

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 6th September 2026

The (new) Feast of Creation in Christ



8 a.m.	Eucharist (BCP)	St Neots Parish Church
9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist <i>President – The Revd Margaret Marshall; Preacher – The Rector</i>	St Neots Parish Church Thorne
Hymns:	761; 101; 822; Anthem + 544 (2ndt); 486	
11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist <i>President & Preacher – The Rector</i>	Eynesbury Thorne
Hymns:	761; 101; 822; 486	

Services & Events this week

Wednesday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
	19.30	Healing Eucharist	Eynesbury
Thursday	09.30	Eucharist	Eynesbury
	19.00	MU Pudding Evening	SN Ch.Rm
Friday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
	10.30	Communion at Henbrook House	
	14.00	Communion at Old Vicarage	

Services for next Sunday, 13th September 2026 (Trinity 15):

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.

Collect for Creation in Christ

Holy and eternal God, you are the Maker of heaven and earth,
you are the Word through whom all things were made,
and you are the Spirit, the giver of life:
draw us into the mystery of your love,
that with all creation we may proclaim your praise,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

or

O God and Father of all that was, is and ever shall be,
help us to be thankful for all that is made
at the hands of your Son and through the wisdom of your Spirit,
that we may care in heart and in deed for the life of our world,
to the praise and glory of your holy name.

Collect for during the week (Trinity 14)

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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.

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures: Isaiah 55.12-end

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

New Testament Reading: Colossians 1.15-20

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia. You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power; for you created all things. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: John 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Post-Communion Prayer for Creation in Christ

God our Creator,

by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:

may we who have been nourished at your table on earth

be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross

and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post-Communion Prayer for during the week

Lord God, the source of truth and love,

keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,

united in prayer and the breaking of bread,

and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Further Ahead

Fri 18th Sept: *SNPC decorated for:-*

Sat 19th Sept: SNPC Church & Tower Opening (10am-4pm)

Sun 20th Sept: SNPC Harvest Festival

Sat 26th Sept: Macmillan Coffee (Saturday Social), 11am-1pm SN.Ch.Rm
Friends of SNPC Concert (Fairhaven Singers) 7pm SNPC

Sun 27th Sept: Eynesbury Harvest Festival (*School celebrates on Wednesday 30th*)
SNPC Choral Evensong celebrates St Michael and All Angels

Sat 3rd Oct: David Wells is Admitted as a Licensed Lay Minister at Ely

Sun 4th Oct: 'Creation Season' ends with 800th anniversary of St Francis

The Rector writes:

When the Friends of SNPC were looking for performers for this year's concert, Bruce Elam wondered whether Fairhaven Singers (of which I am a member) might be available. It quickly became clear that they would be happy to come and sing, giving the programme that was performed to a full house in July in summer heat at Queens' College Chapel, Cambridge.

Fairhaven Singers (*who collaborated with friends from Ely and York earlier this year to sing Britten's War Requiem at Ely, and who will be performing Bach's B Minor Mass in St John's College Chapel next March*) have not been to sing at St Neots before, and I suspect that they/we will both bring and have an enjoyable evening.

The programme of sacred and secular/folk pieces includes music by Byrd, Wood, Lloyd, MacDowall, Elgar, Sullivan, Moeran, and Britten's very cheerful 'Choral Dances' from his opera 'Gloriana'. There will also be a lovely Fantasia by Saint-Saens, played by the Director of Music, Ralph Woodward, as an organ interlude.

Do come: tickets are available by the usual routes (see the flyers for more booking information).

The following weekend, on **Saturday 3rd October**, at 2.30pm at Ely, new Licensed Lay Ministers are admitted to office at the annual LLM service in Ely Cathedral. Our very own David Wells is among them – and he would be delighted to see parishioners there supporting him at that service. There's no need to book, but it would be good to make a decent congregation in that vast space!

David will be welcomed into his new ministry in the parish in a lower-key way as part of the 9.30 Sung Eucharist on the 4th, but then he will preach and assist at the 9.30 service on the 11th. Though his ministry will be more focused on SNPC, I do hope that some members of other congregations will also feel able to take some part in some of these landmarks for him.

I start my regular Third-Sunday-of-the-month commitment to Gamlingay on October 18th (St Luke's Day).

Dates for further ahead in the diary:

Remembrance Sunday will be on November 8th. As usual, the St Neots Town Service (not a eucharist) will be at 10am; the Eucharist at Eynesbury will be preceded by the Act of Remembrance outside, starting around 1050-1055.

Also in November: VAMPS will be performing 'Beauty and the Beast' at SNPC 26th-28th November. All midweek services take place that week at Eynesbury.