

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

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 16th November 2025

The Second Sunday before Advent

Services today

8 a.m. Eucharist (BCP)

St Neots Parish Church

9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

St Neots Parish Church

President & Preacher – Canon Robert Sibson

Thorne

Hymns: 828 (t.499); 580; 683; Anthem + 462; 765

11 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Eynesbury

Hymns: 828 (t.499); 580; 683; 765

Thorne

Services & Events this week

Monday is the Feast of St Hugh, the Bishop of Lincoln (and thus our bishop) 1186-1200

Wednesday 09.30 Eucharist (St Hild, Abbess)

SNPC

13.30 Funeral of Pam Thomas

SNPC

Thursday 09.30 Eucharist (St Edmund, King & Martyr)

Eynesbury

Friday 09.30 Eucharist

SNPC

Saturday 10.45 Informal Eucharist (St Cecilia)

SNPC

11-1 Saturday Social

SN Ch Rms

Services for next Sunday, 23rd November (Christ the King):

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

3 p.m. Concert by St Neots Big Band

St Neots Parish Church

4 p.m. Choral Evensong with Installation of Canons

Ely Cathedral

IMPORTANT: Because of the VAMPS production of 'A Christmas Carol' SNPC will be closed to visitors 24th-29th November, and all usual weekday services will take place at Eynesbury 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 20251116



Collect for The Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures (first in service): Malachi 4.1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.

²But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Gospel Reading: Luke 21.5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and, “The time is near!” Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name.

¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.

New Testament Reading (not used): 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Last week's NT Reading (not used): 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-17 also connects well with this morning's gospel

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters,²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction.⁴He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? ...
¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.
¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Alternative Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess, and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post-Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

The collection of used stamps for St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger

Paul Seward thanks everyone who donates used stamps via the box in SNPC. The Hospice have written: "The sum raised up to last week is £337.00. Every stamps makes a difference to the care provided... please carry on the good work!"

Further Ahead

VAMPS performance of 'A Christmas Carol' (during which SNPC will be closed to general visitors) – week commencing 24th November

Performances: Thursday 27th & Friday 28th at 7.30pm; Saturday 29th at 11am & 4pm.

Saturday 29th – and Advent Workshop 12noon-3pm (bring a packed lunch) led by David Wells at Eynesbury Church: *informal and a chance to reflect about on the meaning of Advent and consider in more depth three of the readings from the 6pm Advent service the following day. Speak to David or text on 07511 916147*

30th November is Advent Sunday (the start of Year A in the Church Calendar), including the SNPC Service of Readings and Music for Advent at 6 p.m.

This is also the afternoon of the Christmas Lights switch-on, so there will be some restrictions on routes to SNPC for the evening service.

Mothers' Union Advent Service at SNPC – Tuesday 2nd December, 10.45 a.m.

As usual, we expect to welcome members of other MU branches to this.

There will be two funerals of former SNPC worshippers in the first week of Advent:

Ruth Parsons Thursday 4th, SNPC at 12 noon.

David Smith Friday 5th, SNPC 12 noon.

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

Carols around the organ at Eynesbury Church – Thurs 18th December at 7.30 p.m.

School Christmas Services:

Priory Infants at SNPC: Thursday 4th December at 9.30 a.m.

St Mary's at SNPC: Wednesday 17th December at 10.30 a.m.

Eynesbury: Thursday 18th December at 2 p.m.

Diamond Learning P'ship: SNPC, Friday 19th December at 10.30 a.m.

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