



Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 18th January 2026

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

8 a.m.	Eucharist (BCP)	St Neots Parish Church
9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist <i>President – Canon Robert Sibson; Preacher – The Rector</i>	St Neots Parish Church Rawsthorne
Hymns:	104 (omit*v4); 670; 471; Anthem + 451; 671	
11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	Eynesbury
Hymns:	104 (omit*v4); 670; 451; 671	Thorne

Services & Events this week

Monday	11.30	Funeral of Ann Owens	SNPC
Wednesday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
	12.00	Funeral of Robert Littlechild	SNPC
Thursday	09.30	Eucharist	Eynesbury
	12.00	Funeral of Stephen Ballard	
Friday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
Saturday	10.45	Informal Eucharist	SNPC
	11-1	Saturday Social	SN Ch Rms

Services next Sunday, 25th Jan 2026 (Conversion of St Paul):

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	St Neots Parish Church

With a focus on the 150th anniversary of the death of hymn tune writer J.B.Dykes

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 Epiphany 2

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory;
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.

Old Testament Reading (first in service): Isaiah 49.1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The Lord called me before I was born,

while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

² He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

³ And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

⁴ But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,

I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;

yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.'

⁵ And now the Lord says,

who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,

and my God has become my strength ⁶ he says,

'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant

to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,

that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

⁷ Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,

to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,

'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,

the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Gospel Reading: John 1.29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' ³²And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' ³⁹He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

New Testament Reading (not used): I Corinthians 1.1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post-Communion Prayer

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alternative Collect for Epiphany 2

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation to your glory,
hidden through past ages and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Further Ahead

Thursday 29th 11 a.m. Funeral of Jean Cowham at Eynesbury
Friday 30th 2 p.m. tbc Funeral of Ed Neuhauser at SNPC
Sunday 1st Feb Services mark the Feast of Candlemas (The Presentation)
Wednesday 3rd 11 a.m. Eucharist at Poppyfields
Friday 5th 10.30 a.m. Communion at Henbrook House
2.30 p.m. Communion at Old Vicarage
Sunday 8th 3.30 p.m. The first 'All Aboard' of 2026
Wednesday 11th 7.30 p.m. Eucharist with Prayer for Healing
Wednesday 18th Ash Wednesday: Eucharists at 9.30am (SNPC) and 7.30pm (Ey)

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January

For the first time in eleven years, this week runs from Sunday to Sunday. Churches Together in Britain and Ireland have focused this year on the witness of the Armenian Church.

This is the Armenian Litany provided for morning worship:

From sunrise in the east to sunset in the west, and throughout the entire Christian world, wherever people call on the name of the Lord in holiness – by their prayers and intercession may the Lord have mercy on us. Let us beseech God to deliver us from sin and from the temptations of the world. May the Lord accept the vows and supplications of our hearts and count us worthy of His faith and His commandments together with all of his saints.

Almighty Lord our God, raise us to life and have mercy on us.

Raise us to life, O Lord.

That the Lord may usher forth this sunlit morning and guide the day ahead in peace; with faith, let us beseech the Lord.

Grant it, O Lord.

For an angel of peace to be our guardian, let us ask the Lord.

Grant it, O Lord.

For the pardon and forgiveness of our transgressions, let us ask the Lord.

Grant it, O Lord.

For the great and mighty power of the holy cross to help us, let us ask the Lord.

Grant it, O Lord.

Once again, for our true and holy faith, all together, let us beseech the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us commit ourselves and one another to the almighty

Lord our God.

We commit ourselves to You, O Lord.

Have mercy on us, Lord our God, in Your great mercy. Let us all say together as one:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.