

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

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 19th April 2026

The Third Sunday of Easter



8 a.m. Eucharist (BCP)

St Neots Parish Church

9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

St Neots Parish Church

President & Preacher – The Rector

Rawsthorne

Hymns: 216; 386 (1stt); 258[^]; Anthem + 467 (t.236); 217

([^]Today is the 150th anniversary of the death of Samuel Sebastian Wesley, composer of hymn tunes, psalm chants, organ music and famous anthems, and, like his composer father Samuel, a great English champion of the music of J.S.Bach. Hymn 258 is a combination of his tune, Hereford, and his grandfather Charles' words)

The Service is followed by the Parish Annual Meetings in the Church Room.

Refreshments will be served: the meetings will start as soon as possible after 10.45am

There is no service at Eynesbury this morning. Members of Cambridge Sacred Harp group are welcomed to SNPC for their singing afternoon today, 2-6pm.

Services & Events this week

Monday	12.30	Funeral of Freda Stevens	SNPC
Wednesday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
Thursday	09.30	Eucharist (St George)	Eynesbury
Friday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
Saturday	10.45	Informal Eucharist (St Mark)	SNPC
	11-1	'Saturday Social'	SN Ch.Rm

Services for next Sunday, 26th April 2026 (Easter 4):

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
5 p.m. (N.B.: new time)	Choral Evensong	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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Collect for Easter 3

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:

give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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 Easter 3

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

New Testament Reading (first in service): Acts 2.14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd in
Jerusalem: ³⁶‘Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has
made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and
to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ ³⁸ Peter said to them,
‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that
your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For
the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone
whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other
arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt
generation.’ ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day
about three thousand persons were added.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24.13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus,
about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these
things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself
came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing
him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you
walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was
Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not
know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ ¹⁹ He asked them,
‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a
prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our
chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and
crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes,
and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' ²⁵Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Epistle Reading (not used): I Peter 1.17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Post-Communion Prayer for Easter 3

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Further Ahead

St Neots Big Band Concert

On Sunday 17th May, 3pm at St Neots Parish Church. Come along to hear some fun, swinging music. The front of the church will be cleared for those who wish to dance. Refreshments available. Tickets on sale soon.

Tower Open Day

On Saturday 2nd May, St Neots Parish Church will be holding a Tower Open Day, with the usual refreshments and other elements downstairs in church, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All help welcome!

Bishop Dagmar Farewell

The Diocese says farewell to Bishop Dagmar at Cathedral Evensong on Sunday 3rd at 4 p.m. Parishioners are very welcome.

And, not in the printed paper copy, a picture of Bishop Sarah with Archbishop Sarah on Friday, immediately after she became the Bishop of Ely.

