

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

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 22nd September 2024

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 20)



Services today

8 a.m.	Eucharist (BCP)	St Neots Parish Church
9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St Neots Parish Church
Hymns: 766; 822; 604; Anthem + 680 (t.679); 491 Thorne		
11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	Eynesbury
Hymns: 766; 822; 604; 491 Thorne		
6 p.m.	Choral Evensong	St Neots Parish Church
Hymns: 580; Ps. 119.137-152; Anthem; 10		

Services & Events this week

Tuesday	10am-12	MacMillan Cancer Care Coffee Morning	SN Ch Rm
Wednesday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
	11.00	St Mary's School Harvest in church	SNPC
	13.05	Eynesbury School Harvest in church	Eynesbury
Thursday	09.30	Eucharist	Eynesbury
Friday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
Saturday	10.45	Informal Eucharist in church	SNPC
	11-1	Saturday Social (including MacMillan funds)	SN Ch Rm

Services for next Sunday, 29th September (Michaelmas):

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

Please note – for the avoidance of doubt – that there is no Evensong for Michaelmas.

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 17

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face;
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 God, you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Epistle Reading (the first in the service): James 3.13-4.4, 4.7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9.30-37

Jesus and his disciples went on from there [*the village at the foot of the Mount of Transfiguration, Mount Tabor*] and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way

they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Old Testament Reading (not used in service): Jeremiah 11.18-20

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
'Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!'

But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Notices

Thank you!

Thank you to all those who helped in organising or attending to make yesterday's tower opening and quiz/supper a success.

MacMillan Coffee Mornings

Do come along to the coffee mornings this week. Tell your friends and family too! Everyone is welcome. raise funds for MacMillan Cancer Support.

Tuesday 24th September, 10am – 12 noon and

Saturday 28th September as part of 'Saturday Social', 11am – 1pm

If you are able to make cakes/biscuits or serve refreshments, please contact

Andrea Eckloff on 07725316755 or Christine Miles christinemiles@stneots.org

Talk on situation in Israel and Palestine, Wednesday 25th September 2024 at 7.30pm

At Berkley St Methodist Church, 10 Berkley St, St Neots, PE28 2NB

Speaker: David Hardman, Methodist Church's Liaison Officer in Jerusalem.

After nearly a year of war in the Holy Land, with thousands killed, injured, hungry and homeless, David will brief on the current situation and consider how we, as Christians, can respond in a situation where we mostly feel impotent. There will be time for questions.

Christmas card and craft making, Friday 27 September, 2 – 4pm at St Neots United Reformed Church

Please come along if you would like to join in with painting and designing Christmas cards for the SNPC Christmas

Bazaar Christmas card stand. Materials are provided or you can bring your own. Help can be provided to get started with making Christmas cards for any who have not tried this before.

If anyone is more crafty and would like to spend a couple of hours knitting crocheting or making Christmas items for the craft stand or the Christmas stand (Flower arrangements/Christmas toys/decorations stand then everyone is welcome to come along.

If you are interested, speak to Caroline Woodward

caroline.woodward183@gmail.com or Christian Laughton

ch.laughton@outlook.com.

A further session will be arranged for October in the Church Rooms, date TBC.

Church Bazaar. Saturday 26th October,

Following last year's superb bazaar, Christian has agreed to work her organising magic again and hold a bazaar this year.

If you are able to help in running a stall, making cakes/biscuits, providing items for the white elephant/bric-a-brac sale or greeting and serving refreshments, please speak to Christian Laughton or Helen in the Parish Office.

Waterstones presents 'Penguin travels', Tues 5th November, 7.30pm

At St Neots Parish Church. A talk by author and photographer, Ursula Franklin. Ursula is Sister-in-Law of our own Rosemary Darrington. Her book on travels and encounters with penguins will be released in late October.

Refreshments will be available. Tickets available from Waterstones St Neots and online in due course, but please keep the date in your diary for now.