

**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.

**Can you Help?**  
 Both Alvanley and Kingsley are seeking a Treasurer for this  
 financial year. Perhaps this is something you might take on yourself  
 or know of someone who would consider serving the church in this  
 way.  
*If you can help in finding someone please let Hilary know*

It is with sadness we report the passing of Peter Gleave from Crowton.  
 Peter has been very much part of all our churches for many years and  
 will be very much missed by everyone.  
 His funeral will take place at Crowton Church on Thursday 5th March at  
 11.30am followed by Cremation at Vale Royal for the family.  
 Refreshments will be available after the service in church at Crowton  
 Village Hall.  
 Please keep Jane and families in your prayers at this difficult time.

Also the passing of Tim Clarkson formerly of Milton Rough, his funeral  
 will take place at Crowton Church on Tuesday 24th February at 10.am

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

**Prayer Diary:**  
 Please pray for: Lucie Storer, Francis Weighill, Gillian Whyte, Joshua Wareham, Joshua Butterworth,  
 Wal Fennerl, Pam & Andy Jobson, Grace Rowlinson, Debbie Holden, Derek Lawrenson, Geoff Noden.  
*Prayer requests and cancellations to Graham Merrington please.*

**Churches  
 Website  
[www.nck.org.uk](http://www.nck.org.uk)**

Pew Sheet Notices by 12noon **Friday** please.  
 email: [graham\\_merrington@btinternet.com](mailto:graham_merrington@btinternet.com)  
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*The Benefice of  
 Alvanley and Manley  
 Norley, Crowton and Kingsley  
 "Followers of Jesus  
 Sharing His love with Others"*

**22nd February 2026**  
**Lent 1**

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<b>Services this Week</b>			
22nd February 2026 Lent 1	8:30am	Crowton	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10:00am	Alvanley	Holy Communion
26th February	10:00am	Kingsley	Midweek Holy Communion

<b>Services Next Week</b>			
1st March 2026 Lent 2	10:00am	Norley	Holy Communion
	6:30pm	Crowton	Sacred Space
5th March	10:00am	Norley	Midweek Communion

### 1st Reading - Genesis 2: 7-17, 3:1-7

Then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>1</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

### World Day of Prayer - formerly the Women's World Day of Prayer

This year's service will be held at  
**Norley Methodist Church,**  
on Friday, **6th March 2026 at 1.30pm.**

### Dates for your Diary

#### February

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

25th Crowton A.P.C.M. 7.30pm in Church

26th Kingsley Church PCC 7.30pm Kingsley Church Room

29th Palm Sunday—Joint with the Methodists 10am Norley Church

#### April

2nd Maundy Thursday Service 7pm at Alvanley

3rd Good Friday - Meditations at the Cross 2pm at Kingsley

5th Easter Day - Holy Communion BCP 8.30am at Crowton

5th Easter Day - Holy Communion 10am at Norley

30th Kingsley A.P.C.M. 7.30pm in Kingsley Church Room

### Gospel reading - Matthew 4: 1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written

"One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written

"He will command his angels concerning you",  
and "On their hands they will bear you up,

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

### 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.

### 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.

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