

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 13th September 2026

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

(and continuing to keep in mind the Season of Creation)



8 a.m.	Eucharist (BCP)	St Neots Parish Church
9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist <i>President & Preacher – The Rector</i>	St Neots Parish Church Thorne
Hymns:	766; 119 (t.123); 669; Anthem + 451; 392 (t.806)	
11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist <i>President & Preacher – The Rector</i>	Eynesbury Thorne
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3.30 p.m.	'All Aboard' "Catch: a hide & seek harvest" <i>Our Monthly All Age Service with songs, drama, activities, and refreshments.</i>	St Neots Parish Church

Services & Events this week

Wednesday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
Thursday	09.30	Eucharist	Eynesbury
Friday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
		<i>After this, SNPC will be being decorated for Harvest</i>	
Saturday	10am-4pm	Tower and Church Open Day	SNPC

Services for next Sunday, 20th September 2026 (Trinity 16): At SNPC, this will be Harvest Festival

8 a.m.	Eucharist (BCP)	St Neots Parish Church
9.30 a.m.	Sung Harvest Eucharist <i>This service still uses the readings set for Trinity 16 / Proper 20 – they fit!</i>	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 Hebrew Scriptures (first in service): Genesis 50.15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷"Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18.21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²²Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience

with me, and I will pay you.” ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.

New Testament Reading (not used): Romans 14.1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.’

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Post-Communion Prayer for Trinity 15

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.

Readers & Intercessors

Might you be interested in becoming one of those who reads at either of our churches, or who leads intercessions? Macy Masters is drawing up the next quarterly rota for St Neots and would love to have a few more to draw upon. It's been good to add Nick to the St Neots crew in recent months, but more new members would be good, and we've not had a new reader at Eynesbury for a while. If you think you might be keen and able to do either of these things, please speak to the Rector first, and if you're able to do that soon, that could also be very helpful.

Cakes Required

Both the Tower Opening on Saturday 19th and the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 26th need cakes. Please speak to Jacky Isaac or Christine Miles if you can help.

Further Ahead

- Sat 26th Sept: Macmillan Coffee (Saturday Social), 11am-1pm SN.Ch.Rm
 Friends of SNPC Concert (Fairhaven Singers) 7pm SNPC
 Tickets £15 available from Friends of SNPC
- Sun 27th Sept: Eynesbury Harvest Festival (*School celebrates on Wednesday 30th*)
 SNPC Choral Evensong celebrates St Michael and All Angels
- Sat 3rd Oct: David Wells is Admitted as Licensed Lay Minister at Ely.
 He would be delighted to see parishioners there supporting him at that 2.30pm service. There's no need to book!
- Sun 4th Oct: 'Creation Season' ends with 800th anniversary of St Francis

David will be welcomed into his new ministry in the parish in a lower-key way as part of the 9.30 Sung Eucharist on the 4th, but then he will preach and assist at the 9.30 service on the 11th

Dates for further ahead in the diary:

Remembrance Sunday will be on November 8th. As usual, the St Neots Town Service (not a eucharist) will be at 10am; the Eucharist at Eynesbury will be preceded by the Act of Remembrance outside, starting around 1050-1055.

SNPC will be hosting the Cambs-Beds-Herts Road Victims Trust Annual Service at 3pm on Sunday 15th November. The organisers have asked if we can help with welcome (perhaps up to 100 people) and with refreshments (not necessarily for all) afterwards. Please speak to Jacky Isaac or Helen Bloxham if you are willing to be part of this.

Also in November: VAMPS will be performing 'Beauty and the Beast' at SNPC 26th-28th November. All midweek services take place that week at Eynesbury.