

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 11th October 2026

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity



8 a.m.	Eucharist (BCP)	St Neots Parish Church
9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist <i>President – The Rector; Preacher – David Wells, our new LLM</i>	St Neots Parish Church Thorne
Hymns:	507; 769; 499; Anthem + 794 (1stt); 489	
11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist <i>President & Preacher – Canon Melvyn Barnsley</i>	Eynesbury Thorne
Hymns:	9; 769; 57; 794 (1stt)	
3.30 p.m.	'All Aboard' – The Big Sulk	St Neots Parish Church

Services & Events this week

Wednesday	09.15	St Mary's CoE Primary Academy Harvest (at school)
	09.30	Eucharist SNPC
	19.30	Eucharist with Prayer for Healing Eynesbury
Thursday	09.30	Eucharist Eynesbury
Friday	09.30	Eucharist SNPC

Services for next Sunday, 18th October 2026 (St Luke):

8 a.m.	Eucharist (BCP)	St Neots Parish Church
9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St Neots Parish Church
<i>The Rector begins his monthly commitment to Gamlingay on the Third Sunday of the Month</i>		
11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	Eynesbury
3 p.m.	'Tea with Roger'	SN Church Room

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 19

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 19

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

New Testament Reading (first in service): Philippians 4.1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22.1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying:

²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets,

and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.’

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures (not used): Isaiah 25.1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵ the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Post-Communion Prayer for Trinity 19

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you, not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Further Ahead

On Sunday 18th October at 3pm, we are holding an event in the SN Church Room – Afternoon Tea with Roger – a ‘Desert Island Discs’ style event where Roger will be in conversation with the Rector. Angie Robertson is collecting names of those wanting to come.

Please note that on Sunday 25th October, there will be no 8 a.m. Eucharist, and it is very unlikely that there will be a 11 a.m. Eucharist at Eynesbury. The 9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist and 5 p.m. Choral Evensong will happen as usual.

On Saturday 31st October, the Rotary Club of St Neots are holding a charity concert given by **Upwood Ukeles** in aid of MAGPAS (air ambulance), Dementia UK, and Home-Start UK) at SNPC at 7 p.m. Tickets are £15 and available from Bruce Elam (07951 959577) or via www.ticketsource.com/impact-rotary-st-neots/T-NJDVQMQ

Sunday 1st November is All Saints’ Day.

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. The Act of Remembrance at the Polish War Graves (not organised by us) is likely to be at midday.

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 25th-28th November. All midweek services take place that week at Eynesbury.

The Switch-On of the Town Christmas Lights is at 5pm on Advent Sunday, 29th November, with road closures at various points through the day. The time of our evening Advent Choral Service is to be confirmed.