

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

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 10th May 2026

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK BEGINS 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 Rawsthorne
Hymns:	676; 250 (2ndt); 422; Anthem + 729; 222 (t.211)	
11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist <i>President & Preacher – Canon Melvyn Barnsley</i>	Eynesbury
Hymns:	676; 250 (2ndt); 422; 222 (t.211)	Thorne
3.30 p.m.	'All Aboard' (David and Goliath)	St Neots Parish Church

Services & Events this week

Wednesday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
	19.30	Eucharist with Prayer for Healing	Eynesbury
THURSDAY IS ASCENSION DAY – a major feast in the Church year			
	09.30	Eucharist	Eynesbury
	19.30	Sung Eucharist (with choir)	SNPC
Friday	09.30	Eucharist (<i>St Matthias, transferred</i>)	SNPC

Services for next Sunday, 17th May 2026 (Easter 7):

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.	St Neots Big Band Concert/Dance	St Neots Parish Church

Reminder – the monthly Choral Evensong will be on May 31st, NOT May 24th.

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 6

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 Easter 6

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

New Testament Reading (first in service): Acts 17.22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him— though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.

³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

Gospel Reading: John 14.15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my

Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

Epistle Reading (not used): I Peter 3.13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Post-Communion Prayer for Easter 6

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Ascension Hymns: 228; 230; 227; 686; 612

Collect for Ascension Day and after

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only–begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post-Communion for Ascension Day and after

God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Prayer for Christian Aid Week

Gracious God, when we stand on the plains of uncertainty,
with no path before us, we look to you.

We remember what you have done before
and our anxious hearts are comforted.

Showing mercy, you delivered us then;
in your love and faithfulness, you will do it again.

Give us the strength to step forward in hope.

Give us faith that changes us, hope that feeds us, love that moves us.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

*by Bob Kikuyu,
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Further Ahead

Eynesbury School Eucharist takes place in church at 2 p.m. on Wednesday 20th May.

John McLeod's funeral will take place at SNPC at 1 p.m. on Thursday 21st May.

Jill Henthorne's funeral will take place at SNPC at 2.30p.m. on Friday 22nd May.

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