



# PARISH OF NESTON

## PRAYER & ACTION



### SUNDAY 24th MAY 2026 PENTECOST

Readings: Numbers 11.24-30 (P.135) Acts 2.1-21 (P.115) John 20.19-23 (P.112)

<u>St Mary &amp; St Helen</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.15-10am	<i>Jesus and Me</i> for young families
	10.45am	Sung Eucharist
<u>St Michael's</u>	9.30am	Sunday Praise
<u>St Thomas'</u>	9.30am	Sunday Praise
<u>Lt Neston Methodist</u>	6.30pm	<b>N&amp;DCT Praise and Prayer</b>
<u>YouTube Live Stream</u>	10.45am	Sung Eucharist. Search Parish of Neston

**Collect for Pentecost:** God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

### CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK – HALF TERM

Tu - Thur 9am Morning Prayer in the Parish Church

Mo 25 BANK HOLIDAY Ps 111; Mk 10.17-27

Tu 26 Ps 98.1-5; Mk 10.28-31

We 27 Ps 147.13-end; Mk 10.32-45

10am Holy Communion in the Falklands Chapel

- Th 28 Ps 100; Mk 10.46-end  
**9.30am Bible Study in Paisley Grey.** Theme: Songs and poetic writing in the Bible.  
**2pm Holy Communion** in St Michael's
- Fr 29 Ps 96.10-end; Mk 11.11-26  
**NO Stay and Play in the Parish Church – Half Term.**  
**5pm Parish Prayers on Zoom:**  
<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89035035754?pwd=Ds1dYJAOwcHXjCtPWsqyauQxxjFEK9.1> Meeting ID: 890 3503 5754 Passcode: Neston24
- Sa 30 Ps 63.1-6; Mk 11.27-end

### SUNDAY 31st MAY 2026 TRINITY SUNDAY

### ST MARY & ST HELEN PATRONAL FESTIVAL

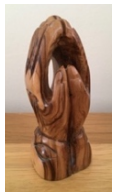
Readings: Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end (P.678) 2 Corinthians 13.11-end (P.183)  
Matthew 28.16-end (P.32)

St Mary & St Helen 9.15-10am *Jesus and Me* for young families  
**10.45am Patronal Festival with Sub Dean**

YouTube Live Stream 10.45am Patronal Festival Search Parish of Neston

### PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING

PARISH Alex Cummins, Margaret Gill, Beryl Hughes, Lesley Irvin, Richard Skinner and Norman Sutton  
HOSPITAL David Johnson (Broadgreen).



**We remember those who have died:** We give thanks for the lives of those who have died recently: Bruce Charlick (Noelene's husband), and Val Kay. 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.*

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

## **VAL KAY R.I.P.**

Sadly, our dear friend Val died on Friday 4th May. She was a regular member of our 10.45 congregation and always willing to give parishioners a lift to services and events. Val was also a dedicated member of Mothers' Union and a talented contributor to Knit and Natter. Her Funeral is at Landican at 1pm on Wednesday 27th May followed by a small Memorial Service in the Parish Church at 2.15pm and light Refreshments afterwards in the West end. All are welcome. We give thanks for Val's life and pray for her bereaved family and friends at this sad time. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

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## **GRATEFUL THANKS FROM MARION**

Dear Friends

Having stepped down as Churchwarden, due to ill health, I wanted to thank all those who have helped, supported and guided me over the last 5 years. It's not been easy with Covid, the Interregnum, the death of the Queen, coronation of King Charles and Induction of Kevin to contend with. In particular a huge thank you to Terry with whom it's been a pleasure to work with, I hope he has a happy retirement, and Angela who has listened patiently when I have ranted, occasionally.

I'm not dropping out of church work entirely but I am cutting back, I'll still help at Stay and Play and do Flowers occasionally.

I am taking on the role of Verger which I'm hoping will mean a little less time in church, as too many people have asked where my bed is stashed. However, I will NOT be wearing a hat, and my name's not Betty!!

I wish our new Churchwardens Good Luck and pass on the advice I was given by Don Poole "Make the job your own". I pray that all members of our congregations will give them loads of support and help as they learn on the job. Thank you all so much for 5 challenging but very rewarding years. *Marion*

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## **WE HAVE A NEW VERGER !**

Marion Foreshaw, one of our retiring Churchwardens has been appointed Verger by Kevin for the Parish Church. She will also be a Lay Assistant. You may see her floating around in a black gown and carrying a Virge (staff of office). A Verger is a lay officer in the church who assists clergy with the logistical, ceremonial, and practical management of worship services and interior fabric of the church. Acting as the friendly, welcoming face of the parish, they handle the behind-the-scenes coordination required to keep a church running smoothly. We wish her well and pray for her in this new ministry amongst us.

## **GRATEFUL THANKS FROM TERRY**

Dear Friends

As my term of Churchwarden ends, may I say that it's been an unprecedented pleasure and privilege to serve you all and the parish as Churchwarden and Funeral Verger as well as my other work on Buildings and Maintenance in my life long church. There were challenging times, but thankfully, knowing I had your support made them so much easier.

Previous to this my final term, an agreement was made between Marion and I that she would concentrate on the regular services and I on Concerts, Funerals and extra activities, at the time it was agreed a fair balance.

As the year progressed Marion took on some of my responsibilities as well as increasing her own within her role allowing me to concentrate on my other activities. My grateful thanks to her and all the background people for their hard work.

As Funeral Verger I thank my team Doreen, Paul and Alex who always appeared smart, caring and attentive to all who attended the services and my thanks also to the organists. I thank Richard Lewis for his incredible support during my terms as Warden and the support of Lucy Brooks and Rural Dean, Beth Glover, especially during the last Interregnum. If ever there was a better training for a Warden it would be an Interregnum. Also thanks to the PCC for their support during that testing time.

We are about to welcome two new Churchwardens, Mark Ryan and Nigel Clawson. I wish them both every success and I hope they gain as much reward as I had, and I pray that once they are familiarised with their new position they may be given the opportunity where and when to make changes for the good of the church and parish community.

Finally, may I thank you all for the gift of an extremely fine bottle of Scotch Whiskey, (tested already). Thank you so much, and blessings to you all.

*Terry, Retiring Churchwarden*

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## **ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION - Mon 1st June**

**7.30pm at All Saints, Thornton Hough**

Admission into office of Nigel Clawson and Mark Ryan, as our new Churchwardens. Sides-people are welcome to attend.

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## 'An Introduction to the Healing Ministry of the Church'

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June St Michael's Church 9.30 for 10am**

As a church community, we pray faithfully each Sunday by name for those who have asked for our prayers. We also have a monthly Communion which offers prayers for the sick in St Mary & St Helen. In addition to this a group formerly known as the 'Guild of St Raphael' commit to pray each day as part of their own lay ministry.

There are many new folk in church now who are not aware of this Healing Ministry of the Church. So to revitalise and re-energise us, Father Kevin has proposed a re-launch of our group, to include a dedicated Communion Service once each month, at St Michaels, together with a new name, the 'Healing Fellowship'. The date for this inaugural meeting is Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026, at St Michaels entitled 'An introduction to the Healing Ministry of the Church'

### Programme:

9.30am Arrival with refreshments.

10am Speaker from the Diocese on the theme.

11am Q&A suggestions for way forward (speakers, outings, Quiet Days).

12 noon Holy Communion with prayers for healing.

### Other dates for your diary:

The Eucharist with prayers for healing will initially taking place on the first Tuesday of each month in the afternoon, 2pm - 3.30pm at St Michaels.

Dates: 7th July, 4th August, 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November, and 1st December 2026.

In addition, a further half day to learn about an aspect of healing and wholeness is to be held on Saturday 21st November. A suggested topic was 'Active Listening'. Other suggestions welcome. *Lynne Vaughan*

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## NESTON COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER WINS AN AWARD

Neston Community Christmas Dinner was started in 2015 by Louise and Andrew Irvine alongside Emily and David Truelove. They all shared a passion for making a difference in the community. The first year there were 13 guests who were led by Daniel Wakefield on the keyboard for a few Christmas Carols before a full Christmas Dinner was served. After a couple of changes of venue and of course Covid intervened, when hampers were distributed to the regular Dinner guests and toys for the children, the event found a new home. Daniel,

using his contacts at the Neston Club, arranged for the Dinner to be held there, hosted by Louise and Andrew and a team of volunteers. (Emily had a young family now and it was time to devote her Christmas to them).

The event takes months of organising and relies heavily on donations as there is no charge made on the day. Shop4Neston awarded the event £2,000 and Daniel has raised a lot of funds too through his contacts plus many local businesses contribute goods for the day. Two

wonderful local ladies have been the chef and last year saw the biggest number of guests at 35. EP&NCT have for many years helped with transporting people to the event. The Neston Club has been such a great support too. Three years ago, Louise was awarded Inspirational Individual at the Community awards and then recently the whole team was awarded the Power of Unity Award which recognised the hard work of the whole team of volunteers who show up every year to make this event so special. Alex, Jan, Daniel, Lindsey, Karen, Steve, Hannah, Tony, Kate, Sally, Maggie, Vivienne, Pat, Bob, Guy and many more make it a day to remember for so many who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day.

*Well done everyone and Thank you. Louise*



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TUESDAY

26TH MAY



5PM



NESTON CIVIC HALL

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