



PARISH OF NESTON

PRAYER & ACTION

for
TWO
WEEKS



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 21.1-11 (P.21)

<u>St Mary & St Helen</u>	8.00am.	Holy Communion
	10.45am	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	Eucharist. Search Parish of Neston

Collect for Palm Sunday: Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 and an end to wars causing death and destruction in our increasingly troubled World

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 this Sunday, 29th. Thank you, Carol.

HOLY WEEK

Mon-Sat 9am Morning Prayer in Parish Church

Mo 30 Ps 16.1-2; 6-end; Mt 28.8-15

Tu 31 Ps 33.4-5, 18-end; Jn 20.11-18

Taizé 7pm Taize Service at St Thomas' with Bishop Julie of Birkenhead.



We 1st APRIL Ps 105.1-9; Lk 24.13-35

10am Holy Communion Falklands Chapel followed by coffee

Th 2

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 John 13.1-17, 31b-35

St Mary & St Helen 7pm Eucharist and Stripping of the Altars

Followed by Compline

Collect: God our Father, you have invited us to share in the supper which your Son gave to his Church to proclaim his death until he comes: may he nourish us by his presence, and unite us in his love; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Fr 3

GOOD FRIDAY

St Mary & St Helen 2-3pm An Hour at The Cross

Collect: Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



Sa 4

EASTER EVE

St Mary & St Helen 8pm Easter Vigil and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Collect: Grant Lord, that we who are baptized into the death of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ may continually put to death our evil desires and be buried with him; and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; through his merits, who died and was buried and rose again for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

HAPPY EASTER!

**SUNDAY 5th APRIL 2026
EASTER DAY**

**Jesus Christ is risen
today, Alleluia!**



Readings: Jeremiah 31.1-6 (P.745) Acts 10.34-43 (P.126)
Matthew 28.1-10 (P.32)

St Mary & St Helen 8.00am. Holy Communion
9.15-10am *Jesus and Me* for young families
10.45am Sung Eucharist
12.30pm Baptism: Corey Luke Wills

St Michael's 9.30am Eucharist
St Thomas' 9.30am Eucharist

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

Collect for Easter Day: Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

WE WELCOME YOU

We welcome Corey Luke Wills into our Church family through Baptism today. May God bless him and all his family as they celebrate this joyous occasion.

Tu - Thur 9am Morning Prayer in the Parish Church

Mo 6 BANK HOLIDAY Acts 4.23-31; Ps 2.1-9; Jn 3.1-8

Tu 7 Acts 4.32-end; Ps 93; Jn 3.7-15

We 8 Acts 5.17-26; Ps 34.1-8; Jn 3.16-21

10am Holy Communion in the Falklands Chapel followed by coffee

**1.30pm MOTHERS' UNION Communion at St Michael's
followed by a Talk by Dave Cooke about T4U Christmas boxes.
All are welcome.**

Th 9 Acts 5.27-33; Ps 34.1, 15-end; Jn 3.31-end

2pm Holy Communion in St Michael's

Fr 10 Acts 5.34-42; Ps 27.1-5, 16-17; Jn 6.1-15

No Stay and Play in Parish Church. Re-start 17 April

5pm Parish Prayers on Zoom:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89035035754?pwd=Ds1dYJAOwcHXjCt>

PWsqyauQxxjFEK9.1 Meeting ID: 890 3503 5754 Passcode: Neston24

Sa 11 Acts 6.1-7; Ps 33.1-5, 18-19; Jn 6.16-21

SUNDAY 12th APRIL 2026 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Readings: Exodus 14.10-end, 15.20-21 (P.62) Acts 2.14a, 22-32
(P.115) John 20.19-end (P.112)

St Mary & St Helen 8.00am. Holy Communion
10.45am Eucharist
9.15-10am *Jesus and Me* for young families
2.30pm Civic Service

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

YouTube Live Stream 10.45am Eucharist Search Parish of Neston

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING

PARISH Rosemary Cornah

HOSPITAL Beryl Hughes (Ellesmere Port) and
Val Kay (Weatherstones NH)



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), Peter Coward, 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.

PETER COWARD R.I.P.

Peter, who died on 23rd March, was a devoted member of our Parish community for so many years. Recently worshipping mainly at St Michael's and actively sharing in services there. Peter ran a Parish Sunday school with Pat for 15 years. He was also a passionate and gifted photographer. His last production being the Parish 2026 Calendar, produced at Christmas, of old pictures of Neston to raise funds for our Parish. We shall all treasure precious memories of Peter, his gentle voice and ready smile. We pray for Pat and all their family at this sad time. May our dear friend Peter now rest in peace and rise in glory.



Neston MU invite you to a

Talk by Dave Cooke

Founder of Operation Christmas Child

And now the charity

T4U

1.30pm

Wednesday 8th April 2026

St Michael's Church, Marshlands Road

Little Neston

CH64 4AD

Raffle and refreshments

All welcome

Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Mothers' Union

Registered Charity Number: 221214

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.**

A BIG THANK YOU !

To all who helped clean the Parish Church last Saturday. We hope to make this a regular event to help keep down the cobwebs!



EASTER EXPERIENCE - THANKS

Special thanks to all who helped this week. 140 children from our local Primary schools: Parkgate Primary, St Winefrides, Neston Primary and Woodfall Primary, visited St Thomas' and St Michael's to participate in experiencing the Easter story.

Carol

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - FRIDAY 1st MAY

St Thomas' Parkgate at 7 - 10pm. **SEVENTIES DISCO**. Cost £10 including food. Bring your own drink and glass. Tickets from all three churches or from Carol on 07929096443.

MU DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - WEDNESDAY 13th MAY

St Michael's at 1.30pm. **'LEFT BUT NOT FORGOTTEN'** a talk by Anthony Annakin-Smith about the Children of the Foundling Hospital at Chester. It is a little-known and moving story of the eighteenth-century hospital in Chester which cared for unwanted children. It looks at the origins of these foundlings - how the children were looked after at Chester's Blue Coat School and in the surrounding area, and what happened to them when the institution closed. Anthony is due to have a book published on this topic in May. This is a **fundraising event for the 150th anniversary of the MU**, at £5 per ticket including refreshments and raffle. All are welcome.

Diane Millington

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The PCC recently finalised our Vision, Strategy and Values Statement for the Parish and wanted to share them with everyone.

VISION, STRATEGY & VALUES **(NESTON PARISH 2026)**

VISION

We will endeavour to grow the number and diversity of people in our congregations.

We will have more leaders who are better equipped to fulfil their role.

Our churches and their activities will be more visible to the wider community.

STRATEGY

GROWING DISCIPLES:

Discover and engage with missioned opportunities within our local communities, stepping into new opportunities for growth

Encourage ourselves to do this

Develop and adopt the behaviours to support this

Teach people about a relationship with Christ.

GROWING LEADERS:

Develop leaders (whether lay or ordained – volunteering, employed or licenced) to lead well and make a lasting impact through their ministries

Take account of the issue of an ageing congregation/community

Remember to spot talent/interest

Develop ways to develop talent

Know where the gaps are and how to fill them

Encourage people to volunteer rather than wait to be asked

Engage with the diocese on what help they can offer.

GROWING COMMUNITIES:

Revitalise our churches, reach new places, extend our worshipping activities and expand our collaboration with others to bless all the people in our community

Use every opportunity to engage across all backgrounds

Create and give a great welcoming experience that encourages people to return

Find out what is happening in the parish and what is needed

Develop new experimental worship

Expand our reach.

GROWING CONNECTIONS:

Empowering ourselves to engage with our local community, listen to what they are saying and understand their unique needs. Discern what God is already doing and join in, creating collaborations and partnering existing projects and organisations

Develop everyone's confidence to engage with other people

Learn if we need to do things differently

Hold open meetings at churches throughout the year

Use Prayer and Action more to celebrate success, events etc

Ensure we publicise our events and study groups in multiple different ways (website/handouts/posters/banners/social media/visual notices on churches)

Develops links with local groups – e.g. Town Council, Leahurst.

VALUES & BEHAVIOURS IN EVERYTHING WE DO

PLACE GOD FIRST Prayerful consideration given to enhancing the mission of our parish to the glory of God

LOVE ONE ANOTHER Love your neighbour as yourself

OPENNESS Give and receive constructive criticism that helps us learn

TRUTHFULNESS Be honest with each other

RESPECT For people's differences/differing beliefs

KINDNESS Even if there is disagreement

TEAMWORK Work collectively

DEVELOPMENT Understand our needs and think about what development we/others may benefit from

ACTIONS

The Vision Statement to be written and reinforced at the beginning of every PCC meeting.

Strategy to be reviewed quarterly

Updates to be in Prayer and Action quarterly