

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 23rd August 2026

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 16)



8 a.m. Eucharist (BCP)

St Neots Parish Church

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

St Neots Parish Church
Thorne

Hymns: 507; 631; 321; 712; 714 (t.713)

The author of hymn 507 died in June, earlier this year.

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

Eynesbury
Thorne

Hymns: 507; 631; 321; 714 (t.713)

12.30 p.m. Baptism (Ojogwu)

St Neots Parish Church

Services & Events this week

Wednesday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
	12.15	Lunchtime Organ Concert by Lloyd Barnett at SNPC	
Thursday	09.30	Eucharist	Eynesbury
Friday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
	13.00	Wedding	SNPC

Services for next Sunday, 30th August 2026 (Trinity 13):

8 a.m. Eucharist (BCP)

St Neots Parish Church

10 a.m. Special United Eucharist
(Bishop Sarah will preside and preach)

Eynesbury

12.30 p.m. Baptism

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.

Collect for Trinity 12

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation of 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 12

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

New Testament Reading (first in service): Romans 12.1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16.13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures (not used): Isaiah 51.1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Post-Communion Prayer for Trinity 12

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Into the Autumn

Paul writes...

Increasingly, the month of September is designated across the Churches as the month in which we focus on Creation and the Environment – beginning with the first Sunday of September, and ending with the celebration of St Francis at the beginning of October.

This is a special year for thinking about St Francis – he died 800 years ago this year, and his day falls on a Sunday; so we will be making 4th October a particularly Franciscan celebration.

Before then, September's main events (both Creation-focused and other) are:-

Sun 6th Sept: The Festival of Creation in Christ (*The brand new CofE feast day*)

Thurs 10th Sept: MU Pudding Evening in SN Church Room, 7 pm

Sat 12th Sept: 'Ride and Stride' Day across churches in Cambridgeshire
A peal is also being rung by a visiting band at SNPC

Fri 18th Sept: SNPC decorated for:-

Sat 19th Sept: SNPC Church & Tower Opening.

Sun 20th Sept: SNPC Harvest Festival

Sat 26th Sept: Friends of SNPC Concert (Fairhaven Singers), SNPC 7pm.
Music for a [late] Summer's Evening.

Sun 27th Sept: Eynesbury Harvest Festival (*School celebrates a few days later*)
SNPC Choral Evensong celebrates St Michael and All Angels

On Saturday 3rd October, at 2.30pm at Ely, new Licensed Lay Ministers are admitted to office at the annual LLM service in Ely Cathedral. Our very own David Wells is among them – and he would be delighted to see parishioners there supporting him at that service. There's no need to book, but it would be good to make a decent congregation in that vast space!

David will be welcomed into his new ministry here in a lower-key way as part of the 9.30 Sung Eucharist on the 4th, but then he will preach and assist on the 11th. Though his ministry will be more focused on SNPC, I do hope that some members of other congregations will also feel able to take some part in some of these landmarks for him.

I start my regular Third-Sunday-of-the-month commitment to Gamlingay on October 18th (St Luke's Day).