



# PARISH OF NESTON

## PRAYER

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### SUNDAY 26th APRIL 2026 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Readings: Genesis 7.1-5, 11-18, 8.6-18, 9.8-13 (P.6) Acts 2.42-end (P.116)  
John 10.1-10 (P.100)

<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
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Festival</b>
		<b>Choral Evensong</b>



<u>St Michael's</u>	9.30am	Sunday Praise
<u>St Thomas'</u>	9.30am	Eucharist

YouTube Live Stream 10.45am Sung Eucharist Search Parish of Neston

**Collect for Fourth Sunday after Easter:** Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

### CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

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

Mo 27 Acts 11.1-18; Ps 42.1-2, 43.1-4; Jn 10.1-10 (or 11-18)

Tu 28 Acts 11.19-26; Ps 87; Jn 10.22-30

We 29 Acts 12.24-13.5; Ps 67; Jn 12.44-end

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

Th 30 Acts 13.13-25; Ps 89.1-2, 20-26; Jn 13.16-20

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

Fr 1ST MAY. Acts 13.26-33; Ps 2; Jn 14.1-6

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

**5pm Parish Prayers on Zoom:**

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

Sa 2 Acts 13.44-end; Ps 98.1-5; Jn 14.7-14

### SUNDAY 3rd MAY 2026 EASTER 5

Readings: Genesis 8.1-19 (P.6) Acts 7.55-end (P.122) John 14.1-14 (P.105)

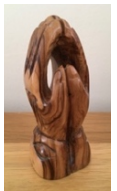
<u>St Mary &amp; St Helen</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.15-10am	<i>Jesus and Me</i> for young families
	10.45am	Sung Eucharist with Prayers for Healing
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Choir Cantemus at Caldly</b>
<u>St Michael's</u>	9.30am	Eucharist
<u>St Thomas'</u>	9.30am	Sunday Praise
<u>YouTube Live Stream</u>	10.45am	Sung Eucharist with Prayers for Healing Search Parish of Neston



### PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING

PARISH Alex Cummins, Beryl Hughes, Val Kay, Norman Sutton and Sue Ward  
HOSPITAL Lesley Irvin (Arrowe Park)

**We remember those who have died:** We give thanks for the lives of those who have died recently: Peter Coward, Margaret Crinks (Kevin's Mother), and Beatrice Mary McBain. 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.*

## PARISH CHURCH EVENTS



### FESTIVAL CHORAL EVENSONG 6.30pm Sun 26th April

Choristers from around the Wirral will join Choristers from other areas and gather together to sing a full Choral Evensong to celebrate coming together. "Setting": Walmisley in D Minor, anthem 'O Thou the Central Orb', Charles Wood. All are welcome to join us and stay for refreshments after the service. **Entrance is free** but contributions to the Parish Church are welcomed.

### CHOIR CANTEMUS AT CALDY 7pm Sunday 3rd May

A lively and friendly community choir from West Kirby and Wirral. We have a wide repertoire which depends on where we're performing. We enjoy supporting local charities. Tickets £12.

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### VOCATION SUNDAY - 26th April

This is a time we are encouraged to think about the opportunities for different types of ministries. As a Parish we've been thinking about Church wardens, PCC members and side-persons as we approach our APCM on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May in the Parish Church, but have you ever sat in the pews on a Sunday and thought "I think I'd like to try that" as you see the Minister, Lay-reader, or OWL at the front. God calls us all to serve Him in the mission of His church, He doesn't just want us to sit there Sunday by Sunday, and maybe you have felt him nudging you, and you would like to know more.

The Diocese holds roadshow events around the Diocese named "Called to Serve" and gives an insight to the various callings and vocations and here is a small snapshot of what is available.

**THE FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY COURSE:** for people who want to grow in serving God in the church and the world.

**OCCASIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS:** who lead worship on an occasional basis, they are discerned and authorised in the Parish but resourced with a four-week Leading Public Worship course.

**LICENSED LAY MINISTERS:** Pastoral Workers and Lay Readers are a skilled and flexible resource for the church. They are licensed by the Bishop and are accountable to the Bishop and the Incumbent. Readers are called to teach, preach and enable Christian people to explore and grow in everyday faith.

**SPIRITUAL COMPANIONS:** meet with someone who listens to you, to help you reflect on your own life and relationship with God.

**ORDAINED MINISTERS:** who are called to be Deacons, Priests and Bishops. There are a variety of ordained ministries from Vicars; Ministers in secular employment; to Chaplains.

**RELIGIOUS LIFE:** There are over 60 different Religious Communities in the Anglican Communion with about 1200 sisters and brothers who feel called to live out their faith under vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

So, you see you can just sit in the pews Sunday by Sunday, or maybe you would like to explore a little bit more to see where God is calling you.

In our Parish we have Father Kevin, who is a priest as well as a member of a religious community, the Franciscan Anglican Greyfriars. We have three retired priests, Maureen Hobbs, Richard and Frances Skinner, our Lay-readers, Richard Lewis, Elizabeth Joyce, John Hart and Tony Cook. Occasional Worship Leaders (OWL's) Val Johnson and Carol Stott. Please take the time to talk to them and ask questions. We also have a Diocesan Ministry team ready to help you to explore your calling. Don't be shy, please ask, we will be more than willing to help and answer any questions you may have. **Don't miss out on finding out where God may be leading you.** *Carol Stott 07548 933393*

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### REVISED ELECTORAL ROLL

This is now in each of our churches. Please check your entry is correct and advise of any errors or omissions as soon as possible. *Marion 07918 675212*

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### BIBLE STUDY at PAISLEY GREY begins 7th MAY at 9.30am

We will be exploring songs and poetic writing in the Bible. *Kevin*

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### PARISH ANNUAL MEETINGS

The **Annual Parishioners Meeting for electing Churchwardens** and the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held in the **Parish Church on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7pm**. This will be an opportunity to hear what the PCC did last year, and to ask questions about the reports which are being prepared now. There will be elections for two Churchwardens, four members of the Wirral South Deanery Synod and at least four members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Nomination forms are available in our churches. Please consider whether you could assist the parish by becoming a member of the PCC.

*Richard Lewis, PCC Secretary*

**Share joy  
Grow hope  
Fight hunger**

Join with us this Christian Aid Week, 10-16 May, and put **hope into action**.



Fridah, with grandmother Quilian, joined a Christian Aid funded urban farming project in Nairobi, Kenya.

**Christian Aid Service**  
St Mary & St Helen Neston Parish Church  
**SUNDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026 6.30pm**  
**'Hope into Action'** Speaker: **Rt. Rev. Bishop Vivienne Faulk**  
All welcome at this ecumenical service! Refreshments  
**#7DaysToMakeADifference**

In aid of **christian aid**

Together we can support someone like Fridah to grow food, protect their children from hunger and nurture hope.  
**#7DaysToMakeADifference**

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Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Mothers' Union

To the Govern<sup>rs</sup> of the Foundling Hospital.

**Left but not forgotten**  
- the Children of the Foundling Hospital in Chester

The moving story of young children separated from their parents and cared for in Chester in the eighteenth century

**A presentation by Anthony Annakin-Smith**  
Local historian, author of a new book on the foundlings to be published in May

at 1.30pm  
**Wednesday 13th May 2026**  
**St Mary & St Helen Church,**  
**High Street, Neston, CH64 9TZ**  
**£5 pay at the door**  
**Raffle and refreshments**



All proceeds to the Mothers Union  
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