



# PARISH OF NESTON

## PRAYER & ACTION

for  
**TWO WEEKS**



*Temptation in the wilderness*

### **SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2026 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

Readings: Genesis 2.15-17 (P.2) Romans 5.12-19 (P.151) Matthew 4.1-11 (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
<u>YouTube Live Stream</u>	10.45am	Sung Eucharist. Search Parish of Neston

**Collect for the First Sunday in Lent:** Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.

**We pray for Peace in our increasingly troubled World**

### **CALENDAR FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS**

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

Mo 23 *Ps 19.7-end; Mt 25.31-end*

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

Tu 24 *Ps 34.4-6, 21-22; Mt 6.7-15*

We 25 *Ps 51.1-5, 17-18; Lk 11.29-32*

Th 26 *Ps 138; Mt 7.7-12*

**9.30-10.30am Bible Study and Coffee in Paisley Grey. Bring a Bible and a sense of humour! All are welcome.**

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

Fr 27 *Ps 130; Mt 5.20-26*

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

**12noon Stations of the Cross** 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 28 *Ps 119.1-8; Mt 5.43-end*

**9am N&DCT Prayer Breakfast at St Michael's**

### **SUNDAY 1st MARCH 2026 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT ST DAVID'S DAY**

Readings: Genesis 12.1-4a (P.10) Romans 4.1-5, 13-17 (P.150)  
John 3.1-17 (P.90)

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

YouTube Live Stream 10.45am Sung Eucharist with prayers for healing. Search Parish of Neston

**Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent:** Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their

profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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

Mo 2 Ps 79.8–9, 12, 14; Lk 6.36–38

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

Tu 3 Ps 50.8, 16–end; Mt 23.1–12

We 4 Ps 31.4–5, 14–18; Mt 20.17–28

Th 5 Ps 1; Lk 16.19–end

**9.30-10.30am Bible Study and Coffee in Paisley Grey.**

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

Fr 6 Ps 105.16–22; Mt 21.33–43, 45–46

**9.15-11.15am Stay and Play 10th Birthday celebration**

**12noon Stations of the Cross** in the Parish Church

**2pm World Day of Prayer at Willaston Methodist Church.**

**5pm Parish Prayers on Zoom:**

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Sa 7 Ps 103; 1–4, 9–12; Lk 15.1–3, 11–end

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**SUNDAY 8th MARCH THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

Readings: Exodus 17.1-7 (P.66) Romans 5.1-11 (P.151) John 4.5-42 (P.91)

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

**St Michael's** 9.30am Sunday Praise

**St Thomas'** 9.30am Sunday Praise

**YouTube Live Stream** 10.45am Sung Eucharist. Search Parish of Neston

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING**

**PARISH** Rosemary Cornah and Peter Coward

**HOSPITAL** (Arrowe Park) Edna Clare, , Beryl Hughes, Val Kay, and Cara Pickthal.

**ELSEWHERE** Wendy Bayldon (Hazelwell Care Home, Heswall. Visitors are welcome)



**We remember those who have died:** We give thanks for the lives of those who have died recently: Leslie Holmes and Patricia Lilian Royle. 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.

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**N&DCT PRAYER BREAKFAST**

**Saturday 28th February 9am at St Michael's**

We are hosting the first Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast this year. Please join us as we welcome members of other church families in our area to have a light breakfast together and pray for each other and our ministers, pastors and priests. Please let me know if you can help serving the tea/ coffee and toast.

Lynne 336 8920

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**HAPPY 10th BIRTHDAY STAY and PLAY**

**Tuesday 3rd March is the 10th Anniversary of starting Stay and Play in our Parish.** We meet every Friday morning in term time, 9.15-11.15am, in the west end of the Parish Church. Our team of 7 'Pink Ladies' warmly welcome between 20 and 30 pre-school children with their parents, grandparents or carers. They enjoy refreshments, craft activities, playing with good quality and educational toys, sharing problems, socialising with other families and children, listening to a Bible story, participating in action songs and finishing with a prayer. It is one of the most popular in our community and all for just £2 per family. It is jointly run by members of our Parish and Mothers' Union who enjoy sharing the love of Jesus with all whom we meet. We pray for all the families past and present who benefit from Stay and Play. We give thanks for the those who help and we ask God's blessing on our future work with the young families of our community.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 6th March 2pm in Willaston Methodist Church

Our sisters in Nigeria invite us to join them for the World Day of Prayer. The service they have prepared reflects on the theme, "I will give you rest." The World Day of Prayer is an international, women-led, ecumenical movement that shares the hopes, concerns, prayers of women from around the globe. Each year, women from a different country craft a service, sharing their unique spiritual journey and culture. This year the Christian women of Nigeria have created a service that speaks to our need for peace and solace, drawing on their faith and experiences in a world filled with struggles and anxieties. Please join us as we celebrate worldwide with other Christians during this 24 hours of shared prayer. Lifts are available, all are welcome.



Contact Lynne Vaughan 0151 336 8920 for more details.

## 'DIDN'T WE DO WELL'

Thanks to everyone who supported our event in Neston last week. Fr Kevin Crinks and the hospitality team, our fabulous panellists and Brian the dog who always steals the show! You can now listen to the Diocesan Podcast by going to: [www.soundcloud.com/dioceseofchester](http://www.soundcloud.com/dioceseofchester)

The Everyday Faith Podcast YOUTH EDITION is on Tues 10th March, Holy Trinity, Hurdsfield, Macclesfield. It features a panel of young Christians from churches in Macclesfield. Organised by Youth Worker, Jared Brown – the event will begin at 6pm with pizza. The recorded discussion will begin at 6.30pm. For details email: [comms@chester.anglican.org](mailto:comms@chester.anglican.org).



## BARN DANCE

We had a fun evening on Friday 13th February at St Thomas' when we held the Barn Dance with the group "Shave the Donkey". It was a great evening and a big thank you to all the people who made the chicken casseroles, and helped in any way. The band played in the balcony which was brilliant, and a big thanks to them. Watch this space for our next event later in the spring - a 70's disco. Carol



## SHROVE TUESDAY DINNER

35 of us met to dine and enjoy fellowship at the Royal Oak in Little Neston on Monday evening, prior to the start of Lent. The food and service were great and everyone appeared to enjoy themselves. Now down to the serious business of our journey through Lent. Carol



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