

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

## Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

*President & Preacher – The Rector*

St Neots Parish Church  
**Rawsthorne**

**Hymns: 200 (1<sup>st</sup>t); 809; 471; Anthem + 807; 828 (t.499)**

11 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Eynesbury

**Hymns: 200 (2<sup>nd</sup>t); 809; 471; 828 (set tune)**

**Thorne**

*The farewell service for Bishop Dagmar takes place this afternoon at Evensong at Ely Cathedral, at 4 pm. It will also be livestreamed on the Cathedral's YouTube channel.*

### Services & Events this week

Wednesday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
	11.00	Eucharist at Poppyfields	
	14.15	School Eucharist at St Mary's CofE Primary Academy	
Thursday	09.30	Eucharist	Eynesbury
	19.30	Mothers Union meeting – Marion Catmull speaking	
Friday	09.30	Eucharist ( <i>Julian of Norwich</i> )	SNPC
	10.30	Communion at Henbrook House	
	14.00	Communions at OVCH	
Saturday	13.00	Wedding (Felix-Costantino)	SNPC
	14.00	Choirs Festival at Ely Cathedral (service at 17.00)	

### Services for next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (Easter 6):

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 Easter 5**

Almighty God, who through your only–begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us

you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **Alternative Collect for Easter 5**

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## **New Testament Reading (first in service): Acts 7.55-end**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

## **Gospel Reading: John 14.1-14**

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?’ <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”?’ <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father

is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

### **Epistle Reading (not used - but see the final hymn!): I Peter 2.2-10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', <sup>8</sup>and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

### **Post-Communion Prayer for Easter 5**

Eternal God,

whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:

grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## **Further Ahead**

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> is Ascension Day:**

Morning Eucharist at Eynesbury, 9.30 a.m.

Evening Sung Eucharist at SNPC, 7.30 p.m.

### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 1pm**

Funeral of John McLeod at SNPC.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> is Pentecost** – Eucharists at the usual 8, 9.30 and 11 times.

**Please note:** Choral Evensong this month – at the recently changed time of 5 p.m. – is on the Fifth Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> May (Trinity Sunday), and not at Pentecost.

**St Neots Big Band Concert** is on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 3 p.m. The front of the church will be cleared for those who wish to dance. Refreshments will be available, and tickets are now on sale.

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## A letter of thanks

A letter of thanks has been received from SAT7-UK for the donation of £65 made by our Bible Study group, led by Rosemary Darrington. The donation will assist the work the charity SAT7 does across the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

SAT7 says, “Across four channels, reaching millions of viewers in 25 countries, broadcasting 365 days a year, we are showing God’s love to the Middle East and North Africa. In a region marked by discord and enmity, we strive to make God’s love visible – committing ourselves to programmes that are holistic, inclusive and present a positive Christian vision for life and society”.

Rosemary says, “It is amazing that the people of Iran and other areas of the Middle East can still get to hear about Jesus”.