



# PARISH OF NESTON

## PRAYER & ACTION



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### SUNDAY 9th AUGUST 2026 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Readings: Genesis 37.1-4,12-28 (P.34) Romans 10.5-15 (P.221)  
Matthew 14.22-33 (P.15)

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| <u>St Mary &amp; St Helen</u> | 8.00am         | Holy Communion                                           |
|                               | 10.45am        | Sung Eucharist                                           |
|                               | <b>12.30pm</b> | <b>Baptisms: Imogen Sophia Johnson</b>                   |
|                               |                | <b>Florence Emilia Johnson &amp; Henry Ralph Johnson</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. Search Parish of Neston                  |

**Collect for Tenth Sunday after Trinity:** Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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**

## WE WELCOME YOU

We welcome Imogen Sophia, Florence Emilia and Henry Ralph Johnson into our Church family through Baptism today at 12.30pm in the Parish Church. May God bless them and their family and friends as they celebrate this joyous occasion.

### CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

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

Mo 10 *Ps 148.1-4, 12-13; Mt 17.22-end*

Tu 11 *Ps 119.65-72; Mt 18.1-5.10, 12-14*

We 12 *Ps 113; Mt 18.15-20*

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

Th 13 *Ps 78.58-64; Mt 18.21-19.1*

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

Fr 14 *Ps 118.14-18 or Canticle: Song of Deliverance; Mt 19.3-12*

**No Parish Prayers in August. Re-start on Friday 4th September**

Sa 15 *Ps 51.1-3, 15-17; Mt 19.13-15*

### SUNDAY 16th AUGUST 2026 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

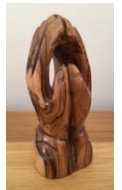
Readings: Genesis 45.1-15 (P.43) Romans 11.1-2, 29-32 (P.156)  
Matthew 15.[10-20], 21-28 (P.16)

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|                               | 10.45am | Sung Eucharist                          |
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### PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING

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| <u>PARISH</u>    | David Johnson and Anne Kitchener                          |
| <u>HOSPITAL</u>  | Arrowe Park: Colin Mealor, Ruth Snowdon and Norman Sutton |
| <u>ELSEWHERE</u> | Hayley Moss                                               |

**We remember those who have died:** We give thanks for the lives of those who have died recently: Revd Simon Chesters and



June Pemberton Cross. 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*.

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### **SUMMER COFFEE, CAKES and CLASSICS**

Thank you everyone for you cakes, help or simply supporting these events raising money for the Organ Fund with a portion to buy education supplies for the 'Door of Hope - Bags of Education' supported by our branch within Chester Diocese Mothers' Union.

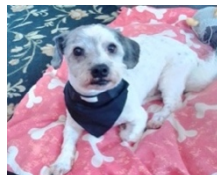
The next Coffee, Cake and Classics will be this Friday **7th August and 21st August**. Home-made cakes are really sort after at these recitals, so bakers out there, your cakes will be gratefully received. Offers of help are needed for setting up and clearing away including chairs and tables.

*Diane Millington, Neston MU Branch Leader 07368 302450*

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### **PET BLESSING SERVICE**

**2pm Sun 30th Aug at St Thomas' Parkgate**  
Bring your pet, or photograph of a much-loved pet.



### **VOLUNTEERS ARISE !**

Last Saturday a group of volunteers met for two hours to tidy up the church yard. We tidied up some of the graves, but we concentrated this week on the north side of the building and the War Memorial. We really hope that you can see the difference, and it was really nice to have extra volunteers this week, and by the way the next clearing the churchyard is on **Saturday the 5th of September**.

It made me wonder what would you do if you arrived at church one Sunday for the service and there was no one at the door ready to welcome you and give you a book and worse still there were no books out. Calamity!! We know our services happen like a well-oiled machine but what if one day Shirley couldn't get a lift; Heather was up in Scotland; people were away on holiday; or in hospital having operations or recovering; some were ill or looking after

relatives; or just some needed a Sunday off and they've chosen this particular Sunday. Do you know where we keep the hymn books or the service books? Do you know which service books we use and in which season we are? Also, what would happen if no one was there to make tea or coffee at the end of the service, what would you do?

Our services are presided over by the clergy with one full time Vicar, and three retired clergy. We also have Lay Readers and Occasional Worship Leaders, and apart from the Vicar these people are all volunteers. The people who give out the books in the morning; make the tea and coffee - they're all volunteers. The people who read the lessons or do the prayers are all volunteers; we have beautifully prepared rotas, again done by volunteers. What am I trying to say, well firstly when you sit down today look at the service books we use, and then ask questions as to why we're using that book today at that time, and why is it that colour.

Perhaps you could think about going on a rota; welcoming at the door; giving out the books. Maybe you might like to read a lesson or try your hand at the prayers, there are lots of resources to help you with that one. Perhaps you'd like to help with teas or the washing up after the coffee. We always need more help, you see one day will come when the people that we rely on now won't be there for one reason or another and we really do need you now. Please think about volunteering, think about what you can do. I've said it before you never know where it will lead. You may like to become a Reader or an Occasional Worship Leader, maybe a Church Warden, or a Verger, a Sacristan or even a PCC member, we need people for all these positions, and by the way if you don't know what any of these are then please just ask, and don't be put off, we need these positions covered, and you know God wants you to fulfil your potential and by starting off with small steps, by questioning things, then who knows where it may lead, and you never know there could be a future Archbishop or the like just waiting to burst out.

*Carol*

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## MARY SUMNER DAY

Sunday 9th August 2026



This Sunday members of Mothers' Union will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of this worldwide organisation started by May Sumner in 1876. It has now grown to 4 million members in 83 countries. Members will be lighting their own candles at 11am in gratitude for Mary Sumner's vision, looking to the future with hope and praying for God's blessings on their continuing work of **STOPPING VIOLENCE, STOPPING POVERTY, STOPPING INJUSTICE**, wherever he has placed them.

Please pray with us, Mary Sumner's personal prayer:

**All this day O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee;  
and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through  
the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen**