

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

## Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025

The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (proper 21)



### Services today

8 a.m. Eucharist (BCP) St Neots Parish Church

9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist St Neots Parish Church  
*President – The Rector; Preacher – David Wells* **Thorne**

**Hymns: 761; 669; 710; Anthem + 698 (1<sup>st</sup> t); 650**

11 a.m. Sung Eucharist Eynesbury

**Hymns: 761; 669; 710; 650** **Thorne**

6 p.m. Choral Evensong for the Eve of Michaelmas St Neots Parish Church  
*Psalm 91; 2 Kings 6.8-17; Matthew 18.1-6,10*

**Hymns: NEH426; NEH191; NEH190**

### Services & Events this week

Wednesday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
	11.00	Eucharist at Poppyfields	
	12.15	Funeral (Howell)	
Thursday	09.30	Eucharist	Eynesbury
Friday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
	10.30	Communion at Henbrook House	
	14.30	Communion at Old Vicarage	

### Services for next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> October (Harvest Thanksgiving):

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

#### 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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## **Collect for Trinity 15**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit  
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel  
that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
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 for Trinity 15**

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching  
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,  
that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures (first in service): Amos 6.1a,4-7**

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria!  
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,  
and lounge on their couches,  
and eat lambs from the flock,  
and calves from the stall;  
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,  
and like David improvise on instruments of music;  
who drink wine from bowls,  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

## **Gospel Reading: Luke 16.19-31**

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross

from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” ’

### **New Testament Reading (not used): I Timothy 6.6-19**

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Further Ahead**

There will be a Concert and event in support of Guide Dogs at 7.30pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October at St Neots Parish Church. Posters are available on the desk to display, and details about how to book tickets can be found on them.

### **Other key Autumn dates:-**

MacMillan Coffee Morning – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 11am – 1pm, SN Church Rooms

Remembrance – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November – main services 10 a.m. / 10.55 a.m.

‘The King’s Men’, Friends of SNPC concert – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm

St Neots Big Band Concert – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, SNPC 3 p.m.

VAMPS performance of ‘A Christmas Carol’ (during which SNPC will be closed to general visitors) – week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> November

Advent Sunday (including the SNPC service of readings and music) – 30<sup>th</sup> November

Mothers’ Union Advent Service at SNPC – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 10.45 a.m.

Christingle at SNPC – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 4 p.m. (workshop before)

Service of Lessons and Carols at SNPC – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 6 p.m.