

NCK with Alvanley and Manley - Prayer Meeting.

The prayer meeting takes place on Mondays from 9.00 - 9.30am
in the Church Room, Kingsley. All are welcome.

Bible Study Group

The group meets on Tuesdays from 7.30pm-9.00pm
in the Church Room, Kingsley.

The next meeting will be on 6 January 2026
when we will be starting a NEW series - 'Meeting Jesus'.
Further information from John Dawson 01928 789937.

Sunday 18th January - Double Celebration

at St John's Church, Kingsley

**Celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the consecration of
the Church and the Confirmation of 4 members of the church family**

At the above service, Osien, Dara, Ebony and Sue
will be confirmed by Bishop Mark.

They have been meeting since November to prepare for this
special day and we would ask you to hold them in your prayers.

Can you help?

Alvanley Church are needing a Book Keeper until a Treasurer can
be found.
The role involves making a note of the income and outgoings and
banking.

Prayer Diary:

Please pray for: Peter Gleave. Lucie Storer, Francis Weighill, Gillian Whyte, Joshua
Wareham, Joshua Butterworth, Wal Fennerl, Ann Green, Pam & Andy Jobson, Grace
Rowlinson, Debbie Holden, Derek Lawrenson, Geoff Noden. Bryony Partridge.

Prayer requests and cancellations to Graham Merrington please.

**Churches
Website
www.nck.org.uk**

Pew Sheet Notices by 12noon **Friday** please.
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*The Benefice of
Alvanley and Manley
Norley, Crowton and Kingsley
"Followers of Jesus"
Sharing His love with Others"*

**4th January 2026
Epiphany**

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**Services this Week**

4th January 2026 Epiphany			
	10:00am	Norley	Family Holy Communion
	6:30pm	Crowton	Sacred Space

Services Next Week

11th January 2026 Epiphany 1 Baptism of Christ			
	10.00am	Crowton	Holy Communion
	6:00pm	NCK Centre	2nd Sunday @ 6

1st Reading - Isaiah 60.1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Funerals - it is with sadness we report the following from our parishes who have passed away.

Mair Lee-Jones of Alvanley, her funeral will take place at Alvanley Church at 11.30am on 7th January 2026. Cremation having taken place earlier in the morning for the family.

Valerie Burke of Crowton, her funeral will take place at Crowton Church at 2pm on Friday 9th January 2026, followed by burial in the Churchyard.

Clarice Williams of Norley, her funeral will take place at Norley Church at 1.30pm on Friday 16th January 2026, followed by burial in the churchyard

Stanley Brian Lewis late of Norley, his funeral will take place at Vale Royal Crematorium at 4.00pm on Friday 16th January 2026.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Kingsley Church is open for prayer
Every Tuesday Morning 9.30am - 12.00noon

Gospel reading - Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

They told him, In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.

Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Dates for your Diary

January 2026

6th Mothers' Union Meal at Abbeywood - 12 for 12.30

12th Alvanley PCC Meeting, 10am NCK Centre

20th Norley PCC Meeting 7.30pm NCK Centre

22nd Crowton PCC in church 7.15pm

23rd Church Walk 9.30am from Norley Church Car park

February

3rd Mothers' Union - 2pm NCK Centre

20th Church Walk 9.30am from Norley Church Car park

25th What really matters in the end? Course 1.30-3.30pm NCK Centre

March

3rd Mothers' Union - 2pm NCK Centre

4th What really matters in the end? Course 1.30-3.30pm NCK Centre

11th What really matters in the end? Course 1.30-3.30pm NCK Centre

18th What really matters in the end? Course 1.30-3.10pm NCK Centre

25th What really matters in the end? Course 1.30-3.30pm NCK Centre