

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

## Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024

St Michael and all Angels (Michaelmas)



### Services today

8 a.m.	Eucharist (BCP)	St Neots Parish Church
9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St Neots Parish Church
<b>Hymns:</b>	<b>663; 323; 312; Anthem + 322; 826</b>	<b>Rawsthorne</b>
11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	Eynesbury
<b>Hymns:</b>	<b>663; 323; 312; 826</b>	<b>Thorne</b>

*For the avoidance of doubt – there is no Evensong for Michaelmas today.*

*Question of the week for SNPC: which aspect of the building displays more representations of angels – the stained glass windows or the carvings in the roofs?*

### Services & Events this week

Wednesday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
	11.00	Eucharist at Poppyfields	
Thursday	09.30	Eucharist	Eynesbury
Friday	09.30	Eucharist ( <i>St Francis</i> )	SNPC
	10.30	Communion at Henbrook House	
	14.30	Communion at Old Vicarage Care Home	

### Services for next Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> October (Harvest Thanksgiving):

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

*Given the substantial number of social events in recent and coming weeks, we have not planned any special food-related events for Harvest this year.*

#### 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 St Michael and All Angels**

Everlasting God,

you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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.

### **Three Readings are used today**

#### **Old Testament Reading: Genesis 28.10-17**

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

#### **Epistle Reading: Revelation 12.7-12**

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

'Now have come the salvation and the power

and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah,  
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,  
who accuses them day and night before our God.

But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony,

for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!’

### **Gospel Reading: John 1.47-51**

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near  
to an innumerable company of angels  
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:  
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage  
we have shared their fellowship,  
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Collect for Trinity 18**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
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.

### **Post-Communion for Trinity 18**

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:  
for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed,  
here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given,  
when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

## **Thank you!**

Thank you to Andrea Eckloff and Christine Miles for organising the two coffee mornings which took place on Tuesday and Saturday this week in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. Thank you also to all those who made cakes and biscuits or helped to serve, making the events a great success. Donations are still being collected and counted. The grand total will be communicated in next week's notice sheet.

## **Used stamps**

Paul Seward continues to collect used stamps on behalf of St John's Hospice, Moggernhanger. **Paul recently took a bag of stamps to St John's, the money from which raised over £250.**

Thank you to everyone who has saved their stamps. Please continue to give them to Paul. Every stamp makes a difference in raising money towards the wonderful work of the St John's Hospice.

## **Christmas card and craft making, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2 – 4pm at St Neots Parish Church Rooms.**

Please come along if you would like to join in with painting and designing Christmas cards for the SNPC Christmas Bazaar Christmas card stand. Materials are provided or you can bring your own. Help can be provided to get started with making Christmas cards for any who have not tried this before.

Alternatively, if you would like to spend a couple of hours knitting crocheting or making Christmas items for the craft stand or the Christmas stand (Flower arrangements/Christmas toys/decorations stand then everyone is welcome to come along. If you are interested, speak to Caroline Woodward [caroline.woodward183@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.woodward183@gmail.com) or Christian Laughton [ch.laughton@outlook.com](mailto:ch.laughton@outlook.com).

## **Church Bazaar. Saturday 26th October**

If you are able to help in running a stall, making cakes/biscuits, providing items for the white elephant/bric-a-brac sale or greeting and serving refreshments, please speak to Christian Laughton or Helen in the Parish Office.

## **Waterstones presents 'Penguin travels', Tues 5th November, 6.30pm**

At St Neots Parish Church. Join wildlife photographer, Ursula Franklin and author, Hazel Prior, for a discussion on the adventures which inspired their books. Refreshments available. **Note the start time of 6.30pm.**

Tickets £5 (£3 Waterstones card holders). Available from Waterstones St Neots or online via [www.waterstones.com/events](http://www.waterstones.com/events)