

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

## Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

The Second Sunday of Lent

(also St David's Day, and the United Parish's 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary)



8 a.m. Eucharist (BCP)

St Neots Parish Church

9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

St Neots Parish Church

*President & Preacher – Revd Margaret Marshall; The Rector assists* **Thorne**

**Hymns: 791 (omit\*\*); 644 (t.422); 128 (1<sup>st</sup>t); Anthem + 424; 652**

11 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Eynesbury

*President – The Revd Canon Melvyn Barnsley*

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**Thorne**

### Services & Events this week

*Monday – Bishop Sarah Clark is formally elected as Bishop of Ely at the Cathedral, 4pm*

Wednesday 09.30 Eucharist SNPC

11.00 Eucharist at Poppyfields

19.30 Deanery Synod, with Archdeacon, at Little Paxton Ch.

Thursday 09.30 Eucharist Eynesbury

13.00 Funeral of Jean Donovan Eynesbury

Friday 09.30 Eucharist SNPC

15.00 World Day of Prayer service at Berkley St Methodist

20.45 Sung Compline for Lent SNPC

*Saturday – Britten's War Requiem is performed at Ely Cathedral, 7.30pm*

### Services for next Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (Lent 3):

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

3.30 p.m. 'All Aboard'

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 Lent 2**

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness:

grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;

through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **Alternative Collect for Lent 2**

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Old Testament Reading (first in service): Genesis 12.1-4a**

The Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' <sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

## **Gospel Reading: John 3.1-17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'<sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.<sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above."<sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.<sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the

wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

### **Reading from the New Testament (not used): Romans 4.1-5,13-17**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

### **Post-Communion Prayer for Lent 2**

O God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Further Ahead**

The Eucharist with prayers for Healing is at Eynesbury at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

The Friday communions at Henbrook House (10.30am) and the Old Vicarage (2pm) have moved to the \*second\* Friday of the month, and so are next on 13<sup>th</sup> March.

The next Sunday Evening Service has moved back a week (because of the St Neots Concert Band concert), and will be on Palm Sunday (29<sup>th</sup> March), not the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Other Notices

### EASTER FLOWERS

Easter is fast approaching and our flower arranging team is preparing to put on a fantastic display. Thank you again to all those who contributed to the wonderful display at Christmas.

Donations would be greatly appreciated to help towards the cost of flowers.

Please give anything you can to Sylvia Masters, Rosemary Darrington or Bev Rawlings.

With many thanks, Bev.

### ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION.

In preparation for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 19th April 2026, the revision of the Electoral Roll will take place 15th – 29th March.

This means that new names can be added to the roll up to and including 29th March.

After that date no new names may be added to the roll until after the APCM.

If you are new to our churches of St Neots and Eynesbury and would like to be included on the Roll, please speak to me or contact me at:

[elizabethsibson@stneots.org](mailto:elizabethsibson@stneots.org) and I will see that you receive a form to complete.

Alternatively, please speak to Christine Miles (churchwarden) at Eynesbury.

Elizabeth Sibson (Electoral Roll Officer)

### CONCERTS

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, St Neots Parish Church

Concert by St Neots Concert Band, 3pm.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Kimbolton School

The School Choir & Kimbolton Singers perform works by Handel, 7.30pm

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, St Mary's Eaton Socon

St Neots Choral Society performs Bach's St John Passion, 7.30pm

