

*Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw*

# NEWSLETTER

For the week beginning 22nd November 2020



**Welcome to this week's Newsletter.** We hope you continue to keep safe and well. Today is the **Sunday next before Advent, Christ the King.**

**Today's service is at 10.30am** and is online. The service is led by the Rector and Mrs Lisa Wilcox.

**Please join us via the link on Sunday Morning. We would love to see you all.**

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**Next Sunday is 29th November, ADVENT SUNDAY** and the service will be at **10.30am online**, lead by the Rector and Canon Paul Wilson.

DATE	TIME	SERVICE	LOCATION	
29 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>10.30am</b>	Service of the Word	Online	<b>ADVENT SUNDAY</b>

6 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's Wishaw <b>tbc</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
	11.00am	Service of the Word	Online <b>tbc</b>	
13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Holy Communion	St John's Middleton <b>tbc</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
	11.00am	Service of the Word	Online <b>tbc</b>	
20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>10.30am</b>	Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Curdworth <b>tbc</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

During the online service on 29<sup>th</sup> November, an opportunity for Spiritual Communion will be offered.

**Attending 'live' church:** we don't yet know for certain when live services in church will resume, but we can still take bookings, if you would like to let us know, for Sundays 6<sup>th</sup>, 13 and 20<sup>th</sup> December and we will advise you nearer the time when arrangements are definite. Text or phone: 07778 458789 or Email: [margaret\\_allen69@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:margaret_allen69@yahoo.co.uk) or [n.w.phillips@live.com](mailto:n.w.phillips@live.com)

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Christmas services this year are likely to be very restricted and limited and almost certainly without singing – not at all what are used to or what we would like – but we will still all be able to participate and celebrate the birth of the Christ the Light of the World with enthusiasm and joy. Noel is looking for pictures of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw in winter to use in the online Carol Service. Volunteers are also invited to read and record readings and send them for inclusion in the Carol Service. Please let us know if you would like to do this.





**Don't forget Morning and Evening Prayer during the week.....**

**Morning Prayer** – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9.15am

**Evening Prayer** - Tuesday at 7.45pm. **Compline** – Thursday at 7.45pm

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**On a different topic.....Erdington Food Bank** is short of dry goods – tea, coffee etc. Sue Hemmings' porch is still open! Alternatively, let us know if you have items but need to have them collected. Please refer to Noel's email for further details.

**Plans.....Lisa and Terry Wilcox** are planning a Car Treasure Hunt and



**Ruth**



**McFarland** is planning a Triathlon and would welcome anyone who would like to join her in all or part of it. She will also need sponsors of course! Details will follow as soon as they are available.



The total collected this year for The Children's Society is £335.41.

This is somewhat lower than previous years because whilst we have been in lockdown people have been shopping less and therefore don't have as much loose change. Also there has been a big move to contactless payments.

Nevertheless, the total is still a good one and my thanks to everyone who has contributed.

If anyone would like a blue box to accumulate their loose cash for a very good cause please contact either Eileen or myself on 01675 470221.

**Anton Rawson**



## **CHRISTMAS IN CURDWORTH**

The **Christmas Tree lights** in the village will go online on  
**29<sup>th</sup> November** – online singing at **4.30pm** with the  
Christmas lights at **5.00pm**.

### ***Father Christmas***

will be visiting Curdworth on  
**13<sup>th</sup> December** between **3.00pm and 5.00pm** to see all the children.

If you have primary age children, please let Richard Heeley know if you would like Father Christmas to stop off at your house.



**Noel and Jenny Phillips will be hosting a  
Christmas Quiz on  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00pm on zoom  
Teams of 4  
It's not too early to get organised!**



## Online Silent Auction.

There have been quite a few responses to the idea of an Online Auction – all positive! – so it looks as though it is going to go ahead. In order to get everything organised and for the Auction to have maximum impact, it may be a good idea to arrange it for the beginning of 2021. All money raised will be for church funds.

It is not too early to start looking around for suitable items to put in the Auction. Do you have some good quality items in need of a new home? Would you be willing to donate a voucher for a store, a restaurant, or a venue? What about a hanging basket or tub for the garden, a luxury food hamper, a box of chocolates, a bottle of wine, a couple of hours gardening, an item of signed memorabilia, travel package, pamper set, something you have made..... the list is endless.

The reply slip is at the end of the Newsletter and on a separate attachment, but you can email, phone or text to register your interest, both to participate and put something in the Auction.

Many thanks,

Margaret

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*In the interests of data protection, we cannot print the list of people who will have received this Newsletter by email, but we are aware of members of our congregations who still do not receive it because we do not have their email address. We are happy to add more names to the mailing list because, although going forward the Newsletter may not be published every week, it will still be a major way of communicating information and keeping in touch with people*

*If you would like anything added to this sheet in future weeks, please send it by email, text or by hand.*

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## **PRAYERS**

In your prayers this week, please pray for those who are sick, including:

Shirley Bolton	George Bullivant	Joe Cartnell
Diane Craven	Lesley Cox	Claire Eldridge
Jean Giddings	Pat Harris	Stacey Hobbs
Paul Hollis		

Will McFarland and all children and adults with autism

Isabella Murphy	Philip O'Halloran	Sue Shelley
Cathy Smith	Marie Sylvester	Barbara Thomas
Rhoda Thornicroft	Jenny Tillson	Paul Wilson

If you would like anyone added to this list, please let us know.

Remember those who have died and those who mourn them, remembering especially Eira Long.

*Into your hands, O Lord, we commit ourselves  
and all who are ill.*

*Help us to realise that through your Passion  
you understand our weakness and pain,  
and that in your risen life*

*we are also lifted up to heavenly fellowship  
by your Holy Spirit. Amen (after Henry Cooper)*

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## **Collect and Readings for Sunday 22nd November 2020**

### **The Collect**

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit

and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.       **Amen.**

## **The First Reading**

*is from Paul's letter to the Ephesians chapter 1*

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

*Here is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 25*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared

for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



**St Chad's in the Autumn from Ben East**

**PARISH OF CURDWORTH, MIDDLETON AND WISHAW**

**ONLINE SILENT AUCTION**

I am interested in:

- Taking part in the Online Auction /
- Donating an item(s) to be auctioned /

Item(s) for Auction: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return to 16 Orchard Close, Curdworth.*

*Many thanks.*

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