

NEWSLETTER

For the weeks beginning Sunday 31st July and 7th August 2022

7th and 8th Sundays after Trinity



Welcome to the Newsletter

Sunday 31st July – 7th Sunday after Trinity

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- Holy Communion at **11.15am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth**
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Sunday 7th August - 8th Sunday after Trinity

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Sunday 14th August – 9th Sunday after Trinity

- 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 31st July is the 7th Sunday after Trinity and the Gospel reading deals with the tricky issue of inheritance and storing up treasures on earth. Jesus' advice would seem to be that, yes, we have to have some treasures on earth, but we should not allow our giving to God to be pushed to the background.

Sunday 7th August, the 8th Sunday after Trinity, sees Jesus entreating us to be ready, for we cannot predict the future and know what is to come. If we had that gift, if we knew "at what hour the thief was coming", we would be ready. We must be ready, "for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
Sunday 31st July 7th Sunday after Trinity Green	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St John's, Middleton
Monday 1 st August	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online
Tuesday 2nd	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online
	7.45pm	Evening Prayer	
Thursday 4th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online
	7.45pm	Compline	
Friday 5th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online
Sunday 7th Trinity 6 Green	9.30am	Service of the Word	St Chad's Wishaw
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Curdworth
	11.15am	Service of the Word	St John's Middleton
Monday 8th	10.00am	HOLIDAY CLUB	St Chad's, Wishaw
Tuesday 9th	2.00pm	HOLIDAY CLUB	St Chad's, Wishaw
Wednesday 10 th	10.00am	HOLIDAY CLUB	St Chad's, Wishaw
Thursday 11th	10.00am	HOLIDAY CLUB and Wishaw	St Chad's, Wishaw
	10.30am	Community Coffee Morning	
Sunday 14th 8th Sunday after Trinity Green	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's Wishaw
	11.15am	Service of the Word	St Nicholas' Curdworth
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St John's Middleton



CHOIR ANTHEMS at St Nicholas' Church:

- **Sunday 31st July** – the anthem is “Cast your burden on the Lord”, words and music by Sally DeFord. This piece was chosen specially by Paulette

Simkin to be sung on her birthday. It was a favourite of hers and also of her sister, Patricia.

CURDWORTH LADIES' GUILD

On 20th August, "Friends of Sense" are holding a Cream Tea in Curdworth Village Hall and some of the ladies are helping with this. Details will be available shortly.

Sense is a charity which supports deaf and blind children and young adults, Earlier in July, five ladies from the Guild visited the new Sense headquarters at Selly Oak. They had a lovely morning with coffee and cake and a tour of the building. The Guild has supported Sense from time to time, but Chrissy, in particular, has been involved with the charity for a number of years. Look out for details of the Cream Tea in aid of Sense when they become available.

Holiday Club!

The Children's Holiday Club will begin on Monday 8th August at St Chad's Church, Wishaw. There will be stories, games, music, crafts and much more. We hope to have activities inside the church and outside, with provision in case of rain! On the Thursday morning, members of the Community Coffee Morning will be joining us. All activities will be risk-assessed and the Club will be run by adults with up to date DBS certificates and safeguarding training.

Who is the Holiday Club for? Children aged 8 to 11 years. Younger children can attend with an older sibling or an adult.

How do we book a place? Text Margaret on 07778 458789 as soon as possible. There are still a few places available, so it is not too late to book.

Days and times? Monday, Wednesday and Thursday **10.00am – 12.30pm**
Tuesday **2.00pm – 4.30pm**

What to wear? Comfortable clothing and footwear and an old shirt in case we use paint or glue.....we probably will!

We are looking forward to being very busy and having a lot of fun. 😊

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:*

Shirley Bolton	Gordon Butler	Shirley Butler	Joe Cartmell
Ivy Cheshire	Adrian Cionnagh	Diane Craven	Lesley Cox
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	Barbara Thomas
Rhoda Thornicroft	Jenny Tillson	Margaret Turner	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, especially at this time the family and friends of Paulette Simkin.

Collect and Readings for Sunday 31st July 2022 –

7th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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 book of the prophet Hosea chapter 11

Hear the word of the Lord, O people.

¹When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.

²The more I called them,
the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
and offering incense to idols.

³Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
I took them up in my arms;
but they did not know that I healed them.

⁴I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.

I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.

⁵They shall return to the land of Egypt,
and Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.

⁶The sword rages in their cities,
it consumes their oracle-priests,
and devours because of their schemes.

⁷My people are bent on turning away from me.
To the Most High they call,
but he does not raise them up at all.

⁸How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.

⁹I will not execute my fierce anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and no mortal,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.

¹⁰They shall go after the LORD,
who roars like a lion;
when he roars,
his children shall come trembling from the west.

¹¹They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,
and like doves from the land of Assyria;
and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading

is from Paul's letter to the Colossians chapter 3

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self,

which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and 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 Luke chapter 12

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' ¹⁴But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' ¹⁵And he said to the crowd, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" ¹⁸Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" ²⁰But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

This is the word of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

Collect and Readings for Sunday 7th August 2022-

8th Sunday after Trinity

The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
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 book of the prophet Isaiah chapter 1

¹The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

¹¹What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

¹²When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;

¹³bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation –

I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

¹⁴Your new moons and your appointed festivals

my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.
¹⁵When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.
¹⁶Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings
from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,
¹⁷learn to do good;
seek justice,
rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan,
plead for the widow.

¹⁸Come now, let us argue it out,
says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.
¹⁹If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;
²⁰but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading

is from the letter to the Hebrews chapter 11

¹Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was

going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke chapter 12.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, ³²‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post communion

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
 be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise
be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
 shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
 be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

Amen.

