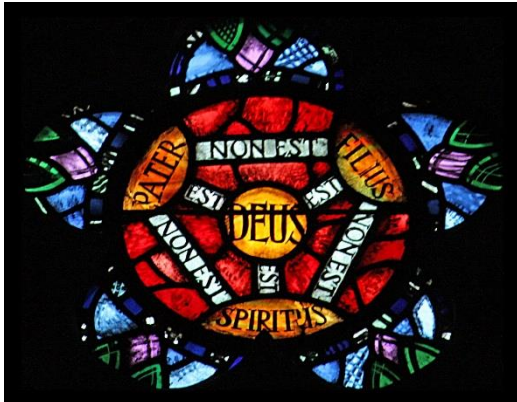


NEWSLETTER

For the weeks beginning Sunday 19th and 26th June 2022
1st and 2nd Sundays after Trinity



Welcome to the Newsletter

Sunday 19th June – 1st Sunday after Trinity

- All Age Worship at **9.30am** at **St John's, Middleton**
- Service of the Word at **9.30am** at **St Chad's, Wishaw**
- Holy Communion at **11.15am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth**

Sunday 26th June – 2nd Sunday after Trinity

- All Age Worship at **9.30am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth**
- Holy Communion at **9.30am** at **St Chad's, Wishaw**
- Service of the Word at **11.15am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth**
- Holy Communion at **11.15am** at **St John's, Middleton**

Sunday 3rd July – 3rd Sunday after Trinity

- All Age Worship at **9.30am** at **St Chad's, Wishaw**
- Holy Communion at **11.15am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth**
- Service of the Word at **11.15am** at **St John's, Middleton**

After a run of festivals, we are now in the part of the church's year where we settle in to learning about the church as it developed after the death of Jesus and the teachings and works of Jesus, their meaning and their application in our daily lives today. Our churches are decked in green, a symbol of life – not of

ordinariness. There will be 19 Sundays after Trinity before we reach the 4th Sunday before Advent/All Saints' Day, when thoughts turn to Christmas! But let's not wish our lives away, nor waste these Sundays after Trinity, for there is much to learn, think about, relish, be challenged by and find comfort in.

DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
Sunday 19th	9.30am	All Age Worship	St John's, Middleton
1st Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Service of the Word	St Chad's, Wishaw
Green	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Monday 20th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online
Tuesday 21st	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online
	7.45pm	Evening Prayer	
	7.45pm	Middleton DCC	Park Farm
Wed 22nd	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 23rd	9.45am	Morning Prayer	Online
	7.45pm	Compline	
Friday 24th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online
Saturday 25th	7.30pm	PUDDINGS EVENING	Middleton Village Hall
Sunday 26th	9.30am	All Age Worship	St Nicholas' Curdworth
2nd Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's Wishaw
Green	11.15am	Service of the Word	St Nicholas' Curdworth
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St John's Middleton
Monday 27th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online
	7.30pm	Curdworth DCC	Curdworth Church Hall
Tuesday 28th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online
	7.45pm	Evening Prayer	

Wednesday 29th	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 30th	9.30am 7.45pm	Morning Prayer Compline	Online
Friday 1 st July	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online



CHOIR ANTHEMS at St Nicholas' Church:

- **Sunday 19th June** – the anthem is John Rutter’s setting of “All things bright and beautiful”, words by Mrs C.F. Alexander.
- **Sunday 26th June** - another favourite by John Rutter, “Look at the world”, was written in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Council for the Protection of Rural England. Words and music by John Rutter.
- **Sunday 3rd July** – the anthem is “I have not seen, yet I believe” by American composer Sally DeFord, who describes herself as a Christian, wife, mother, grandmother, musician, BYU football fan and Jane Austen loverin that order!



Congratulations and very best wishes to David Meehan and Natasha Moss who are to be married on Saturday 25th June at St Chad’s.

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#

The Parish of Curdworth, Middleton, and Wishaw
"At the heart of the communities we serve."

Puddings Evening

Hosted by

St John's Church, Middleton

at

Middleton Village Hall

on

Saturday 25th June

at 7.30pm



Ticket donation £5
and
you bring a pudding to share.
You then try the others on offer!

"Naughty, but ever so nice"



Tickets available from Middleton Village Stores

Bring your own drinks, raffle and entertainment provided.

Tickets are available from Middleton Village Stores or

Jo Hollis or Ruth McFarland (07711 246 473).



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

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	Paulette Simkin	Joyce Simmons	Cathy Smith
Flo Stokes	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 Derek Jordan, Kathleen Whitaker, Juliet Bain, Steve Louth and Robert Rogers.

Collect and Readings for Sunday 19th June 2022 –

1st Sunday after Trinity

Collect

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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 Old Testament Reading

is from the first book of Kings chapter 19

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' ³Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' ⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁰He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

¹¹He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁴He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading

is from the letter to the Galatians chapter 3

Before faith in Jesus Christ came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law.

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Here is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke chapter 8

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' – ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the

surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹‘Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.’ So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

This is the word of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect and Readings for Sunday 26th June 2022-

2nd Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ’s sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Old Testament Reading

is from the second book of Kings chapter 2

¹When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel.

⁶Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' ¹⁰He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

¹³He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, 'Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?' When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading

is from the letter to the Galatians chapter 5

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' ⁵⁹To another Jesus said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' ⁶¹Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but

let me first say farewell to those at my home.’ ⁶²Jesus said to him, ‘No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen .

