services for next Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> October (Trinity 17):

8 a.m.	Eucharist (BCP)	St Neots Parish Church
9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (coffee back in Church Rooms)	St Neots Parish Church
11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	Eynesbury
3.30 p.m.	'All Aboard' - Zacchaeus	St Neots Parish Church

### 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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## **Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving**

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 Harvest Thanksgiving**

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Old Testament Reading (1<sup>st</sup> in service): Deuteronomy 26.1-11**

Moses said to all Israel: When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

## **Gospel Reading: John 6.25-35**

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the

Father has set his seal.’ <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?’ <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”’ <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ <sup>34</sup>They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’ <sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

### **New Testament Reading (not used): Philippians 4.4-9**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.<sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

<sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Lord of the harvest,  
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation  
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:  
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us  
and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Collect for Trinity 16 (in the week)**

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully  
to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you;  
and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do,  
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;  
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 Trinity 16**

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us:

open our eyes to your wonders,

that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Post-Communion for Trinity 16**

O God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law:

grant that we may love you with our whole heart

and our neighbours as ourselves;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Further Ahead**

Concert and event in support of Guide Dogs at 7.30pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October at St Neots Parish Church. *Details about how to book tickets can be found on the posters.*

Parish Quiz Night, with Fish & Chip Supper, in SN Church Room – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 p.m.

*There will also be Saturday Social that morning – the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its opening.*

Remembrance – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November – main services 10 a.m. (Town Service at SNPC) / 10.55 a.m. at Eynesbury.

*Though it is not organised by us, we suspect that the Act of Remembrance at the Polish war graves in the Cemetery may once again be at 12 noon.*

Friends of SNPC concert – The King's Men, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm

*Tickets available from the committee now, or see posters in church*

St Neots Big Band Concert – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, SNPC 3 p.m.

Installation of new Ecumenical, Lay, and Honorary Canons at Ely Cathedral (including the Rector) – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 4 p.m.

VAMPS performance of 'A Christmas Carol' (during which SNPC will be closed to general visitors) – week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> November

Advent Sunday (the start of Year A in the Church Calendar), including the SNPC service of readings and music at 6 p.m. – 30<sup>th</sup> November.

*This is also the afternoon of the Christmas Lights switch-on, so there will be some restrictions on routes to SNPC for the evening service.*

Mothers' Union Advent Service at SNPC – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 10.45 a.m.

*As usual, we expect to welcome members of other MU branches to this.*

Christingle at SNPC – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 4 p.m. (workshop before)

Service of Lessons and Carols at SNPC – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 6 p.m.