

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

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 21st July 2024

Eighth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 11)



Services today

8 a.m.	Eucharist (BCP)	St Neots Parish Church
9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St Neots Parish Church
Hymns:	608; 800; 422; Anthem + 448 (1stt); 222 (t.211)	Thorne
11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	Eynesbury
Hymns:	608; 799 (1stt); 422; 222 (t.211)	Thorne

Services & Events this week

Wednesday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
	12.15	Organ Recital (Peter Shepherd)	SNPC
Thursday	09.30	Eucharist (St James)	Eynesbury
Friday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
Saturday	10.45	Informal Eucharist	SNPC
	11-1	Saturday Social	SN Ch Rms

Please note that in August, this will be in church, without eucharist, for the Tower Open Day

Services for next Sunday, (St Neot's Day, transf'd from 31st):

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
6 p.m.	Choral Evensong (with St Leonards et al)	St Neots Parish Church
	Rehearsal at 4pm – choir tea shortly after 5 in Ch Rooms.	

Looking further ahead – please note that the first Friday of the month now has *two* communions at residential homes: Henbrook House at 10.30am and Old Vic at 2.30pm.

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 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

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.

Epistle Reading (the first in the service): Ephesians 2.11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.

He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 6.30-34

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Old Testament Reading (not used in service): Jeremiah 23.1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Post-Communion Prayer

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.

The Collect for St Mary Magdalene's Day (Monday 22nd July)

Almighty God,
whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body
and called her to be a witness to his resurrection:
forgive our sins and heal us by your grace,
that we may serve you in the power of his risen life;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**St Neots Parish Church
Summer Organ Music 2024**

Wednesdays at 12.15pm
(free of charge – refreshments available – donations welcome)

24th July

Peter Shepherd (*Chesterfield*)

31st July

David Price (*Thailand – on tour*)

7th August

Justin Waters (*Bromham*)

14th August

Harvey Stansfield & Charlotte Constantine (*Recorder*)

21st August

David Smith (*St Leonards on Sea*)

28th August

Lloyd Barnett (*St Neots*)

- SNPC Tower Open days will be Saturdays 3rd and 24th August, 10-4.
- *Plans are afoot for a Fish & Chip Supper and Quiz in September.*
- From September 'All Aboard' moves to the second Sunday of the month.

The Friends of St Neots Parish Church held their Annual Meeting last week – marking ten years since they began their activities, during which time they have raised over £53,000 for projects associated with the building (some of it not yet spent). They Trustees need to appoint a new Secretary – anyone who might be interested in this role should contact the Chair, Bruce Elam, who will be happy to provide further information.

We are in the process of completing the approvals to enable the replacement of all 32 of the louvre panels in the SNPC bell tower in September (a project funded by a generous donor, not the Friends). You may also have noticed that the clock is silent: the drum which operates the chimes is very worn, and has gone away for a full repair.