

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.
We are currently following a series on - 'Meeting Jesus'.
Further information from John Dawson 01928 789937.

Come and Sing!

If you like to sing, after our morning service at Crowton on Sunday 8 March, grab your coffee and come and join us up near the organ.
For half-an-hour we're going to enjoy singing some gentler, contemplative hymns – some familiar, some new – and everyone's welcome to join in.

The end is nigh! Be prepared!

On Wednesdays from 25 February to 25 March, 1.30-3.30pm at the NCK Centre, we will be discussing aspects of death and dying.
We've got five super expert guest speakers lined up.
Don't leave it too late! Sign up and bring family and friends - all welcome.
Sign-up sheet at the back of church.

Dates for your Diary**February**

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 -25th What really matters in the end? Course 1.30-3.30pm NCK Centre
6th World Day of Prayer, 1.30pm at Norley Methodist Church
15th Mothering Sunday 10am Family Holy Communion
17th Norley Church A.P.C.M. 7.30pm NCK Centre
26th Kingsley Church A.P.C.M. 7.30pm Kingsley Church Room
19th Palm Sunday—Joint with the Methodists 10am Norley Church

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.

Prayer requests and cancellations to Graham Merrington please.

**Churches
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www.nck.org.uk

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

8th February 2026

2 before Lent

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*My child
YOU WORRY
TOO MUCH.
i've got this, remember?
Love,
God*

Services this Week

8th February 2026 2 before Lent			
	10:00am	Crowton	Holy Communion
	6:00pm	NCK Centre	2nd Sunday @ 6
12th February	10:00am	Norley	Holy Communion

Services Next Week

15th February 2026 Next before Lent			
	10:00am	Kingsley	Family Holy Communion
18th February Ash Wednesday	10:00am	Crowton	Midweek Communion

1st Reading - Genesis 1:1 - 2:3

1In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

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²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.'

³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so.

³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

²Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

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Gospel reading - Matthew 6: 25-34

²⁵ 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'