

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

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 12th October 2025

The 17th Sunday after Trinity (proper 23)



Services today

8 a.m.	Eucharist (BCP)	St Neots Parish Church
9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist <i>President & Preacher – The Rector</i>	St Neots Parish Church Thorne
Hymns:	450; Gloria 415; 510; 742 (1stt); Anthem + 566; 766 <i>Followed by refreshments in the Church Room – all welcome</i>	
11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	Eynesbury
Hymns:	450; Gloria 415; 510; 742 (2ndt); 766	Thorne
3.30 p.m.	'All Aboard'	St Neots Parish Church

Services & Events this week

Wednesday	09.30	Eucharist (<i>St Teresa of Avila</i>)	SNPC
Thursday	09.30	Eucharist (<i>Latimer & Ridley</i>)	Eynesbury
	19.30	PCC meeting	
Friday	09.30	Eucharist (<i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>)	SNPC
		<i>This is also the Feast of the Translation of St Etheldreda at Ely</i>	
Saturday	19.30	Concert for Hunts Guide Dogs	SNPC

Services for next Sunday, 19th October (Trinity 18):

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

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 20251012

Collect for Trinity 17

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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.

Old Testament Reading (first in service): 2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.'

[⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the King of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the King of Israel'. He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the King of Israel, which read 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy']

⁷When the king of Israel read the letter Naaman had brought him, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.'

⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.

¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage.

¹³But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?'

¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

¹⁵ Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.'

Gospel Reading: Luke 17.11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!'

¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean.

¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

New Testament Reading (not used): 2 Timothy 2.8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alternative Collect for Trinity 17

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Further Ahead

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

There will also be Saturday Social that morning – the 4th anniversary of its opening.

Remembrance – Sunday 9th 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 15th November, 7.30pm

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

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

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

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

Advent Sunday (the start of Year A in the Church Calendar), including the SNPC service of readings and music at 6 p.m. – 30th 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 2nd December, 10.45 a.m.

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

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

Carols around the organ at Eynesbury Church – Thurs 18th December at 7.30 p.m.

School Christmas Services:

St Mary's at SNPC: Wednesday 17th December at 10.30 a.m.

Eynesbury: Thursday 18th December at 2 p.m.

Diamond Learning P'ship: SNPC, Friday 19th December at 10.30 a.m.

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