

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

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 15th March 2026

Mothering Sunday / The Fourth Sunday of Lent



8 a.m. Eucharist (BCP)

St Neots Parish Church

9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

St Neots Parish Church

President & Preacher – The Rector (The Revd Canon Robert Sibson assisting)

Hymns: 368; 110 (omit*); 712; Anthem + 747; 739 Thorne

11 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Eynesbury

President & Preacher – The Revd Margaret Marshall

Hymns: 545; 110 (omit*); 537 (1stt); 739

Thorne

Services & Events this week

Wednesday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
	Noon	Interment of Ashes (Connie Brooks)	
Thursday	09.30	Eucharist (<i>St Joseph</i>)	Eynesbury
	19.30	PCC Meeting	
Friday	09.30	Eucharist (<i>St Cuthbert</i>)	SNPC
	15.15	Funeral of Sarah Lewis at Bedford Crematorium	
	20.45	Sung Compline (after choir practice)	SNPC

Services for next Sunday, 22nd March 2026 (Lent 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
3 p.m.	Concert by St Neots Concert Band	St Neots Parish Church

No choral Evensong

7.30 p.m. Kimbolton Singers & School Choir sing Handel in the Lewis Hall

The Passiontide Evening Choral Service 'The Way to the Cross' is on Sunday 29th at 6 p.m.

On Monday 23rd, the funeral of Dinah Brand takes place at SNPC at midday.

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 Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 Mothering Sunday

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading (first in service): I Samuel 1.20-28

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'²¹ The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow.²² But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.'²³ Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him.²⁴ When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young.²⁵ Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli.²⁶ And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord.'²⁷ For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him.²⁸ Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.' She left him there for the Lord.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2.33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Reading from the Epistles (not used): Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has

forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Post-Communion Prayer for Mothering Sunday

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect for Lent 4 (used in the week)

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences,
that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered
from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed;
grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Alternative Collect for Lent 4 (used in the week)

Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid and turn us back to you again;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post-Communion Prayer for Lent 4 (used in the week)

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters
and did not hide his face from shame:
give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time
with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 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)

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday

8am – Eucharist (BCP) at SNPC

9.30am – Sung Eucharist with Palms and Passion Reading at SNPC

11am – Sung Eucharist with Palms at Eynesbury

6pm – ‘The Way to the Cross’ Evening Choral Service at SNPC

Henbrook House Holy Week Service Monday at 1030am

Wednesday Eucharist at SNPC at 9.30am

Poppyfields Holy Week Eucharist Wednesday at 11am

Maundy Thursday

9.30am – Early Maundy Eucharist at Eynesbury

7.30pm – Sung Eucharist with Watch of Prayer at SNPC

9.45pm – Night Prayer to conclude the Watch

Good Friday

9am – Quiet Morning Prayer at SNPC

11am – ‘Towards the Cross’ service at Eynesbury

11am – ‘All Aboard’ for Good Friday in SN Church Room

11am – Ecumenical Service of Witness on the Market Square

12 noon – simple lunch after all three in SN Church Room

2pm – ‘The Last Hour’ service at SNPC

Holy Saturday

Decorating both churches in the morning

7.30pm – Vigil, Service of Light and First Eucharist at SNPC

Easter Day

8am – Eucharist (BCP) at SNPC

9.30am – Sung Festival Eucharist with at SNPC

11am – Sung Eucharist at Eynesbury

Special early breakfast in SN Ch Rm (time tbc)