

# Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity (proper 8)



8 a.m. Eucharist (BCP)

St Neots Parish Church

9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

St Neots Parish Church

*President & Preacher – The Revd Margaret Marshall*

**Thorne**

**Hymns: 445 (t.337); 817 (2<sup>nd</sup>t); 765; Anthem + 462; 827**

11 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Eynesbury

*President & Preacher – Canon Melvyn Barnsley*

**Thorne**

**Hymns: 445 (t.337); 817 (2<sup>nd</sup>t); 462; 827**

*The Rector is attending the Sung Eucharist for the Dean of Ely's retirement this morning.*

5 p.m. Choral Evensong for the Eve of St Peter's Day

*Psalm 66; Ezekiel 3.4-11; Acts 9.32-end*

**321; 664; 304**

## Services & Events this week

Wednesday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
	11.00	Eucharist at Poppyfields	
Thursday	09.30	Eucharist	Eynesbury
	13.00	Funeral of Janet Wells	SNPC
Friday	09.30	Eucharist ( <i>St Thomas' Day</i> )	SNPC

## Services for next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026 (Trinity 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.	St Neots Concert Band Summer Concert	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.

## **Collect for Trinity 4**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures (first in service): Jeremiah 28.5-9**

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.'

## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 10.40-42**

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

## **New Testament Reading (not used): Romans 6.12-23**

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you,

having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. <sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Post-Communion Prayer for Trinity 4**

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Further Ahead**

- Sat 11<sup>th</sup> July: Concert by Horologe Madrigal Singers at Eynesbury
- Sun 12<sup>th</sup> July: 'All Aboard' at SNPC, 3.30pm
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> July: MU Garden Party (75 Leys Rd – SN Ch.Rm if wet), 2.30pm  
Summer Lunchtime Organ Concerts at SNPC begin, 12.15pm  
(*continue weekly to August 26<sup>th</sup>*)  
Friends of SNPC AGM 3.30pm (*all welcome - 3pm refreshments*)
- Sat 18<sup>th</sup> July: Eynesbury Strawberry Tea, 2-4.30pm  
St Neots Singers Concert at SNPC, 7.30pm
- Sun 26<sup>th</sup> July: Choral Evensong, SNPC 5pm  
*This morning is also Revd Hilary Young's final service at Gamlingay*
- Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug: St Neot's Day (transf); Bethan Rodden preaching at 9.30am
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Aug: SNPC service to celebrate Mary Sumner (MU founder), 9.30am
- Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Aug: Choir sings Evensong at Bury St Edmunds, 5.30pm
- Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Sept: MU Pudding Evening in SN Church Room, 7 pm
- Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Sept: 'Ride and Stride' Day across churches in Cambridgeshire  
*A peal is also being rung by a visiting band at SNPC*
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Sept: SNPC decorated for:-
- Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Sept: SNPC Church & Tower Opening.
- Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Sept: SNPC Harvest Festival
- Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Sept: Friends of SNPC Concert (Fairhaven Singers), SNPC 7pm.

## Alternative Collect for Trinity 4

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

### ***The Rector writes: 'Ave, et Vale' (Hail, and farewell)***

It was a great joy to be part of the great gathering last Sunday afternoon that saw Bishop Sarah Clark, formerly Bishop of Jarrow, installed as the 70<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Ely. She was the sixth Bishop of Jarrow of my lifetime (*I was confirmed by the first of them*), and I have heard many good things about her from people who have worked with her since she moved there in 2019.



I do hope it will not be too long before we all have an

opportunity to meet her here – though the current absence of a suffragan bishop and a permanent chaplain will probably place great pressures on her diary in the short term.

This Sunday, I am returning to the Cathedral for the retirement of the Dean, Mark Bonney. Those who were here when I was licensed in 2020 may remember that Mark was present (*and that his wife Katy supplied a spare pen for signing when the parish pen ran dry!*).

Mark's 14 years at the Cathedral have been distinguished ones: at a time when too many cathedrals have become known for disagreements and disputes, Ely has been a stable Ship of the Fens, under his wise and experienced leadership. He came having been previously the Canon Treasurer at Salisbury, and before that Team Rector of Great Berkhamstead.

I've known Mark since 1979 (just before I reached 14), when a 22 year old newly-qualified teacher (with music specialism) from St Catharine's College Cambridge (*and choral scholar with University Blues in Tennis and Golf*) came to teach at Durham School. He took me to O level, saw me into singing tenor, and has considerable responsibility for my deep love of classical music. He then went off to theological college at Oxford (I saw him on a couple of occasions in those years), only to return north to serve his curacy at St Peter's Stockton – a church with a strong musical tradition (*even now – it's not far from Stokesley*), only 8 miles from my then home at Sedgefield. Sunday bus timetables kept me from his ordinations 41 and 40 years ago, but allowed me to go to the evening services at St Peter's, and to call on him several times over the next three years. When he moved to be on the staff at St Albans Abbey, and then Vicar at Eaton Bray, I continued to see him occasionally, and then (staying in touch) saw him and Katy a number of times in Ely or at other church gatherings

Mark wasn't a primary mover of my sense of vocation to ordained ministry, but he was certainly a secondary contributor. And his kindness, generosity, and musical inspiration will always be with me. I am glad he is not going far: but wish him a happy retirement. It may involve a bit of golf and music, I suspect...