

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

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 14th July 2024

Seventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 10)



Services today

8 a.m.	Eucharist (BCP)	St Neots Parish Church
9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St Neots Parish Church
Hymns:	569 (1stt); 392 (t.806); 624; Anthem + 420 (1stt); 761	Thorne
11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	Eynesbury
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3 p.m.	St Neots Concert Band Summer Concert	St Neots Parish Church

Services & Events this week

Wednesday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
Thursday	09.30	Eucharist	Eynesbury
	14.00	St Marys' Academy Leavers' Service	SNPC
	17.30	Visiting Ringers at Eynesbury (to 6pm)	
Friday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
Saturday	19.30	Organ Recital (see separate notice)	SNPC

Services for next Sunday, (8th after Trinity):

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9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St Neots Parish Church
11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	Eynesbury

Sunday 28th 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.

St Neots Foodbank is advertising for a new manager to be employed for 15 hours per week managing our operations and ensuring our good work is maintained. Ideally we hope to recruit from one of our local churches. Potential applicants should follow the link below:
<https://www.charityjob.co.uk/jobs/st-neots-foodbank/foodbank-manager/975125>

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 7

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Epistle Reading (the first in the service): Ephesians 1.3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel Reading: Mark 6.14-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a

grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Old Testament Reading (not used in service): Amos 7.7-15

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."'

And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:

may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

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

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

24th July

Lloyd Barnett (*St Neots*)

31st July

David Price (*Thailand – on tour*)

7th August

Justin Waters (*Bromham*)

14th August

Harvey Stansfield & Charlotte Constantine (*Recorder*)

21st August

David Smith (*St Leonards on Sea*)

28th August

Lloyd Barnett (*Eynesbury*)

FURTHER AHEAD

Saturday Social is on 27th 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.*

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

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

The Friends of St Neots Parish Church held their Annual Meeting last week – marking ten years since they began their activities, during which time they have raised over £53,000 for projects associated with the building (some of it not yet spent). They Trustees need to appoint a new Secretary – anyone who might be interested in this role should contact the Chair, Bruce Elam, who will be happy to provide further information.

We are in the process of completing the approvals to enable the replacement of all 32 of the louvre panels in the SNPC bell tower in September (a project funded by a generous donor, not the Friends). You may also have noticed that the clock is silent: the drum which operates the chimes is very worn, and has gone away for a full repair.