

# Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Sixth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 9)



## Services today

*Today is the day when our new hymnbook is used in normal services for the first time.*

8 a.m.	Eucharist (BCP)	St Neots Parish Church
9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St Neots Parish Church
<b>Hymns:</b>	<b>365; 629 (1<sup>st</sup>t); 499; Anthem + 747; 715</b>	<b>Thorne</b>
11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	Eynesbury
<b>Hymns:</b>	<b>6; 629 (1<sup>st</sup>t); 787 (1<sup>st</sup>t); 715</b>	<b>Thorne</b>
3.30 p.m.	All Aboard – “A Pig’s Breakfast”	St Neots Parish Church

*There is no All Aboard in August: from September it moves to the second Sunday of the month.*

## Services & Events this week

Wednesday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
	11.00	Funeral (Maureen Hodgkinson)	SNPC
	15.00 for 15.30	Friends of SNPC 10 <sup>th</sup> AGM	SNPC
		<i>Tea, cakes and biscuits are served from 3 – do come and find out more!</i>	
	19.30	Eucharist with prayer for healing	Eynesbury
Thursday	09.30	Eucharist	Eynesbury
	11.00	Eucharist at St Mary’s School	
Friday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
Saturday	14.00	Annual Strawberry Tea (to 4.30pm)	Eynesbury

## Services for next Sunday, (7<sup>th</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
3 p.m.	Summer Concert by St Neots Concert Band	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.

*Today is the first Sunday following the General Election – and we acknowledge that feelings and viewpoints may be quite varied today, regardless of the Election outcome: not all of us will view any given outcome in the same way.*

*Last week also saw an OFSTED inspection at Eynesbury Church of England Primary School – we may not have a published outcome until the start of the new academic year.*

*It is also the Sunday during a meeting of the General Synod at York, when some matters may be attracting media attention (though not perhaps as much attention as they might without the election) – and again we acknowledge that feelings and viewpoints may vary. Let us build a house where love can dwell...*

### **Collect for Trinity 6**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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**

Creator God, you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Epistle Reading (the first in the service): 2 Corinthians 12.2-10**

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations.

Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

## **Gospel Reading: Mark 6.1-13**

Jesus left that place [*the Lakeside, where he had healed Jairus' daughter and the woman who touched his garment*] and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him.

On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him.

Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching.

He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.'

So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

## **Old Testament Reading (not used in service): Ezekiel 2.1-5**

He said to me: 'O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you'.

And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me.

He said to me, 'Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God."

Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.'

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**St Neots Parish Church  
Summer Organ Music 2024**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm (£10 at door)**  
Christopher Stuart Beaumont (*Leamington Spa*)

**Wednesdays at 12.15pm**  
**(free of charge – refreshments available – donations welcome)**

**24<sup>th</sup> July**  
Lloyd Barnett (*St Neots*)

**31<sup>st</sup> July**  
David Price (*Thailand – on tour*)

**7<sup>th</sup> August**  
Justin Waters (*Bromham*)

**14<sup>th</sup> August**  
Harvey Stansfield & Charlotte Constantine (*Recorder*)

**21<sup>st</sup> August**  
David Smith (*St Leonards on Sea*)

**28<sup>th</sup> August**  
Lloyd Barnett (*Eynesbury*)

**FURTHER AHEAD**

St Mary's School Leavers Service is in SNPC at 2pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July: come and show your support for the children as they move on...

Saturday Social is on 27<sup>th</sup> July – Informal Eucharist in SNPC at 1045, coffee from 11 in the Church Rooms. *Please note that in August there will be no eucharist, as the Coffee will be in Church during the Tower Open Day.*

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July will be kept as St Neot's Day: at Choral Evensong we look forward to being joined by friends from other local choirs and from St Leonards on Sea.

We may also have a simple teatime service at 5.30pm on St Neot's Day itself (Wed 31<sup>st</sup>).

SNPC Tower Open days will be Saturdays 3<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August, 10-4.

*Plans are afoot for a Fish & Chip Supper and Quiz in September.*