

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

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 26th July 2026

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 12)



8 a.m. Eucharist (BCP)

St Neots Parish Church

9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist with thanks for long service.
President & Preacher – The Rector

St Neots Parish Church
Thorne

Hymns: 765; 751; 598; Anthem + 463; 748

11 a.m. Sung Eucharist
President & Preacher – The Rector

Eynesbury
Thorne

Hymns: 765; 790; 452; 463

5 p.m. Choral Evensong
Psalm 75; 1 Kings 6.11-14, 23-38; Acts 12.1-17

St Neots Parish Church

Hymns (NEH): 426; 467; 427

Services & Events this week

Wednesday	09.30	Eucharist (<i>Mary, Martha & Lazarus</i>)	SNPC
	10.30	Interment of Ashes (<i>Martin Franklin</i>)	Lawn Cem.
	12.15	Lunchtime Organ Concert	SNPC
Thursday	09.30	Eucharist (<i>Wilberforce, Clarkson & Equiano</i>)	Eynesbury
Friday	09.30	Eucharist (<i>Ignatius Loyola, founder of Jesuits</i>)	SNPC

Services for next Sunday, 2nd August 2026 (St Neot, tr.):

St Neot's Day is 31st July: we will not also be keeping his feast on that day.

8 a.m. Eucharist (BCP)

St Neots Parish Church

9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Preacher: Bethan Rodden)

St Neots Parish Church

11 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Eynesbury

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 Trinity 8

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Alternative Collect for Trinity 8

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

New Testament Reading (first in service): Romans 8.26-39

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray
as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit,
because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also
predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be
the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also
called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified
he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against
us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he
not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against
God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus,
who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed
intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship,
or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it
is written,

‘For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved
us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor
things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor
anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

³¹ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

³³ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

⁴⁷ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵²And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures (not used): 1 Kings 3.5-12

⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' ⁶And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

Post-Communion Prayer for Trinity 8 (*also used today as a hymn*)

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise
be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

Further Ahead

- Thurs 6th Aug: Feast of the Transfiguration – Eucharist at 9.30am at Eynesbury
Sun 9th Aug: SNPC service to celebrate Mary Sumner (MU founder), 9.30am
Tue 11th Aug: Choir sings Evensong at Bury St Edmunds, 5.30pm
Sun 16th Aug: The Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*transferred from the 15th*)
Sun 30th Aug: United Sung Eucharist at 10am at Eynesbury (*refreshments after*)
(*There will also be an 8am service at SNPC*)
Sun 6th Sept: The Festival of Creation in Christ (*A brand new CofE feast day*)
Thurs 10th Sept: MU Pudding Evening in SN Church Room, 7 pm
Sat 12th Sept: ‘Ride and Stride’ Day across churches in Cambridgeshire
A peal is also being rung by a visiting band at SNPC
Fri 18th Sept: *SNPC decorated for:-*
Sat 19th Sept: SNPC Church & Tower Opening.
Sun 20th Sept: SNPC Harvest Festival
Sat 26th Sept: Friends of SNPC Concert (Fairhaven Singers), SNPC 7pm.
Sun 27th Sept: Eynesbury Harvest Festival (*School celebrates a few days later*)
SNPC Choral Evensong celebrates St Michael and All Angels