

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

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 17th May 2026

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
(The Sunday after Ascension)



8 a.m.	Eucharist (BCP)	St Neots Parish Church
9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist <i>President & Preacher – The Revd Canon Robert Sibson</i>	St Neots Parish Church Rawsthorne
Hymns:	232; 230; 781; Anthem + 226 (t.96i); 612	
11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist <i>President & Preacher – The Rector</i>	Eynesbury Thorne
Hymns:	232; 781; 460; 612	
3 p.m.	St Neots Big Band Concert (“The Big Band in the Big Church”) SNPC	

Services & Events this week

Wednesday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
	14.00	School Eucharist	Eynesbury
Thursday	09.30	Eucharist	Eynesbury
	13.00	Funeral of John McLeod	SNPC
Friday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
	14.30	Funeral of Jill Henthorne	SNPC
Saturday	10.45	Informal Eucharist	SNPC
	11-1	Saturday Social	SN Ch. Rm.

Services for next Sunday, 24th May 2026 (Pentecost):

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

Please note: Choral Evensong takes place on Sunday 31st May (Trinity Sunday).

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 7

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Alternative Collect for Easter 7

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

New Testament Reading (first in service): Acts 1.6-14

So when they had come together, the disciples asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Gospel Reading: John 17.1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Epistle Reading (not used): I Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Ch5 ⁶Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

⁸Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen

<p>Post-Communion Prayer</p> <p>Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>	<p>‘Ascension’ by Malcolm Guite</p> <p>We saw his light break through the cloud of glory Whilst we were rooted still in time and place As earth became a part of Heaven’s story And heaven opened to his human face. We saw him go and yet we were not parted He took us with him to the heart of things The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings, Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness, Sings through the clouds that veil him from our sight, Whilst we ourselves become his clouds of witness And sing the waning darkness into light, His light in us, and ours in him concealed, Which all creation waits to see revealed .</p>
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Further Ahead

Some events from June to September (details to follow):

- Sun 14th June: Churchwardens' Admission at Ely, 3pm
'All Aboard' at SNPC, 3.30pm
RSCM Music Sunday 'Come and Sing at Gt Gransden, 6pm
- Sun 21st June: Bishop Sarah's Installation at Ely, 3pm
- Sun 28th June: Choral Evensong for the Eve of St Peter at SNPC, 5pm
Also – a concert of a RCM student trio (piano, viola, clarinet) raising funds for Eaton Socon Church & Cancer Research at St Mary's Eaton Socon at 7pm, donations on the door. The Choral Society/Sinfonia concert is there the previous evening
- Sun 5th July: St Neots Concert Band at SNPC, 3pm?
- Sat 11th July: Concert by Horologe Madrigal Singers at Eynesbury
- Sun 12th July: 'All Aboard' at SNPC, 3.30pm
- Wed 15th July: MU Garden Party (venue to be confirmed), 2.30pm
- Sat 18th July: Eynesbury Strawberry Tea, 2-4.30pm
St Neots Singers Concert at SNPC, 7.30pm
- Wed 22nd July: Summer Lunchtime Organ Concerts at SNPC begin, 12.15pm
(continue weekly to August 26th)
- Sun 26th July: Choral Evensong, 5pm
- Sun 9th Aug: SNPC service to celebrate Mary Sumner (MU founder), 9.30am
- Tue 11th Aug: Choir sing Evensong at Bury St Edmunds, 5.30pm
- Sat 26th Sept: Friends of SNPC Concert (Fairhaven Singers), SNPC 7pm.

One or two further dates for Tower Open Days have not yet been set.