

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

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 1st June 2025

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

(also known as the Sunday after Ascension)



Services today

8 a.m. Eucharist (BCP)

St Neots Parish Church

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

St Neots Parish Church
/ **Rawsthorne**

Hymns: 486; 230; 227; Anthem + 244; 632

11 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Eynesbury

Hymns: 486; 781 (omit*); 227; 632

Thorne

The churchwardens are being admitted to office for 2025-6 at 4pm Evensong at Ely.

Thanks to Jacky, Christine and Tony as they continue, and welcome, Marion, to the team!

Services & Events this week

Wednesday 09.30 Eucharist SNPC
11.00 Eucharist at Poppyfields

Thursday 09.30 Eucharist Eynesbury
The Rural Dean conducts the triennial Visitation on behalf of the Archdeacon.
Mothers' Union Annual Outing

Friday 09.30 Eucharist SNPC
10.30 Communion at Henbrook House
14.30 Communion at Old Vicarage Care Home

Services for next Sunday, 8th June: Pentecost

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Eynesbury

3.30 p.m. 'All Aboard' (Joseph, pt.2)

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.

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Weekly Sheet 20250601

Collect for Easter 7

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Alternative Collect for Easter 7

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (first in service): Acts 16.16-34

The continuation of events in Philippi, following the conversion of Lydia, read last week.
One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They answered, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” They spoke the word of the Lord[f] to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Gospel Reading: John 17.20-26

On the Sunday after Ascension, we always hear part of Christ’s prayer in John 17. Jesus continued in prayer, saying: “I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them.”

New Testament Reading (not used): Rev 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-21

“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.” Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,

your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world

to preach the gospel of his kingdom:

confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Further Ahead

Thursday 12th June, 7.30pm in St Neots Church Room

The Loves Farm WI welcomes female non-members to attend their annual open meeting. The focus is The Home of Hope, Malawi

The Home of Hope Malawi is a truly remarkable place, dedicated to providing care and support to vulnerable and disadvantaged children. Established over 30 years ago to care for those who had lost one or both parents, its focus has shifted as the number of orphans has decreased - a testament to positive change in Malawi! The Home was founded by Reverend Chipeta and his wife, who himself experienced the challenges of being an orphan, when he retired from full time ministry in 1992 and welcomed a number of children into his home. Today, around 750 young people call the Home their village during school terms.

A talk about the work of the home, especially the girls which they care for, by Ruth Janes and Jo Addis, supporters and volunteers of the project. The project welcomes donations of:

- 1. Ladies knickers of all sizes (ideally black full brief but any are welcomed)*
- 2. Girls knickers age 13+ (similar size to smaller ladies sizes but tax free!)*
- 3. Jewellery and nail varnish for householders (they are the lowest in society yet do the most important role so we always make a point of giving them a pamper)*
- 4. Reading glasses (2+)*
- 5. Sewing bits eg threads, needles, machine needles, bobbins, elastic etc*
- 6. Paracetamol, in date first aid/medical bits eg plasters and dressing*

Hopefully there are things there for all price ranges. The main need is knickers. They will also collect bras and soaps, including the small hotel types

Sunday 22nd June, 3-5pm at SNPC, we are hosting

St Neots Big Band for an afternoon concert and dance.

Further details available via the QR code link.

Choral Evensong moves to Sunday 29th.



And finally, finally, finally

Many thanks to all who donated to Christian Aid, whether by the local appeal or by the National website. We collected £357.16 of which £275 was Gift Aided. The total collection for the St Neots and District was £1,126.31, plus £168.25 to be reclaimed by Gift Aid (Total Gift Aided - £673). This does not include those who donated online.

2nd August (which this year falls on a Saturday) is the centenary of the dedication of the St Neots War memorial. We may want to pencil that in the diary.

Various people have enquired about summer tower opening days. We will work to establish some dates soon.