

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

## Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024

First Sunday after Trinity (Proper 4)



### Services today

8 a.m. Eucharist (BCP) St Neots Parish Church

9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist St Neots Parish Church

**Hymns:** **300 for Gloria – otherwise Thorne**  
**1 (pt I & dox); 9 (t.475); 225 (omit \*vv); Anth+505; 430**

11 a.m. Sung Eucharist Eynesbury

**Hymns:** **363 for Gloria – otherwise Thorne**  
**232; 257 (t.378); 432 (omit vv.2,4); 235**

3.30 p.m. 'All Aboard' St Neots Parish Church

### Services & Events this week

Monday 13.00 Funeral (Ruth Cowell) SNPC

Wednesday 09.30 Eucharist SNPC

11.00 Eucharist at Poppyfields

14.00 MU Garden Party @ 76 Leys Rd

Thursday 09.30 Eucharist Eynesbury

11.00 D.Day Remembrance at SNPC War Memorial

Friday 09.30 Eucharist SNPC

14.30 Communion at Old Vicarage Care Home

### Services for next Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June (2<sup>nd</sup> after Trinity):

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

12.30 p.m. Baptism St Neots Parish Church

5.00 p.m. Come & Sing Service for RSCM Music Sunday Great Gransden (Reh 330)

### 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 I**

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
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**

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love  
and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

## **Epistle Reading (the first in the service): 2 Corinthians 4.5-12**

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

## **Gospel Reading: Mark 2.23-3.6**

One sabbath Jesus was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand,

‘Come forward.’ Then he said to them, ‘Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?’ But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, ‘Stretch out your hand.’ He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

### **Old Testament Reading (not used in service): Deuteronomy 5.12-15**

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Hymn Books**

Last month, the PCC agreed with the Rector’s suggestion that we should use part of the Burrows legacy (for SNPC) and some general funds (for Eynesbury) to purchase a common hymn book for both churches that (in a nutshell) very substantially updates what is available for Eynesbury, diversifies what can be used at SNPC (where many books are also quite worn), and much reduces the need for printing in notice sheets. That book is the red-covered 2013 Ancient & Modern – now very commonly used in churches of a central/upward tradition. At the time of writing, the exact distribution of the different types of edition (words/music etc) has not been finalised, but we hope that it will be possible to have the books available by the end of the month, and an informal Songs of Praise service is planned for SNPC where the versatility of the book can be enjoyed from the outset.

The green New English Hymnal (a very dated hymnbook, but with some useful elements) is likely to be transferred to SNPC for use with some choral services; small stocks of the blue Common Praise (well supplied with traditional hymns, but less well provided with contemporary material) will be placed in the various parish meeting spaces for occasional small group use, and some copies may be made available for other churches that need additional stock.

## Looking ahead

The Churches Together Men's Forum is holding a skittles evening at Gt Barford Bowls Club on Wed June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Contact Derek Wheel or Philip Barrett for more details.

Saturday 22nd June, 6.30pm Mark Jennings Classical Guitar Summer concert.  
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*This is also St Neots Armed Forces Weekend, with events on Regatta Meadow, and it's the weekend for Sunday Choral Evensong too.*

Internationally known author Alison Weir (who writes both history and historical fiction) will be appearing at SNPC at a Waterstones book event on the evening of Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets can be booked at the shop.

There will be a peal attempt on the SNPC bells on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June; there will also be visiting ringers on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mothers Union is running a Parent and Baby tent at the St Neots Festival in Priory Park on 6th and 7th July. Last year, the first festival was very successful involving a lot of the local organisations. Catherina Griffiths is looking for helpers to help her staff the tent for an hour during that weekend just to welcome parents who use the facility.

The annual Eynesbury Strawberry Tea (possibly with a Wind trio playing in the background) is scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Do put it in your diary now! St Neots Concert Band will then be giving their Summer Concert at SNPC on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm

We are close to having settled dates for SNPC church social events - and tower openings on selected Saturdays - during the summer period. Please contact Jacky Isaac if you think you may be able to assist with the latter (even if only for an hour or two).