

Welcome to Worship!

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

Sunday 17th March 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Compliments of the day to those with Irish or Cumbrian roots!



Services & Events today

8 a.m.	Eucharist (BCP)	St Neots Parish Church
9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St Neots Parish Church
Hymns:	499 (omit**); 533; 393; Anthem + 469; 122 (2ndt)	Thorne
11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	Eynesbury
Hymns:	333; 383 (omit*, 2ndt); 445; 84	Thorne
3 p.m.	Concert by St Neots Concert Band	St Neots Parish Church

Services & Events this week

Wednesday	09.30	Eucharist (<i>St Cuthbert</i>)	SNPC
	14.30	Mothers Union Quiet Afternoon	Eynesbury
Thursday	09.30	Eucharist (<i>Thomas Cranmer</i>)	Eynesbury
Friday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
Saturday	10.45	Informal Eucharist, leading to	SNPC
	11-1	Saturday Social	SN Ch Room

Services for next Sunday, 24th March (Palm Sunday):

8 a.m.	Eucharist (BCP)	St Neots Parish Church
9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (with Passion Reading)	St Neots Parish Church
11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (Palms only)	Eynesbury
6 p.m.	Choral Evensong ('Vineyard' readings)	St Neots Parish Church

Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world:

grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross

we may triumph in the power of his victory;

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

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world:

lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,

that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

OT Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

NT Reading: Hebrews 5.5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel Reading: John 12.20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Electoral Roll Revision

In preparation for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (A.P.C.M.) on 28th April, the revision of the Electoral Roll will take place between 17th March and 7th April. This means that new names can be added to the roll up to and including 7th April. After that date no new names may be added to the roll until after the A.P.C.M.

If you are new to our churches of St Neots and Eynesbury and would like to be included on the roll, please speak to me or contact me on:

elizabethsibson@stneots.org or by phone 01480 812756

and I will see that you receive a form to complete.

Elizabeth Sibson (Electoral Roll Officer)

Easter Flowers at SNPC

Easter may be a few weeks away yet, but the Flower Arranging Team are getting ready to transform the church after Lent.

Any donations towards the cost of flowers would be very much appreciated, and can be given to either Bev Rawlings or Rosemary Darrington (or handed in at the office during opening hours).

CONCERTS

Two concerts on Saturday 23rd March at 7.30pm

St Neots Choral Society Spring Concert takes place at St Mary's Eaton Socon:

Mendelssohn's Psalm 95, Fauré's Requiem, Stanford's Songs of the Sea

The Fairhaven Singers' Concert takes place at St John's Chapel in Cambridge:

"Passion and Praise": Lotti's Crucifixus, Scarlatti's Stabat Mater, Finzi's 'Lo the full, final sacrifice', Parry's 'Blest pair of sirens', RVW's 'Lord, thou hast been our refuge'.

Further details can be found on both choirs' websites.

A Friends of SNPC Concert

On Friday 5th April (the Friday immediately after Easter) at 7pm, SNPC will hold its next Friends' Concert. The star performer is Jordan Ashman, a Cambridge-based percussionist who ****won**** BBC Young Musician of the Year in 2022.

See flyers and posters for further info.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Setting the pattern this year has been quite complicated. Schools don't break up until Thursday: some of our regular team aren't available; and some services move into, or out of, Holy Week. The full sequence is as follows:

Monday in Holy Week (25th)

7.30 p.m. Meditation and Compline Eynesbury
Christ, the self-emptying God.

Tuesday in Holy Week (26th)

7.30 p.m. Meditation and Compline Eynesbury
Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Wednesday in Holy Week (27th)

9.30 a.m. Eucharist SNPC
11 a.m. Eucharist Poppyfields
2 p.m. School Service Eynesbury
7.30 p.m. Eucharist with prayer for healing Eynesbury
Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of faith

Maundy Thursday (28th)

9.30 a.m. Daytime Maundy Eucharist Eynesbury
9.30 a.m. School Service SNPC
10.30 a.m. Blessing of Oils Eucharist Ely Cathedral
7.30pm Eucharist of the Lord's Supper SNPC
Christ, the new covenant
Followed by watch of prayer until Compline at 9.45pm

Good Friday (29th)

9 a.m. Said Morning Prayer and Litany SNPC (Lady Chapel)
11 a.m. **'All Aboard' Holy Week Special SN Church Room**
11 a.m. **'Towards the Cross' Eynesbury**
A service of popular hymns and readings for the whole parish
*Soup and Hot Cross Buns are served at SN Ch Room to follow *both* these services*
12-2 SNPC open for quiet reflection
2 p.m. Liturgy of the Last Hour SNPC (Nave)

Holy Saturday (30th)

a.m. Churches are decorated
7.30 p.m. Vigil, Service of Light, and Eucharist SNPC
Clocks move forward one hour tonight

Easter Day (31st)

8 a.m. Eucharist (BCP) SNPC
9.30 a.m. Easter Sung (Family) Eucharist SNPC
11 a.m. Sung Eucharist Eynesbury
No Evensong