

Three in One

Magazine of St Nicholas Curdworth,
St Chad Wishaw and
St John the Baptist Middleton



January/February 2020

SERVICES IN JANUARY 2020

Sunday 5th January

EPIPHANY

2nd Sunday of Christmas (White)

9.30am All age Eucharist - St Chad, Wishaw – Rev Roy Allen

11.00am – Service of the Word – St Nicholas, Curdworth – Canon Paul
Wilson

11.00am – Eucharist – St John the Baptist, Middleton – Rev Canon Frank
Longbottom

Sunday 12th January

BAPTISM OF CHRIST

1st Sunday of Epiphany (white)

9.30am – Eucharist – St Chad, Wishaw – Rev Roy Allen

11.00am – Eucharist – St Nicholas, Curdworth – Rev Roy Allen

11.00am - Eucharist - St John the Baptist, Middleton – Rev Canon Frank
Longbottom

Sunday 19th January

2nd Sunday of Epiphany (white)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

9.30am – Eucharist – St Chad, Wishaw – Rev Roy Allen

11.00am – Eucharist - St Nicholas, Curdworth – Rev Roy Allen

6.00pm – Service of the Word – St John the Baptist, Middleton -
Mr Andrew Farrow

Sunday 26th January

3rd Sunday of Epiphany (white)

9.30am – Service of the Word – St Chad, Wishaw – Mrs Lisa Wilcox

11.00am – Service of the Word – St Nicholas, Curdworth – Canon Paul
Wilson

11.00am – Eucharist – St John the Baptist, Middleton – Rev Roy Allen

SERVICES IN FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday 2nd February

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE *(White)*

(Candlemas)

9.30am – All age Eucharist – St Chad, Wishaw – Rev Roy Allen

11.00am – Eucharist – St Nicholas, Curdworth – Rev Roy Allen

11.00am – Eucharist – St John the Baptist, Middleton – Rev Canon Frank Longbottom

Sunday, 9th February

3rd Sunday before Lent *(Green)*

9.30am – Eucharist – St Chad, Wishaw – Rev Roy Allen

11.00am – Eucharist – St Nicholas, Curdworth – Rev Roy Allen

11.00am – Eucharist – St John the Baptist, Middleton – Rev Canon Frank Longbottom

Sunday, 16th February

2nd Sunday before Lent *(Green)*

9.30am – Service of the Word – St Chad, Wishaw – Mrs Lisa Wilcox

11.00am – Eucharist – St Nicholas, Curdworth - Rev Roy Allen

6.00pm – Service of the Word – St John the Baptist, Middleton

- Mr Andrew Farrow

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Sunday 23rd February

Sunday next before Lent *(Green)*

9.30am – Eucharist – St Chad, Wishaw – Rev Roy Allen

11.00am – Service of the Word – St Nicholas, Curdworth – Canon Paul Wilson

11.00am – Eucharist – St John the Baptist, Middleton – Rev Roy Allen

Wednesday 26th February

ASH WEDNESDAY *(Purple)*

7.30pm - Eucharist, with Imposition of Ashes – St Chad, Wishaw – Rev Roy Allen

Regular Events Programme -2019

Curdworth 60+ Dementia Friendly Lunch Club

31st January 2020 12.30 pm-2.30pm Curdworth Village Hall

28th February 2020 12.30pm-2.30pm Curdworth Village Hall

Wishaw Coffee Mornings

9th January 2020 10.30am-12.00pm Wishaw Memorial Hall

13th February 2020 10.30am-12.00pm Wishaw Memorial Hall

Middleton Coffee Mornings

Community Hall every second Wednesday 10:30am to 12:00pm

Curdworth Friendship Group

8th January 2020 2019 2019 2.30pm Curdworth Church Hall

12th February 2020 2.30pm Curdworth Church Hall

Men's Breakfast:

The Men's Breakfast is held on the third Saturday of each month (except December). **Breakfast starts at 9:00 am** and everyone is welcome to stay for as long as they wish.

email Steve at steven.blaber@blueyonder.co.uk

Ladies' Breakfast:

18th January & 15th February: An informal gathering and everyone is welcome. For further details

Contact Lisa on: 07739183310 or 470397

Both are relaxed groups and it is an ideal opportunity to enjoy a good breakfast and chat about anything you may want to.

**Everyone is welcome at all of the above events
please come and join us.**

Thank You & Looking Forward - Roy Allen

2020. A new decade. How do we approach that? Is it with keen anticipation of new opportunities for ourselves and our families, or is it quite the opposite. I suspect that the majority of us waver between the two. It is a measurement of our progress along life's pilgrimage.

When I wrote the New Year letter twelve months ago I didn't see myself doing it again, but here we are. And I must thank all the members of our three churches for their support, encouragement and prayers over that time. So I express gratitude to the churchwardens and other church officers, to members of our councils, and to all who have participated in services and social events – the latter, as well as providing an enjoyable time (we hope), have resulted in an easing of our financial pressures. As with all churches these never go away.

As far as worship is concerned we have maintained an almost full programme, and I must mention the Revd. Canon Frank Longbottom for his contribution to Middleton, and our parish Readers Canon Paul Wilson and Mr Andrew Farrow for the services which they have taken for us. Like most parishes in a vacancy we have also been faithfully served by visiting clergy, most of them retired, so thanks are due to them

People like to have music in the services, and we have been excellently served by organists and pianists Margaret Allen, Sue Shelley and Marian Blundell. The choir has sung faithfully for the Curdworth congregation weekly and the other churches on occasions, which include weddings and some funerals. New members would be most welcome, contact Anton Rawson.

So we enter 2020 in good heart, we can survive and there is light at the end of the tunnel (trouble is you can't see the end of the tunnel from where we are!).

ROY

Thank you: The Events Committee would like to thank the Church for allowing them to parade through the Churchyard during the Halloween celebrations. The use of the toilets in the Church Hall was also most welcome on such a wet and chilly night!

Thank you: The Church are most grateful for the kind donation made to them by the Events Committee.

The event was made hugely difficult by endless rain and it was a credit to the sheer hard work of everyone involved that the evening was such a success. Thank you.

Christmas Tree Festival

Many thanks to everyone who supported St. Nicholas Christmas Tree Festival. There was a wonderful array of trees in Church and thanks go to Eileen and her team of Elves who gave up their time and worked so hard to stage it. Thanks also to Jeff for putting up the tree outside Church and Anton and Bob for sorting out the boards. Attendance was not as high as previously but a useful sum of £1,100 was raised. Thank you to all those who did come, particularly on Friday afternoon when Linda Williams from Coleshill sang a variety of music for us. Some from the shows, carols and Christmas songs which had the elves and visitors dancing in the aisle!



St.Nicholas Churchyard—Winter Clean up

Everything looks a bit dismal at this time of year but it won't be long before the snowdrops and crocus will be popping up all over the place. With this in mind Alan Vaughton would like to organise a 'Churchyard Clean Up' so that when spring and the lighter nights do arrive it will be looking tidy.

**If you would like to join in
please contact Alan on 01675 470062 or 07807 970293.**



Looking forward, we would be grateful for any time that anyone has got to help out. Although we pay to get some of the grass cut there is always more that needs doing. We are not asking for a regular commitment but obviously certain times of the year are busier than others. Anyone is welcome to come along and lend a hand whenever they have some spare time and do as much or as little as you wish. **If you think you would like to help out anytime either give Alan a call on the numbers above, or Bob Hemmings on 01675 470691 and have a chat.**

VACANCY UPDATE

Matters may have seemed rather quiet on the Vacancy front, but things have been happening in the background. The Archdeacon has asked questions of us regarding our intention and our ability to pay our Common Fund contribution towards Cost of Ministry, which will over two to three years need to meet the full cost of our Parish Priest. We have had to make a leap of faith and say that it is our intention to pay and that, though it will be difficult, we feel it can be done. We will be explaining what that means and how we plan to get things on to a firm financial footing early in the New Year.

The good news is that we have dates pencilled in the diary for possible interviews for a new Vicar. These will be published as soon as we are confident that they will not change.

The Wardens have also had a meeting with the new Area Dean for the Aston and Sutton Coldfield Deanery, which was encouraging and informative and it was good to hear her plans for the Deanery and the parishes within it. We hope to connect with the Deanery in a much more meaningful way and tap into resources to help with finance and funding, HR, safeguarding events for young people in particular.

Parish Ministry these days is a team effort and our new Vicar will need our help as lay people to develop the ministry in this parish for a new decade.

Curdworth Women's Guild

In November the ladies welcomed back Donald McCrombie who again bought his guitar and got them singing. Donald spoke at length about homelessness which was both touching and informative. It was a thought provoking and entertaining afternoon enjoyed by all present. In December the ladies held their Christmas lunch at the Cottage Inn Fillongley. It was well attended and everyone had a lovely afternoon and delicious lunch. In the next magazine there will be details of a Coffee and Croissants Morning to be held in March and a quiz in June, with proceeds going to St.Nicholas Church. The page opposite details next years Guild programme and meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. **Please come along and join us you would be most welcome.**

Guild Programme for 2020

January 15th:	Annual General Meeting
February 19th:	"Easter Card Making" - Claire Wilkinson <i>Everyone can give this a try!</i>
March 18th:	"Tales from a Jobbing Parson" - Rev Roy Allen
April 15th:	"The Origin of Tea" - Sheelagh James
May 20th:	"Bygone Birmingham Hippodrome" David and Pam Humphries
June 17th:	"The Story behind The Story" - Sheila Pennell
July 15th:	"Herbs and their Benefits" - Barbara Bowers
August 19st:	Guild Afternoon Tea - Grimscote Manor Hotel
September 16th:	"Sandra's Surprise" - Sandra Bullivant
October 21st:	"Christmas Label Making - Claire Wilkinson <i>Everyone can have a go at this!</i>
November 18th:	"Christmas Floral Arrangements " - Florist - Maureen Pitt
December 16th:	Guild Christmas Dinner

St.Nicholas Church is once again floodlit until
Summertime starts again
at the end of March.

Sponsorship is £5.00/night

Floodlighting

**Remember your loved ones or offer a donation to
help us keep the lights on**

Barbara Kelsey is overseeing the scheme. You can either contact Barbara directly, or put your sponsorship money in an envelope together with your name, the dates you would like, and any details of who you would like remembered if that is appropriate, or you can simply make a donation if you wish. This can then either be given to one of the churchwardens or delivered to:

Barbara at - 3 Oaklands, Curdworth.

Tel: 01675 470134

Please don't let the lights go out

Congratulations Lisa!

On Saturday 25th January an Admission and Licensing Service will be held at Birmingham Cathedral at 11:00am for the licensing of Lisa Wilcox to allow her to become a Reader in our churches. Lisa has worked hard for this and it is a significant moment for her.

Everyone is welcome to attend the service and a list will be left in Church for those who wish to go to add their names.

The final number needs to be known by Monday 13th January.

Have a fun evening with your friends!

Curdworth Church Hall

Saturday 1st February

7:30 pm to 10:30 pm

“Gin Evening”

Taste different gins and find out all about them.

*Tickets £10.00 each from
Lisa Wilcox on 07739 193310
Or 01675 470397*



Talent Scheme News

In addition to those mentioned in the previous edition people are continuing to support our Talent Scheme.



Eva Biddle and **Amy Yates** organised a film night at Curdworth Church Hall on Sunday 8th December. The film was “Home Alone” and they sold sweets, drinks and popcorn. The total raised stands at over £160!! A brilliant result.

Thank you for supporting **Maureen Briggs’** Christmas door wreaths and table decorations. A lovely, seasonal talent. Also, **Carol Evans’** Christmas cards featuring village views. **Jean Giddings** is still making cards for all occasions.



Enjoy a meal and a chat! **Maureen** is also offering to cook a meal for a maximum of four guests. Contact her for details and to make a booking. 01675 470342.

Barbara Taft raffled several items which she had knitted. Anne Lowe won a beautiful aran jumper, Margaret Turner, Pat Bird and Hazel won ladies’ summer tops and Janet Leyland and Rachel Longmore each won a pair of mittens. Barbara thanks everyone for their support. She raised £92 which is a great result. Thank you to Barbara for all her work.



SALE A sale of almost new ladies’ clothes is planned. Look out for posters with date, time and location. Lots of lovely bargains!

Margaret Bishop knit snowmen tree decorations which Sue and Bob sold at the Christmas Tree Festival making £90.00. Thank you to everyone who supported us.





Jenny Tillson has painted a picture of the lychgate at St Nicholas' Church. It is being framed and Jenny will be raffling it early in the New Year .

Huge congratulations to **Daniel Biddle** and **Lily Yates** who organised a sponsored run as their talent. They were so well organised that they managed to do the run on the last sunny day before the weather broke! Many thanks to the Mums who ran with them and their other supporters. They raised the magnificent sum of £285.30.



Hannah Craven has also raised over £30 with her first cake sale at school. Well done to Hannah and her helpers.

The Talent Scheme ends on **Shrove Tuesday, 25th February 2020 with a Pancake Party** at Curdworth Church Hall, so book the date and come along and celebrate. If you haven't yet come up with an idea, there is plenty of time. It doesn't have to be a grand event and you can work together with your friends. Don't think we have had a coffee morning, cheese and wine evening or an afternoon tea yet! Please send details of anything you plan to do so that our Talent boards can be updated and your Talent can be included in the weekly Notice sheet. Apologies if I have missed anything.

If you don't feel able to organise a Talent yourself, then you are still helping the scheme by supporting others as much as you can.

Everyone can play a part

Poetry Group

It is the week before Christmas as I write this for the January issue, and I am looking forward to a trip to "heaven". Yes, in two days time I shall be on train from Leicester to London, and a return later in the day. It is important to travel from Leicester because the old "Midland Railway" route to London is through Leicester, where trains meet bringing passengers from Sheffield, Derby and Nottingham and then race non-stop to St Pancras station London. Next to Kings Cross and only a short walk from Euston – but a completely different "world" in fact whisper this, St Pancras station is "railway Heaven", and the Sir George Gilbert-Scott "hotel" in front of the station is more impressive than Buckingham Palace. Don't take my word for this go and see.

The trains and their tracks are elevated about 15 ft above the lower concourse with all the Eurostar trains drawn up and all the "Voyagers" and HSTs waiting to leave for the north. All this under the stunning and huge arch of the train-shed roof constructed by the Butterley company of Derby about 150 years ago to the Design of W H Barlow. The roof is completely glazed so that the whole station is "bathed in light" as we say. There are pianos available for the public to play while waiting for trains. I hope you can understand now why I am excited about my trip; but there is more! Towards the rear of the station (i.e. close to the Hotel rear wall) is a statue of a man in a "gabardine mac" holding his trilby on his head with one hand and a paper bag in the other gazing up at the station roof; none other than the most famous the 20th Century poets, Sir John Betjeman.

John's statue is there because it was only his personal determination and persistence that prevented the hotel being swept away for "development" in the 1960's. John wrote lovely, mostly cheerful poems about everyday people and events in a style that is accessible to most of us. He wrote about farm girls as well as daughters of Earls, about the "Young Executive" who "drove the firms' Cortina".

About the "Hiking girls and Tennis playing, biking girls, the wholly to my liking girls – aah to see and not to care! He was a terrible failure at Oxford in the 1920s he fell out with his tutor C S Lewis (who considered John to be a dilettante) big time and was sent down. It made no difference he carried on attending lectures from time to time and sharing digs with friends of whom he had a great many. He was highly amusing and excellent company. He married Penelope Chetwode, the daughter of Field Marshall Lord Chetwode, who was hardly pleased with his daughter's choice, but who supported them both while he was alive.

Make a point in the new year (Epiphany) of reading John's poem "Christmas" the best Christmas Poem by far. Available on the internet, or borrow my Collected Poems and read more.

Now let's pray for a whole lot less politics in 2020.

Canon Paul

Poetry group meets for the first time in 2020 on February 13th at 7.30p.m in St Nicholas Church Hall.

CHURCH MEETINGS

Middleton DCCTuesday 21st January
Parochial Church Council.....Monday 27th January
Curdworth DCC.....Monday 3rd February
Wishaw DCC.....Tuesday 4th February

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this issue. **The deadline for the Mar/Apr issue will be the 15th February** however I am happy to receive your contributions whenever they are ready. **Sue**

Thank you.....

To **Anne Mitchell** and her team at **Grounds Farm** for once again hosting the Wishaw Quiz Evening on November 9th. The venue was warm and welcoming on a rather cold, wet night and the food was equally delicious. **Thomas and Amanda Rees**, quiz master and assistant, were a very smooth and efficient team. Thank you to everyone who supported the evening, which raised £647.

To everyone who supported our **Remembrance Sunday** services – always poignant occasions and a formal opportunity to remember all those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

To everyone who supported the **Christmas Gift Day** at Wishaw Church on 21st December.

To everyone who decorated our churches for Christmas. They all looked stunning as usual and the floral decorations and hosts of candles helped to make our services very special.

To everyone who took part in our **Christmas services** by preparing the churches, leading, reading, singing, praying and accompanying and especially to those who came to be part of our congregations and who made all the work worthwhile. Special mention must be made of the **Carol Services** and our gratitude to **Anton Rawson** for his leadership throughout the year and the Choirs for their contributions, the readers and to all those who helped prepare and serve copious amounts of mulled wine and possibly hundreds of mince pies in total!

To all those who came along, with or without pets, to the Goose walk and Pets' service on New Year's Day.

To Sunday Club, Alpha Club and Children's Choir members for being absolutely amazing in their support of those activities, their massive contribution to the Talent Scheme and charitable events, their consistent attendance and their unwavering enthusiasm and support for their leaders. (Not forgetting their parents for getting them to the right places at the right times.)

Thank you to the editor of this magazine for her patience and tolerance of this writer.

To Rev Roy Allen, Canon Frank Longbottom, Andrew Farrow, Canon Paul Wilson, Lisa Wilcox and all the visiting clergy and readers who have played a massive part in maintaining our weekly worship throughout 2019.

To the unsung heroes and heroines who work quietly and tirelessly keeping our buildings and churchyards maintained and functioning. To the Wardens, PCC and DCC members for their continued and sustained support for our churches during this year and to all who have attended our services and events throughout the year to ensure that the message of Jesus Christ which has been told and sung in our churches for so many centuries continues unbroken.

THANK YOU and a very happy New Year to you all!

P.S And a huge thank you to the writer of this piece who has left herself out, but has been involved in just about every single thing listed, contributing her talent, time and energy. We would like her to know that her hard work is also appreciated. Sue

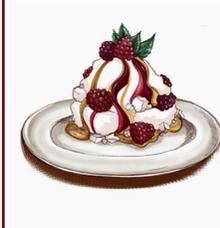
Would you like to join us in 2020?

Both our Children's and Senior Choirs are always on the lookout for new talent. They have a lot of fun singing a variety of music throughout the year and would welcome new voices. Both choirs meet on Wednesday evenings. **If you are interested please contact Margaret Allen for the Children's Choir and Anton Rawson for the Seniors.**

Alpha Club will also be back on Sunday evenings during term time from 6:00-7:30pm and is for young people 9+. **Details from Margaret Allen.**

Sunday Club meets on the second Sunday of every month at 10:30. Ages up to about 16. **For more details please contact Lisa Wilcox.**

You are invited to a **Puddings Evening** hosted by



St Chad's Church, Wishaw
to be held at
Wishaw Golf Club
on Saturday 8th February 2020
7.30pm

Bar Raffle Entertainment

Please bring a pudding!
You don't have to eat your own!!

Tickets £5.00 available from Pat Turner or Margaret Allen

Thank You from Wishaw Church

Wishaw Church would like to thank Jason Smith for donating a lovely Christmas tree to the Church, and also to the people who decorated it and made it such a focal point for our Christmas celebrations. Thanks also to those who helped at the Carol service and those who provide tea all year round. Thanks also to the ladies who clean the Church and provide and arrange the flowers. It takes a real team effort to keep things running and we are very grateful to a lot of people, not least Ben and Becky for all they do. Finally we would like to thank Roy and Margaret for their continued support. Thank you everyone.

Pat

Middleton Musings

I want to say a big thank you to all who have helped with Christmas celebrations making it a special time for the Middleton family. Thank you to the readers at the Carol service, makers of mulled wine suppliers of mince pies and those decorating the Christmas Tree. Thank you for help with flowers, decoration and lighting the candles and for those leading our services and providing the music and those doing the many other often unseen tasks. Well done and Thank you.

This month I would like to think about waiting and weather. Sometimes the effects of the weather mean we can't do what we want when we want to. Dark evenings or cold and wet weather get in the way and make life less pleasant. As a keen cyclist the icy roads in particular are a blocker for me. As I was sitting full of a cold and feeling sorry for myself as I waited to recover I became grateful for being reminded of a key Advent theme; Waiting. The time of waiting can be useful for valuing what we wait for and helping us to be ready when it comes, if we can overcome any impatience. In Advent we thought about waiting for Jesus to return again to bring in his new kingdom. A kingdom of justice and righteousness without tears. A kingdom where creation is restored. Creation knows the value of waiting and resting and God gives us a pattern encouraging a sabbath day of rest. There is a story of a man who at the end of the day was crouching down under the shade of a tree. He appeared to be doing nothing. When asked he replied "I have had a busy day dashing all over the place I am letting my soul catch up"

As we look back on our Christmas celebrations the waiting still goes on. At the start of the year, along with the Advent hope, we also wait for the new life that Spring heralds. There are those longing for the warmth and light of Spring and Summer. Snowdrops and crocuses, hyacinths and tulip bulbs are also waiting for a change in weather so that they can shoot up and share their beauty. As we start a new year may it be with expectant waiting, full of hope for all the blessings we will receive from God in 2020 and may we wonder how we can share those blessings in our communities. Andrew

Floodlighting Tributes 2019/2020

NOV	
2 nd	In loving memory of Mary Huggard
4 th	To celebrate the life of Rachael Kelsey
9 th	In loving memory of Gladys and William Bourne
16 th	In loving memory of Colin Renshaw
19 th	In loving memory of Roy and Joan Williams
21 st	In loving memory of Alex Pitt
21 st	In memory of John Handley
23 rd	In memory of Laurie Doogan
24 th	81 st Birthday memory celebrations for Tony Green
27 th	In loving memory of Phyllis and Harry McAnespie
28 th	In loving memory to a great Husband and Dad, Bill Cottom
30 th	In loving memory of a 'True Legend', Andrew Wheddon
30 th	In loving memory of Charles Gatland, Thomas Gatland and Ellen & Sydney Edwards
DEC	
1 st	In loving memory of Tony Green, 3 rd Anniversary of his passing
1 st	In loving memory of John and Brenda Plunkett
2 nd	In loving memory of Jan Weatherley
4 th	In loving memory of Matt Jackson
5 th	With love always, in memory of Geoff North,
6 th	In loving memory of Susan and Walter Collins
7 th	Happy Birthday Phil
8 th	In loving memory of Edna Pick
10 th	In memory of Betty (nee Fossey) and Sidney McKenzie. Sadly missed, but so dearly loved by Mary, Janet, Pauline, Doretta and Moira.
12 th	In loving memory of Thomas Brown
14 th	In loving memory of Winnie and John Birch

18 th	The anniversary of Barry Mordue
18 th	In memory of Lance McKeating – a much loved and missed Grandad
18 th	In memory of our dearly departed , from David and Diane Alderwick
19 th	Happy Birthday Steve Bettson
19 th	To celebrate the wedding of Donna Armstrong and Stephan Wade at Curdworth in 1997
21 st	In loving memory of Noel Weatherley
21 st	Happy 17 th Birthday Becci and Sophie Oakley
21 st	In loving memory of Fred, Edith and Colin Renshaw
23 rd	In loving memory of Dennis Bishop
24 th	In loving memory of Joan Wiseman
24 th	Stuart Burford (Burf) 24/12/2013 – always in our hearts, love Lyn and Lizzy xx
24 th	Steve Ketland, somewhere in my heart, there is a star that shines for you, love Deb xx
24 th	In loving memory of Isobel and Harold Kay
24 th	In memory of Gwen, Craig and John Handley
25 th	In loving memory of Joyce and Morris Brunt
26 th	In loving memory of Wilfred Mordue
27 th	In loving memory of John Pace
28 th	In loving memory of Doris Hemmings
31 st	Treasured memories of my wonderful family – Olive, Arthur and Beryl Wiggett
JAN	
1 st	In loving memory of Jan Weatherley
2 nd	In loving memory of Doris and Sydney Hemmings
3 rd	In memory of Connie McKeating – a much loved and missed Nan
4 th	In loving memory of Shirley Jackson

6 th	In loving memory to a great Wife and Mom, Doris Dandy
8 th	In loving memory of Bob and Maureen Evans
18 th	In loving memory of Bill and Mamie Cooper
18 th	In memory of Chrissie Doogan
19 th	In memory of Sue and Alan Murgatroyd
21 st	In memory of Sue and Alan Murgatroyd
21 st	In loving memory of Joan Pitt
24 th	In loving memory of Pat Milner
25 th	Remembered with all my love on your 105 th Birthday – Olive Wiggett
26 th	In loving memory of Lillian Mordue
27 th	Happy 9 th Birthday Thomas Bettson
28 th	In loving memory of Isobel and Harold Kay
FEB	
1 st	In loving memory of Jan Weatherley
4 th	In loving memory of Ella Fuller
5 th	In loving memory of Mercia Bettson, with our fondest love
9 th	Birthday memory celebrations to a great Wife and Mom, Doris Dandy
12 th	Birthday memory celebrations to Mercia Betston, with our fondest love
16 th	Happy 7 th Birthday Jessica Bettson
18 th	In memory of Gladys Smith – a much loved and missed Nan
21 st	In loving memory of Gwen Weatherley
26 th	In loving memory of Alan Mordue
MARCH	
1 st	In loving memory of Jan Weatherley
4 th	In loving memory of Edna and Alex North
5 th	In loving memory of Fred Fuller

6 th	In loving memory of Marjorie Atkins
7 th	In loving memory of Doris Margaret Lappage – loving Wife, Mother and Grandmother
11 th	With love always, in loving memory of Geoff North
14 th	In loving memory of Bob Marvin
18 th	In memory of Murray Smith – a much loved and missed Grandad
26 th	In loving memory of Cyril Atkins
29 th	In loving memory of Rose Jones

LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2020

It is not too early to mention Lent and Holy Week, as **Ash Wednesday is 26th February**, when there will be a united Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes at St Chad's Church Wishaw at 7.30pm.

We hope to have four more discussion/study groups on the first four Sundays of Lent – 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd March. Everyone is welcome to come along at 7.45pm and you can be assured of an interesting and maybe challenging experience, but also enjoyable and informative.

Reserve **Mothering Sunday, 22nd March**, and try to be at church to say thank you for all our mothers.

On Passion Sunday last year, we enjoyed a performance of "From Pharaoh to Freedom" at Middleton Village Hall. It is planned to put on something similar in 2020. Full details to follow.

Palm Sunday is 5th April, when we will hear the story of Jesus' journey into Jerusalem retold.

Holy Week itself will hopefully see a variety of services including "The Stations of the Cross", Music for Holy Week, Maundy Thursday Eucharist, Good Friday Words from the Cross and procession, culminating in the Queen of Festivals on **Easter Day**.

Plenty to think about and get involved in there!

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