

NEWSLETTER

For the week beginning 19th September 2021

Welcome to this week's Newsletter.



How often does Jesus seem to speak in riddles?! The disciples did not understand what he meant when he told them that he would be betrayed into human hands, be killed and three days later rise again. He was teaching them, but they lacked understanding and were afraid to ask him to explain. We have probably done the same ourselves on many occasions, when we have listened to words, without truly understanding what was being said. Sometimes, though, it is not given to us to fully understand until some unknown time in the future, when all will become clear.

The other riddle in the gospel reading is concerned with “who is the greatest”. Jesus must have been what we would call a charismatic character and also someone who made others, particularly, in this case, the disciples, feel very special. In typical style, he brings them to their senses by putting a child amongst them and saying those familiar words, ‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’ So everyone is equally important, only God is the greatest.

Sunday 19th September is the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Here are the details of this Sunday's Services:

- All-Age Worship at **9.30am** at **St John's Church, Middleton**. The service will be led by the Rector.
- Service of Holy Communion at **9.30am** at **St Chad's Church, Wishaw**. The President and Preacher will be Rev Roy Allen.

- Service of Holy Communion at **11.15am** at **St Nicholas' Church, Curdworth**. The President and Preacher will be the Rector.
- Evening Prayer at **6.30pm** at **St John's Church, Middleton**. The service will be led by Mr Andrew Farrow. The Preacher is the Rector.



From Sunday 19th September there will be coffee and cake after the 11.15am service at Curdworth, served in the church. Something like the picture above!

DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Notes
Sunday 19th	9.30am	All-age Worship	St John's, Middleton
16th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's Wishaw
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Curdworth
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St John's Middleton
Monday 20th	9.15am	Morning Prayer	online
Tuesday 21st	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Online
	10.30am	Wardens' Meeting	
	7.45pm	Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 22nd	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 23rd	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Online
	10.30am	Curdworth School Harvest	St Nicholas' Curdworth
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice	St Chad's Church tower
	7.45pm	Compline	online
Friday 24th	9.15am	Morning Prayer	online

Sunday 26th	9.30am	All Age Worship	St Nicholas' Curdworth
17th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's Wishaw
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Curdworth
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St John's Middleton
Monday 27th	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Online
	7.45pm	PCC	7.45pm
Tuesday 28th	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Online
	7.45pm	Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 29th	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 30th	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Online
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice	St Chad's Church tower
	7.45pm	Compline	Online

**PARISH OF CURDWORTH, MIDDLETON AND WISHAW
ST CHAD'S CHURCH, WISHAW**

PRESENTS A



CEILIDH – with (part of) The Organ Grinders

Saturday, October 2nd 2021

7.30-11.00pm

Curdworth Village Hall

Bring your own drinks

Suggested donation £10 adult /£5 child

Includes Ploughman's Supper

Tickets available now from Margaret Allen at church or 07778 458789

Middleton Community Coffee Mornings

Will be starting again from Wednesday 29th September
at Middleton Village Hall
from 11.00am



Christmas Tree Festival is back!!

Christmas Tree Festival will be in Curdworth Church from
Tuesday 7th until Saturday 11th December.

It will be £5 to enter a tree (real or artificial), a large branch or whatever comes to mind! There is no theme, so just let your imaginations run riot!! It is always a wonderful event with refreshments being served every day. More details to follow, but if you'd like to enter a tree, please contact me Eileen Rawson 07931774713 or 01675 470221. Thank you.

Finance – Here are the bank details for each church for your reference:

St Nicholas': 30-92-75 00610273

St John's: 05-09-42 57896460

St Chad's: 30-98-37 00152981

The Newsletter – if you would like anything added to the Newsletter, here are the details you need:

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Link for online services and meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84233355603?pwd=bmxQMHpCT3RIM28ybFBHRzGdz09>

Meeting ID: 842 3335 5603 Passcode: 746923

You can join us on the phone by dialling 0203 481 5237

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

Alison	Juliet Bain	Shirley Bolton	Gordon Butler	
Joe Cartmell	Ivy Cheshire	Adrian Cionnagh	Diane Craven	
Lesley Cox	Claire Eldridge	Jean Eldridge	Florence	
Richelle Gallagher	Pat Harris	Jo Hollis	Paul Hollis	
Isabella Murphy	Philip O'Halloran	Brian Pearson	Colin Philpott	
Ann Powell	Lucinda Shelley	Joyce Simmons	Cathy Smith	
Tim and Imogen Swingler		Barbara Thomas	Rhoda Thornicroft	
Jenny Tillson	Pat Turner	Sue Vaughton	Paul Wilson	Gordon Yates

(If you would like anyone added to this list, please let us know. Also, if anyone can be taken off the list because they are feeling better.)

Remember those who have died and those who mourn them.

Collect and Readings for Sunday 19th September 2021

The Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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 the book of Proverbs chapter 31

- ¹⁰A capable wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
- ¹¹The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
- ¹²She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
- ¹³She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
- ¹⁴She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.
- ¹⁵She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.
- ¹⁶She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
- ¹⁷She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.
- ¹⁸She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.
- ¹⁹She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
- ²⁰She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
- ²¹She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.
- ²²She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
- ²³Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.
- ²⁴She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.
- ²⁵Strength and dignity are her clothing,

and she laughs at the time to come.
²⁶She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
²⁷She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
²⁸Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:
²⁹'Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.'
³⁰Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
³¹Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

is from the letter of James chapter 3

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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The Gospel

Here is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark chapter 9

Glory to you, O Lord.

After leaving the mountain ³⁰Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post communion prayer

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

