



# PARISH OF NESTON

## PRAYER & ACTION



*"Jesus said, 'the water that I shall give will be an inner spring always welling up for eternal life'". John 4:14*

### SUNDAY 8th MARCH 2026 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Readings: Exodus 17.1-7 (P.66) Romans 5.1-11 (P.151) John 4.5-42 (P.91)

<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 the Third Sunday in Lent:** Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 6th March 2pm in Willaston Methodist Church

**We pray for Peace in our increasingly troubled World**

### CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK

Mo - Thur 9am Morning Prayer in the Parish Church

Mo 9 Ps 42.1-2, Ps 43.1-4; Lk 4.24-30

**Compline online** this evening via Spotify "The Rest Is Gospel" or on Facebook [www.facebook.com/parishofneston](http://www.facebook.com/parishofneston)

Tu 10 Ps 25.3-10; Mt 18.21-end

We 11 Ps 147.13-end; Mt 5.17-19

**10am Holy Communion** in the Falklands Chapel followed by coffee  
**1.30pm MU Communion Service in St Michael's followed by a Talk by Kevin about the 'Origins of Easter' and refreshments.**

Th 12 Ps 95.1-2, 6-end; Lk 11.14-23

**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 13 Ps 81.6-10, 13, 16; Mk 12; .28-34

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

**12noon Stations of the Cross** 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 14 Ps 51.1-2, 17-end; Lk 18.9-14

### SUNDAY 15th MARCH 2026 MOTHERING SUNDAY

Readings: Exodus 2.1-10 (P.50) Colossians 3.12-17 (P.199)  
John 19.25b-27 (P.111)

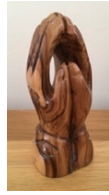
<u>St Mary &amp; St Helen</u>	8.00am.	Holy Communion
	10.45am	<b>Family Eucharist</b>
	9.15-10am	<i>Jesus and Me</i> for young families
<u>St Michael's</u>	9.30am	Sunday Praise
<u>St Thomas'</u>	9.30am	Eucharist

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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING

**PARISH** Rosemary Cornah and Peter Coward  
**HOSPITAL** Arrowe Park: Edna Clare, Beryl Hughes, Val Kay,

**We remember those who have died:** We give thanks for the lives of those who have died recently: Wendy Bayldon. We pray for her family and friends at this sad time. We remember anniversaries that fall at this time.



**Wendy Bayldon R.I.P.** Sadly Wendy died last Friday 27th Feb. During her short stay in Neston she was warmly welcomed into the Parish Church especially by the 10.45 congregation. Church has always been a big part of Wendy's life and a very high priority. She much enjoyed the Organ Recital and Blue Bicycle café lunch. Her family wish to extend huge thanks to all who knew her and made her so welcome. May God bless her as she rests in peace and rises in glory.

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

### MOTHERS' UNION Wed 11th March

Come and join us for Holy Communion at 1.30pm in St Michael's followed by a Talk entitled 'The Origins of Easter' by Kevin and then refreshments. If you need a lift please give me a call/text on 07368 302450.

### N&DCT PRAYER BREAKFAST ST MICHAEL'S.

We enjoyed our first Praying Together session this year last Saturday by sharing a meditation for St David's day, and praying with St David's famous words to his followers at the end of his life, "Be joyful, keep the faith and do the little things." The next one is on **Saturday 21st March at Parkgate & Neston URC at 9.00am.**

Before that - on **Saturday 14th March**, for those who enjoy a lovely Continental breakfast followed by an inspirational speaker, the first of the 'Big Breakfasts' is taking place at **Neston Methodist Church at 8.30am for 9.00am start.** All welcome, please book with Anne Kitchener ([annekitchener@googlemail.com](mailto:annekitchener@googlemail.com))

## DAILY BIBLE READING NOTES

If anyone would like to have "New Daylight" short daily Bible reading notes. The cost for the whole year is £25.50. The readings start in May and we get a small book which lasts four months 3 times a year and they then send us the new book in plenty of time. Please let me know if you would like to have them and I will put you on the list for when I order them. Thanks Carol (07929096443)

### HISTORY TALK AT LT NESTON METHODIST CHURCH 10.30am Wed 18th March 2026

Local historian Ed Hilditch will be giving an illustrated talk entitled 'The effects of the depression, hard times and the end of the steam wagons 1930 - 1935.' The event is organised by Wirral Retired NAS members, but is open to all. It follows successful talks on previous years by Ed which covered the outbreak and war years, attended by @25 NAS and church members. This is an entirely new talk! The talk will be followed by lunch at the Royal Oak at 12.15pm for which advance booking and menu choices are required. If you wish to attend, please contact the Social Secretary, Anne Kitchener, at [annekitchener@googlemail.com](mailto:annekitchener@googlemail.com) indicating if you wish to stay for lunch by Mon 9th March. I will contact you with menu choices. A collection will be taken after the talk for Little Neston Methodist Church funds. Many thanks, Anne.

### COVER PICTURE

The piece was designed for the Cloister Garden of Chester Cathedral in association with the 900th Anniversary celebrations of the foundation of the Benedictine Abbey of St Werburgh, on that site in 1092. The water feature depicts the encounter between Jesus and the Woman of Samaria, showing their shared bowl overflowing with water.

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# MOTHERING SUNDAY 15th March

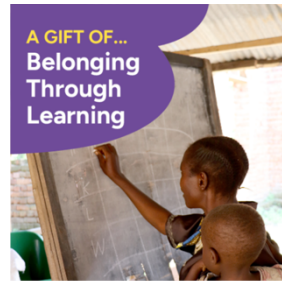
## CAKE SALE FOR MOTHERS' UNION FUNDS

Mothers' Union will again be selling cakes on Mothering Sunday this year after the 9.30am service in St Michaels and the 10.45am Eucharist in the Parish Church. Last year the cake sales raised £226 for the **Make a Mother's Day gifts for the Belonging Appeal**. Mothering Sunday stirs deep emotions for many of us: gratitude, love, remembrance, and sometimes sorrow. Buy some cakes for this Appeal or buy your own ethical gift. There are several 'gifts' to choose from.

- £20 could help a young mother gain practical skills to support herself and her child.
- £85 could provide training for community and church leaders to recognise the rights of young mothers, prevent harmful stigma and create safe welcoming spaces.
- £42 could help girls avoid early pregnancy, rebuild confidence and stay connected to positive role models.
- £60 could help a young mother heal after trauma.
- £36 could help give a young mother and her baby the safe, healthy start every family deserves.



A GIFT OF...  
Skills for  
Belonging



A GIFT OF...  
Belonging  
Through  
Learning



A GIFT OF...  
Healing and  
Hope Sessions

Mothers' Union ethical gifts change lives. This Mothering Sunday, instead of flowers and chocolates, give an ethical gift, in memory of a much-loved mother, that shows love in action, helping women and families feel supported, valued and able to flourish. Go to:

[www.makeamothersday.org](http://www.makeamothersday.org)