



# 9PARISH OF NESTON

## PRAYER & ACTION



### SUNDAY 25th JANUARY 2026 CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

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| Readings:                     | Jeremiah 1.4-10 (P.708) Acts 9.1-22 (P.123)      |
|                               | Matthew 19.27-end (P.20)                         |
| <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 Conversion of St Paul:** Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant St Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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 WEEK

Mo - Thur 9am Morning Prayer in the Parish Church

Mo 26 Ps 89.19-27; Mk 3.22-30

- Mo 26 **Compline online** this evening via Spotify "**The Rest Is Gospel**" or on Facebook [www.facebook.com/parishofneston](http://www.facebook.com/parishofneston)
- Tu 27 Ps 24.7-end; Mk 3.31-end
- We 28 Ps 89.19-27; Mk 4.1-20  
**10am Holy Communion** in the Falklands Chapel followed by coffee
- Th 29 Ps 132.1-5, 11-15; Mk 4.21-25  
**2pm Holy Communion** in St Michael's
- Fr 30 Ps 51.1-6, 9; Mk 4.26-34  
**9.15-11.15am Stay and Play 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 31 Ps 51.11-16; Mk 4.35-end

### SUNDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2026. CANDLEMASS

Readings: Malachi 3.1-5 (P.904) Hebrews 2.14-end (P.216) Luke 2.22-40 (P.56)

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| <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                             |
| <u>YouTube Live Stream</u>    | 10.45am Sung Eucharist with Prayers for Healing  |

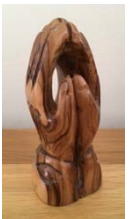
### PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING

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| <u>PARISH</u>   | Peter Coward, Val Kay and Norman Sutton. |
| <u>HOSPITAL</u> | Wendy Bayldon (Arrowe Park)              |

**We remember those who have died:** We give thanks for the lives of those who have died recently: Harry Dodd (Funeral 12 noon on Wed 11th Feb in P Ch), Mary Kathleen McVicker, Maureen Amos Morley, Ronald William Owen, Sheila Robinson and Nicholas Anthony Sharp. We pray for their families and friends at this sad time. We remember anniversaries that fall at this time.

**Thank you for your prayers:** Thank you everyone for your messages and kind thoughts, I hope to be back among you very soon, *Terry Abel*.

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



**WHOEVER AND WHEREVER WE ARE, WE ARE ALL  
CALLED TO LIVE OUT OUR FAITH  
IN OUR EVERYDAY LIVES.**

*Everyday Faith* has grown out of *Setting God's People Free*, a Church of England initiative that aims to help all Christians to live out the good news of Jesus, and follow him with confidence, in all areas of our lives. Whether we are lay or ordained, we are all equal partners in mission, grounded in our common baptism with complementary gifts and vocations. Together we are called to be a living witness to others in our homes, schools, workplaces, churches, and communities – all the places we find ourselves each and every day.

Our next live audience recording is on:

**Wednesday 11 February at 7.30pm at Neston Parish Church** with panellists from churches in the deaneries of Wirral South and Frodsham.

**COME** and listen to and join in the conversation of how small shifts in our daily habits impact the people we meet each day, in the places where God places us throughout the week, outside of our church walls.

The event is a bit like a Christian question time. The first part of the evening is three lay people in conversation with Ruth Bull (Transforming Lives Together). Before the event Ruth chats to the three panel members individually to hear their stories of how their faith informs their daily lives and how they share their faith in the community or workplace. Questions are then created and shared with the panel members. On the evening of the event these questions are asked to the panel members in front of the live audience and a recording is started. During the break the audience are invited to submit questions which are then asked during the second part of the evening. *Kevin*

**BARN DANCE**

**Friday 13th February, 7pm at St Thomas', Parkgate**

**with Guest Band 'Shave the Donkey'**

**Tickets £10 including Refreshments. Bring your own drinks.**

**Tickets from all churches or contact Carol on 07929 096443**

**SHROVE TUESDAY MEAL**

**Monday 16th February, 6.30pm at the Royal Oak, Little Neston.**

First 40 people, please give your details to Sue Thomas at Neston Parish Church, Val Johnson at St Thomas's, or Carol at St Michael's.

The menu for the meal is a choice of: Soup or Paté; Turkey Roast, Beef roast or Vegetable lasagne; Lemon Drizzle, Trifle, Ice cream sundae. Total Cost £20. Please let us know your selection and if you have mobility issues to assist with the seating. *Carol 07929 096443*

***So what's going on!***

Firstly, may I apologise for this not being updated for a while.

Our Architect and I are waiting for one final quote to be presented for the **new ramp**, once received, the paused Faculty will be completed and if approval is granted we will hopefully seek a grant to cover all or partial costs.

Regrettably, a site meeting of the **Neston Centre** PCC members and our Architect was cancelled. It is hoped a meeting will take place soon to view the details of the proposed revamp of the centre.

**St Thomas'** now has a long-awaited small storage container for garden and cleaning tools, and **St Michael's** has had all its trees and shrubbery trimmed and pruned.

Regrettably no progress by CW&C on the **west wall** (Church Lane) repair. The **Quinquennial inspection** of the parish church was carried out last September 2025 and highlighted areas of the building that requires urgent and none-urgent repairs. It must be said now, regrettably, there is more of a need to seek contractual work rather than volunteers, which comes at a cost. *Terry Abel*

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## THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD, AN EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT, BY BEAR GRYLLS



The evening of Advent Sunday, at Liverpool Cathedral for The Light Before Christmas annual light and sound experience, began in the Cathedral's shop. I spotted Bear Grylls's book whilst browsing and was more surprised to see his name on the front cover, and "Sunday Times No. 1 Bestseller", than I

was by a fellow shopper wearing pyjamas beneath her coat.

Bear Grylls, TV personality and former soldier with the SAS, writing a book about Jesus' life, really? I pulled out my phone to check the reviews on Amazon (at the time of writing it has 4.7 out of 5 stars, with 1,100+ reviews) before picking up a copy of the book and heading to the till.

We then followed the trail around the interior of the cathedral, viewing kaleidoscopic images projected onto the walls, before arriving at the corridor behind the high altar, decorated overhead with paper stars. The shepherds and Magi came to mind.

Bear's book includes a Prologue, on the road to Emmaus, before beginning with the Annunciation. The book is split into five parts, in the style of an imagined narrative of Jesus' life from the point of view of his mother Mary, Thomas, Simon, John, and Mary Magdalene. Each part consists of chapters just a few pages long, making it easy to dip into when time is short.

What I enjoyed most about the format is it makes you feel as though you are there in person, witnessing Jesus' life. Inside the back cover says of Bear "he is also the author of over 100 books. Bear says if he were to only have written one ... this book would be it."

As we journey through the seasons of Christmas, Epiphany, and into Lent, you may find Bear's book a helpful resource. *Lucy Brooks*