

NEWSLETTER

For the weeks beginning Sunday 22nd and 29th May 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter and the Sunday after

Ascension Day



Welcome to the Newsletter

Services on Sunday 22nd May

- All Age Worship at **9.30am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth**, led by Mrs Lisa Wilcox.
- Holy Communion at **9.30am** at **St Chad's, Wishaw**, led by the Rector
- Holy Communion at **11.15am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth**, led by Rev Roy Allen
- Holy Communion at **11.15am** at **St John's, Middleton**, led by the Rector

On Sunday 15th May, we held the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This, as always, was preceded by a very brief meeting to elect Churchwardens for the next year. Then at the APCM a report of the year 2021 was received. This gives the Rector's report, a brief look at the activities of the churches, the state of the buildings and the financial position. 2021, of course, was another year much disrupted by covid lockdowns and restrictions, but somehow we managed to come through it all and are gradually getting back to something like the normality we yearned for, though acknowledging that there are long-lasting effects which will take time to overcome.

The Rector gave a presentation of his vision for the parish going forward, proposing a number of adaptations to our buildings to help them meet 21st Century needs. Our financial position continues to cause concern and

doubtless this will be addressed by the PCC in the very near future. There are copies of the Annual Report available in the churches if you were unable to attend the meeting.

The results of the elections were as follows:

Churchwardens: Alan Vaughton, Eric Dance, Jo Hollis and Margaret Allen

Representatives to the PCC: Anne Rimmer, Brenda Thomson, Janet Leyland, Ruth McFarland, Sue Jefferson

Lay Chair: Alan Vaughton

Treasurer: Ruth McFarland

Secretary: Margaret Allen

Retired Clergy – Rev Roy Allen and Rev Canon Frank Longbottom and Readers - Andrew Farrow and Lisa Wilcox were co-opted on to the PCC.

The Rector is ex-officio.

Please pray for all who are elected to serve the parish for the next year. Thank you to all who attended the meeting and thank you to Noel for his work in the parish and on our behalf throughout the year, and under trying circumstances.

DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
Sunday 22nd	9.30am	All Age Worship	St Nicholas' Curdworth
Sixth Sunday of Easter White	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's Wishaw
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Curdworth
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St John's Middleton
Monday 23rd	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online
	7.30pm	Curdworth DCC	Curdworth Church Hall
Tuesday 24th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online
	10.30am	Wardens' Meeting	
	7.45pm	Evening Prayer	
	7.45pm	Middleton DCC	Park Farm

Wednesday 25th	7.00pm	Choir Practice (small group, travelling to Solihull)	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 26 th ASCENSION DAY	9.45am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer Deanery Eucharist	Online Emmanuel Church Wylde Green
Friday 27th	9.45am	Morning Prayer	Online
Sunday 29th Seventh Sunday of Easter Sunday After Ascension Day White	9.30am 9.30am 11.15am 11.15am	All Age Worship Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Curdworth St Chad's Wishaw St Nicholas' Curdworth St John's Middleton
Monday 30th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online
Tuesday 31st	9.30am 7.45pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Online
Wednesday 1 st June	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Friday 3rd	6.00pm	Proms in the Park	King George Vth Playing Fields Curdworth



Look out for details of “Proms in the Park” on page 10 of this Newsletter. Other events are advertised locally, but will be mentioned in the next edition of the Newsletter.



CHOIR ANTHEMS at St Nicholas' Church:

- **Sunday 22nd May** – today’s anthem is John Rutter’s “The Lord bless you and keep you.” This piece is dedicated to Edward T Chapman, organist, choirmaster, Choral Society conductor and teacher of music, who held posts at various churches, and a number of schools. The text of the

anthem is from Numbers chapter 6, words which are very familiar as a spoken blessing too.

- **Sunday 29th May** – the anthem is the well-known hymn “Come down, O Love divine”. The words were translated from ‘*Discendi, amor santo*’ by Bianco da Siena, an Italian mystic poet, who lived in the 1300s and early 1400s. The tune is ‘*Down Ampney*’ by Ralph Vaughan Williams, who was born in the (then) small Cotswold village of Down Ampney.



Congratulations and very best wishes to Andrew Borg and Victoria Siekierski who are to be married on Sunday 22nd May at St Chad’s.

ASCENSION DAY – Thursday 26th May

There is a Deanery Eucharist for Ascension Day to be held at 7.00pm at Emmanuel Church, Wylde Green. All are welcome.

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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: margaret_allen69@yahoo.co.uk 07778 458 789 or n.w.phillips@live.com 07498 202262

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

Then Entering: 842 3335 5603## Then: 746923#

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

Juliet Bain	Shirley Bolton	Gordon Butler	Shirley Butler
Joe Cartmell	Ivy Cheshire	Adrian Cionnagh	Diane Craven
Lesley Cox	Brandon Dunn	Colin Dunn	Claire Eldridge
Jean Eldridge	Richelle Gallagher	Pat Harris	
Jean Moreton	Isabella Murphy	Philip O'Halloran	Brian Pearson
Colin Philpott	Ann Powell	Lucinda Shelley	Joyce Simmons
Cathy Smith	Flo Stokes	Tim and Imogen Swingler	
Barbara Thomas	Rhoda Thornicroft	Jenny Tillson	Pat Turner
Margaret Vaughton	Gaynor Wadsworth	Elizabeth Walsh	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 and especially at this time the family and friends of Raymond Batchelor and Derek Jordan.



Collect and Readings for Sunday 22nd May 2022

Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen.

The First Reading

is from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 16

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day on to Neapolis. From there we travelled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the members of her household were baptised, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Here is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John chapter 14

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: ²³Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Post Communion Prayer

Post communion

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

Collect and Readings for Sunday 29th May 2022

Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
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 Acts of the Apostles chapter 16

Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so troubled that he turned round and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.

When the owners of the slave girl realised that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place to face the authorities. They brought them before the magistrates and said,

“These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practise.”

The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. Upon receiving such orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody’s chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, “Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!”

The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household.” Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptised. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God – he and his whole family.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Here is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John chapter 17

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: ‘Holy Father, ²⁰I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may

be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Please turn page!

The Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw
presents

Proms in the Park

For the Platinum Jubilee

Friday 3rd June 2022

King George Vth Playing fields, Curdworth

Picnic from 6pm

Music from 7pm

Featuring the
Multi Award winning



and
The Parish Choir



A flag waving, hand clapping, foot stomping evening
of entertainment for all the family.

Music includes: Pomp and Circumstance (Land of Hope and Glory), Jerusalem,
Songs from the shows, Dancing round the nursery, James Bond and many more....