



# PARISH OF NESTON

## PRAYER & ACTION for THREE WEEKS



**HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE**



### SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Readings: Isaiah 7.10-16 (P.646) Romans 1.1-7 (P.147) Matthew 1.18-end (P.1)

#### St Mary & St Helen

8.00am. Holy Communion  
9.15-10am *Jesus and Me* for young families  
10.45am Sung Eucharist



#### St Michael's

9.30am Sunday Praise

#### St Thomas'

9.30am Eucharist



YouTube Live Stream 10.45am Sung Eucharist Search Parish of Neston

**Collect for Fourth Sunday in Advent:** God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**We pray for Peace in our World especially  
in the Holy Land and Ukraine.**

## CALENDAR FOR THREE WEEKS

Mo 22 Ps 113; Lk 1.46-56

Tu 23 Ps 25.3-9; Lk 1.57-66

**3pm Carols Coffee and Mince pies at Paisley Grey Café,  
Neston. All are Welcome**



### Wednesday 24th December

#### CHRISTMAS EVE



Readings: Isaiah 9.2-7 (P.648) Titus 2.11-14 (P.212) Luke 2.1-14 (P.55)

#### St Mary & St Helen

4.00pm

**CRIB SERVICE**

11.15pm

**MIDNIGHT MASS**

**Collect for Christmas Night:** Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of 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.



### Thursday 25th December

#### CHRISTMAS DAY



Readings: Isaiah 52.7-10 (P.693) Hebrews 1.1-4 (P.215) John 1.1-14 (P.88)

#### St Mary & St Helen

8.00am.

**Holy Communion**

10.45am

**Family Communion**

#### St Michael's

9.30am

**Family Communion**

#### St Thomas'

9.30am

**Family Communion**

#### YouTube Live Stream

10.45am

Family Communion

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**Collect for Christmas Day:** Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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.

## CRIB SERVICE

All families are warmly invited to this informal Christmas Service. Children may dress up as Nativity characters (we have some outfits in church if you don't have your own). When no more preparations can be done, come and join us as we act out and celebrate the birth of the Christ-child, the greatest Christmas Gift of all.

Fr 26 ST STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR. *Ps 119.161-168 Matthew 10.17-22*  
Sa 27 JOHN THE APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST *Ps 117 John 21.19b-end*

## SUNDAY 28th DECEMBER 2025 FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Readings: Jeremiah 31.15-17 (P.745) 1 Corinthians 1.26-29 (P.162)  
Matthew 2.13-18 (P.2)

St Mary & St Helen 10.45am **Carols and Communion**  
**for all our Congregations**



YouTube Live Stream 10.45am Carols and Communion  
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**Collect for First Sunday of Christmas:** Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Mo 29 *Ps 96.1-4; Lk 2.22-35*  
10 -11.30am in Neston Parish Church

## COFFEE CAKE AND CLASSICS ORGAN RECITAL FOR CHRISTMAS



Tu 30 *Ps 96.7-10; Lk 2.36-40*  
We 31 *Ps 96.1, 11-end; Jn 1.1-18*

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Th 1st JANUARY 2026 THE NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS

Fr 2 *Ps 98.1-4; Jn 1.19-28*  
Sa 3 *Ps 98.2-7; Jn 1.29-34*

## SUNDAY 4th JANUARY 2026 EPIPHANY



Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6 (P.700) Ephesians 3.1-12 (P.190)  
Matthew 2.1-12 (P.1)

St Mary & St Helen 8.00am. Holy Communion  
9.15-10am *Jesus and Me* for young families  
10.45am Sung Eucharist with Prayers for Healing  
St Michael's 9.30am Sunday Eucharist  
St Thomas' 9.30am Sunday Praise

YouTube Live Stream 10.45am Sung Eucharist with Prayers for Healing  
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**Collect for Epiphany:** O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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.

## Mo - Thur 9am Morning Prayer in the Parish Church

Mo 5 *Ps 2.7-end; Mt 4.12-17, 23-end*

**Compline online** this evening via Spotify "The Rest Is Gospel" or on Facebook [www.facebook.com/parishofneston](http://www.facebook.com/parishofneston)

Tu 6 *Ps 72.1-8; Mk 6.34-44*

We 7 *Ps 72.1, 10-13; Mk 6.45-52*

**10am Holy Communion** in the Falklands Chapel followed by coffee

Th 8 *Ps 72.1, 17-end; Lk 4.14-22*

**2pm Holy Communion** in St Michael's

Fr 9 *Ps 147.13-end; Lk 5.12-16*

**9.15-11.15am Stay and Play re-starts in the Parish Church**

**5pm Parish Prayers on Zoom:**

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89035035754?pwd=Ds1dYJAOwcHXjCtPWsqyauQxxjFEK9.1> Meeting ID: 890 3503 5754 Passcode: Neston24

Sa 10 *Ps 149.1-5; Jn 3.22-30*

## SUNDAY 11th JANUARY 2026 BAPTISM OF CHRIST

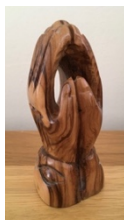
Readings: Isaiah 42.1-9 (P.680) Acts 10.34-43 (P.126) Matthew 3.13-end (P.3)

<u>St Mary &amp; St Helen</u>	8.00am.	Holy Communion
	10.45am	Sung Eucharist
	9.15-10am	<i>Jesus and Me</i> for young families
<u>St Michael's</u>	9.30am	Sunday Praise
<u>St Thomas'</u>	9.30am	Sunday Praise
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### PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING

PARISH Cameron Campbell, David Chaplin, Amanda Donelan,  
Sheila Dugdale and Vicky Le Fleur

ELSEWHERE Douglas Oakley and Penny Thomas.



**We remember those who have died:** We give thanks for the lives of those who have died recently: Alan Crinks and Leigh Edward Millington. We pray for their families and friends at this sad time. We remember anniversaries that fall at this time.

**HOME COMMUNIONS:** Anyone wishing to receive Holy Communion at home because of illness or infirmity, please contact Kevin on 353 1000.

### GRATEFUL THANKS

To all who have worked tirelessly to make our Christmas season so special for Parishioners and Community. Many thanks to Clergy and the Ministry team, wardens, sides people, choir, and those who cleaned and decorated our churches so beautifully.

*From All of us*

### CHRISTMAS NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN AID

Our Neston Committee raised £512.47 from the Gordale Collection last Week! This includes donations from our own N&DCT congregations too. On behalf of all those who will benefit from this money, many thanks to everyone for their support. May this Christmas season bring joy, peace and love to your hearts and homes.

*Lynne Vaughan*

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We wish all our Parishioners,  
their families and friends,  
a Joyful and Holy Christmas  
surrounded by the love of  
the Christ-child and  
may God's Blessings  
be yours in 2026



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Neston Parish Church, High Street, Neston

Wednesday 24th December 2025

4:00pm

# Christmas Eve CRIB SERVICE

Come along and join in, dress as a shepherd, wiseman, angel or sheep, and hear the amazing story of Jesus' birth.



ORGAN 125  
Celebrating 125 years of music at Neston Parish Church

coffee cake & classics for Christmas

Monday 29th December

**ORGAN RECITAL**  
10:45-11:30

A RANGE OF SEASONAL MUSIC AND CAROLS  
WITH ORGANIST DANIEL WAKEFIELD

TEA, COFFEE AND HOMEMADE  
CHRISTMAS TREATS AVAILABLE  
FROM 10:00

A festive promotional poster for an organ recital. The background features a large church organ, a piano keyboard, and a Christmas tree with lights. A circular badge in the top left corner reads 'ORGAN 125 Celebrating 125 years of music at Neston Parish Church'. The central text, enclosed in a red cloud-like shape, says 'coffee cake & classics for Christmas'. Below this, the date 'Monday 29th December' is written. The event details 'ORGAN RECITAL 10:45-11:30' are prominently displayed. Further down, it says 'A RANGE OF SEASONAL MUSIC AND CAROLS WITH ORGANIST DANIEL WAKEFIELD'. At the bottom, it mentions 'TEA, COFFEE AND HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS TREATS AVAILABLE FROM 10:00'. A small portrait of organist Daniel Wakefield is in the bottom right corner.