

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

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 19th January 2025

The Second Sunday of Epiphany



Services today

8 a.m.	Eucharist (BCP)	St Neots Parish Church
9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St Neots Parish Church
Hymns:	104 (vv. 1,2,5); 97; 102; Anthem + 446; 101	Rawsthorne
11 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	Eynesbury
Hymns:	104 (vv. 1,2,5); 97; 102; 101	Thorne

Services & Events this week

Wednesday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
Thursday	09.30	Eucharist	Eynesbury
Friday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
Saturday	10.45	Informal Eucharist (<i>Conv'n of St Paul</i>)	SNPC
	11-1	Saturday Social	SN Ch Rm

Services for next Sunday, 26th January (Epiphany 3):

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
6 p.m.	Choral Evensong	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.

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Weekly Sheet 20250119

Collect for Epiphany 2

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory;
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.

Old Testament Reading (the first in the service): Isaiah 62.1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Gospel Reading: John 2.1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward

called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

New Testament Reading (not used in the Liturgy of the Word, but the second part prefaces the commissioning): I Corinthians 12.1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Alternative Collect

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post-Communion Prayer

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

FURTHER AHEAD

Sunday 2nd Feb: The Feast of Candlemas, ending Christmas-Epiphany.
Saturday 1st March is the Fifth anniversary of the United Parish.

Other 2025 highlights:-

- VAMPS present 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame' in SNPC, 3rd-5th April.
- Parish Annual Meetings in the SN Ch Room after 930 service, 6th April.
- Holy Week begins on 13th April, and Easter Day is the 20th.

The Commissioning of a Branch Leader of the Mothers' Union

To follow the Affirmation of Faith.

Today we commission Catherina Griffiths to the office of Branch Leader of the St Neots Branch of the Mothers' Union. The Mothers' Union is a worldwide society within the Church, with special concern for all that strengthens and preserves marriage and family life. Catherina, do you accept this office?

CG: I do, the Lord, being my helper.

Will you serve God in this way, in the firm belief that the power of the Holy Spirit will guide and direct all who call upon him?

CG: I will, putting my trust in him.

(Taking her right hand) Catherina, I admit you to the office of Branch Leader in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

People of this parish, will you now welcome our new Branch Leader *(applause)*

Will you remember Catherina in your prayers, and give her your loyal support and encouragement?

We will.

I call on you now to pray that God will bless his servant, and provide such gifts and powers as may be needed for the work ahead. *(Silence)*

O God, we ask that you will bless your servant with a sense of your presence, and knowledge of your constant love. Give wisdom and understanding, your guidance, and the humility to accept it. Grant all members the grace to support and uphold all who work in your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

I invite you all to join in the Mothers' Union Prayer, with the appropriate pronouns...

Loving Lord,

**we thank you for your love so freely given to us all,
and we pray for families around the world.**

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union

as they/we seek to share your love

**through the encouragement, strengthening and support
of marriage and family life.**

Empowered by your Spirit,

may they/we be united in prayer and worship,

**and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world,
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

After any further remarks, the service continues with the Prayers of Intercession.