



# PARISH OF NESTON

## PRAYER & ACTION



*Lazarus rising from the dead*

### SUNDAY 22nd MARCH 2026 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14 (P.820) Romans 8.6-11 (P.153) John 11.1-45 (P.101)

<u>St Mary &amp; St Helen</u>	8.00am.	Holy Communion
	10.45am	Eucharist
	9.15-10am	<i>Jesus and Me</i> for young families

St Michael's 9.30am Sunday Praise

St Thomas' 9.30am Sunday Praise

YouTube Live Stream 10.45am Eucharist. Search Parish of Neston

**Collect for Fifth Sunday in Lent:** Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.

### N&DCT PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday 21st March at Parkgate & Neston URC at 9.00am.

### CRANMER CLEAN..... Sat 21st March

On the Feast of Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, come and join us from 10am at the Parish Church in a spring clean! *Kevin*

**We pray for Peace and an end to wars causing death and destruction in our increasingly troubled World**

### CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK

Mo - Thur 9am Morning Prayer in the Parish Church

Mo 23 *Ps 23; Jn 8.1-11*

**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 102.1-3, 16-23; Jn 8.21-30*

We 25 *Canticle: Bless the Lord; Jn 8.31-42*

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

Th 26 *Ps 105.4-9; Jn 8.51-end*

**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 18.1-6; Jn 10.31-end*

**9.15-11.15am Last Stay and Play in Parish Church. Re-start 17 April**

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

**12.30pm MU Lent Lunch** in Parish Church. All are welcome

**5pm Parish Prayers on Zoom:**

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89035035754?pwd=Ds1dYJA0wcHXjCtPWsqyauQxxjFEK9.1> Meeting ID: 890 3503 5754 Passcode: Neston24

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Sa 28 *Ps 121; Jn 11.45-end*

### SUNDAY 29th MARCH 2026

#### **PALM SUNDAY**

Clocks go forward 1 hour

Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9 (P.691) Philippians 2.5-11 (P.194)  
Matthew 27.11-54 (P.30)

St Mary & St Helen 8.00am. Holy Communion

10.45am Eucharist

9.15-10am *Jesus and Me* for young families

St Michael's 9.30am Sunday Praise

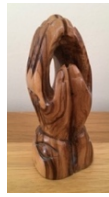
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## PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING

PARISH Rosemary Cornah and Peter Coward

HOSPITAL Beryl Hughes (Ellesmere Port) and  
Val Kay (Arrowe Park)



**We remember those who have died:** We give thanks for the lives of those who have died recently: Wendy Bayldon (Memorial Service 12 noon in P Ch on Tues 7th April), Ruth Ebrell, Edna Clare (Funeral 10am in P Ch on Thurs 9th April) and Edith Wilcox. 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.

27th March at 12.30pm in  
Neston Parish Church

All are welcome to come and  
join us. £5 donations will go  
to the Mothers' Union  
Disaster Risk Reduction  
Fund.

## MU Lent Lunches



## Fresh Soup and Bread

## MOTHERS' UNION THANKS

The Mothering Sunday Cake sales in our three churches raised £257.58 for The Mothers' Union Appeal. We can choose from the 8 Gifts of Belonging projects or programmes we wish to support. Thank you everyone who kindly provided cakes and those who eagerly bought them.

*Diane Millington*

## EASTER EGGS

If anyone would like to donate any Easter Eggs for us to take to the Foodbank could you please bring them to church either this Sunday, 22nd or the next, 29th. Thank you, *Carol*.

## CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

**The Electoral Roll needs to be revised and updated before 20th April.** Copy of the current roll is available in all 3 churches. Please check you are on it and your entry is correct. Anyone who wishes to amend their entry or add their name to the Electoral Roll will find application forms in all three churches and on our website. **Completed forms need to be returned to the Electoral roll officer, Marion Forshaw, by Sunday 19th April 2026.**

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



On Friday, 6th March, we celebrated The World Day of Prayer at Willaston Methodist Church - together with thousands of other churches around the world throughout the 24 hours of that day. The service was brought to us by the Christian women of Nigeria, who taught us a great deal about their exuberant faith, despite the

many challenges they face, burdens of poverty, despair together with often severe opposition. We were able to join in with them in offering what we have in praise and thankfulness; knowing that we, too, are invited by God who says, "I will give you rest, Come." (Matt. 11. 28-30). The table had a Bible and candles at the centre on a beautiful African tapestry, together with artefacts from Nigeria:- a calabash containing fruit to represent the abundance of vegetables and fruits which can grow, and a jar of oil to remind us of Nigeria's rich mineral resources; a black cloth to represent the burdens of poverty and the thousands of widows in the country, some of the consequences of internal conflicts. School books showed us how religious persecution has had an impact on the education of girls, and stones symbolised the heavy burdens of injustice and poverty. The service asked us to consider how, working together with Jesus, we can transform burdens into opportunities for growth and positive change. Afterwards we enjoyed delicious refreshments and fellowship with friends from all the churches in the area. *World Day of Prayer Committee*

**St Thomas' Church Parkgate  
Parish of Neston**



**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7.00pm**



**Everyone Welcome**

**This simple service consists of song (the simple chants of the Taizé community), scripture, silence for meditation and prayers for the world. Please join us.**

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