

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

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday 20th April 2025

EASTER DAY - A very happy Easter to all!



Services today

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

9.30 a.m. Sung Festival Eucharist St Neots Parish Church
President & Preacher – The Rector

Hymns: 205; 197; 194; Anthem + 209 + 467 (t.236); 218

11 a.m. Sung Eucharist Eynesbury
President – The Revd Margaret Marshall; Preacher – The Rector

Hymns: 205; 217; 194; 218

Services & Events this week

Wednesday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
Thursday	09.30	Eucharist	Eynesbury
Friday	09.30	Eucharist	SNPC
Saturday	10.45	Informal Eucharist	SNPC
	11-1	Saturday Social (includes sandwich lunch)	SN Ch Rms
	12noon	Wedding	SNPC

Services for next Sunday, 2nd of Easter, 27th of April:

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 Baptism Eynesbury

6.00 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 20250420

Collect for Easter Day

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (first in service): Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel Reading: Luke 24.1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Other New Testament Reading (not used in service): I Cor 15.19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Alternative Collect

God of glory,

by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Post-Communion Prayer

God of Life,

who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

News from Love's Farm Church

In the 15+ months since the end of Helene Tame's time as minister at Love's Farm, Love's Farm Church leaders have been in discussions with a variety of interested parties about the way forward. After exploring several options, a formal Local Ecumenical Partnership is to be created between our Diocese, the United Reformed Church, and the Baptist Union; a 'Bishop's Mission Order' is to be made to set up the Anglican support structure, and an advert has been published for an Anglican Pioneer minister to take responsibility in this as the church's work expands into Wintringham. There will not be a formal link with our parish structure (or with the URC on the High Street), but the area will continue also to be in our parish area, and we continue to be happy to work in partnership, and to make our buildings available whenever it might be appropriate. Funding will be partly from church members, partly from a five-year grant from the Diocese, and partly through the continued URC provision of the minister's house.

If you're interested in finding out more about the developments, go to our parish website's Love's Farm Church page, where you will see a link to the job advert and the particulars of the post. We wish them well with the appointment, interviews for which are scheduled for the week beginning 19th May.

Looking further ahead

On VE Day (Thursday 8th May),

an Act of Remembrance is planned at the St Neots War Memorial at 11, there is likely to be ringing at 6.30pm as part of national ringing, and at 9pm there will be the town celebration: the lighting of a Beacon on Regatta Meadow and fireworks

when the Rector will join the Mayor, Air Cadets, and others.

‘All Aboard’ will next take place on 11th May at 3.30pm.

On Saturday 17th May, the group of professional singers, ‘Horologue’ will present another of their enjoyable themed programmes of madrigals and part-songs at Eynesbury Church at 6pm. It’s likely to be an enjoyable and informal occasion: more details to follow

On Sunday 18th May, the Choir and others will be travelling to Christ Church, St Leonards on Sea

(founded by a former Vicar of St Neots, Charles Lyndhurst Vaughan), to join in their 150th Anniversary celebrations by singing Choral Evensong with them.

Friends are very welcome to join with them on this trip.

After the 8am service at St Neots, there will only be ONE UNITED SERVICE HERE – at Eynesbury at 10am, followed by Coffee and Biscuits.

On Saturday 31st May, the Friends of St Neots Parish Church are hosting an evening of songs and drama from the many popular works of Gilbert and Sullivan given by the professional group The Minstrels. Tickets are available from Bruce Elam and other committee members, and early booking is advised – see posters and flyers for further information.

We are expecting to be hosting St Neots Big Band at SNPC on the afternoon of Sunday 22nd June. Further details to follow. Choral Evensong in June will move to Sunday 29th (the Feast of St Peter and St Paul) at the usual 6pm time.