

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

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 20th September 2026

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 20)

(SNPC Harvest Festival)



8 a.m.	Eucharist (BCP)	St Neots Parish Church
9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist for Harvest (<i>same readings</i>) <i>President & Preacher – The Rector</i>	St Neots Parish Church Thorne
Hymns:	282; 284; 650; 285; 290	
11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist for Trinity 20 <i>President & Preacher – Canon Melvyn Barnsley</i>	Eynesbury Thorne
Hymns:	754; 658; 452; 476	
12.30 p.m.	Baptism (Page-Reid)	St Neots Parish Church

Services & Events this week

Wednesday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
Thursday	09.30	Eucharist	Eynesbury
Friday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
Saturday	10.45	Informal Eucharist	SNPC
	11-1	MacMillan Coffee Morning	SN Ch.Rm
	19.00	Friends of SNPC concert (by Fairhaven Singers)	

<https://stneotswitheynesburyshop.sumupstore.com/product/fairhaven-singers-concert-26th-september>

Services for next Sunday, 27th September 2026 (Trinity 17):

8 a.m.	Eucharist (BCP)	St Neots Parish Church
9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St Neots Parish Church
11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist for Harvest	Eynesbury
12.30 p.m.	Baptism	St Neots Parish Church
5 p.m.	Choral Evensong for Michaelmas	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 Harvest Thanksgiving

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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 Harvest Thanksgiving

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the
rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect for Trinity 20 (Eynesbury & in the week)

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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 20

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures (first in service): Jonah 3.10-4.11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed
his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did
not do it.

^{Chap 4} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the
Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country?
That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God
and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from
punishing. ³And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to
die than to live.' ⁴And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' ⁵Then Jonah went
out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He
sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶The Lord
God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head,
to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when
dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it
withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat
down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said,
'It is better for me to die than to live.' ⁹But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to
be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' ¹⁰Then the Lord
said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you

did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?’

Epistle Reading (also used at the Harvest service): Phil 1.21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. ²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20.1-16

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” ⁷They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.”

⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” ¹³But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

Post-Communion Prayer for Harvest Thanksgiving

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post-Communion Prayer for Trinity 20

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

NOTICES - 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

The Macmillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 26th needs cakes. Please speak to Jacky Isaac or Christine Miles if you can help.

Further Ahead

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 930 Eucharist on the 4th - 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.