

# NEWSLETTER

## Weeks beginning Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### Last Sunday before Advent , Christ the King, and Advent Sunday



## Welcome to the Newsletter

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Sunday next before Advent – CHRIST THE KING

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

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November – ADVENT SUNDAY

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

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Second Sunday of Advent

- 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**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November is the last Sunday before Advent, when we look at the kingship of Christ, a very different image of kingship to that of an 'earthly' king.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November, Advent Sunday, marks the beginning of a new year in the church. Advent, from the Latin meaning 'coming' or 'arrival', is a season of preparation, a season of anticipation, looking forward to the coming of a glorious gift. Will we be ready to receive it? The words at the beginning of

John’s gospel, heard every year at Christmas services, proclaim, “And the word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.....No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.”

We can see and know God through the person of Jesus. The author C.S.Lewis contrasts the two kinds of man Jesus could have been – ‘an invincible man of iron nerves, or a vulnerable man of delicate sensibilities’. But, as a man of ‘delicate sensibilities’, he understands how we feel, because he has faced what we face, including weakness, testing and suffering.

However well we all try to prepare throughout Advent for the coming of Christ – and for Christmas at home – we could recall Mary’s experience of preparing for the birth of her child. Probably nothing quite came up to her expectations, with no family celebration, an imposed census, a long journey, poor accommodation – except of course, for the birth of the baby in Bethlehem. “Prepare ye the way of the Lord!”

## DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Last Sunday before Advent</b> <b>CHRIST THE KING Red</b>	9.30am	All Age Worship	St John’s, Middleton
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Chad’s, Wishaw
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas’, Curdworth
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online
	7.30pm	Wishaw DCC	The Cock Inn, Wishaw
	7.45pm	Ministry Team	Online
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online
	7.00pm	Middleton Christmas Choir	St John’s Church
	7.45pm	Evening Prayer	Online
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm	Children’s Choir	Curdworth Church Hall
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	

Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 7.45pm	Morning Prayer Compline	Online
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>ADVENT</b> <b>SUNDAY</b> <i>Purple</i>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.15am</b> <b>11.15am</b>	<b>All Age Worship</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Nicholas', Curdworth</b> <b>St Chad's, Wishaw</b> <b>St Nicholas', Curdworth</b> <b>St John's, Middleton</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 7.00pm 7.45pm	Morning Prayer Middleton Christmas Choir Evening Prayer	Online St John's Church Online
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm 7.15pm	Children's Choir Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	9.30am 7.45pm	Morning Prayer Compline	Online
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Second Sunday</b> <b>of Advent</b> <i>Purple</i>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>11.15am</b> <b>11.15am</b>	<b>All Age Worship</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Service of the Word</b>	<b>St Chad's, Wishaw</b> <b>St Nicholas', Curdworth</b> <b>St John's, Middleton</b>



## Children's Choir has started!



**Practices are on Wednesdays**

**6.00pm-7.00pm at Curdworth Church Hall.**

There are still places available. Children are welcome to come along for a 'taster session'.

**Text Margaret on 07778 458 789 to register interest or for further details.**

# Quiz Evening

Middleton Village Hall

Friday, 25th November

7.30pm for 8.00pm

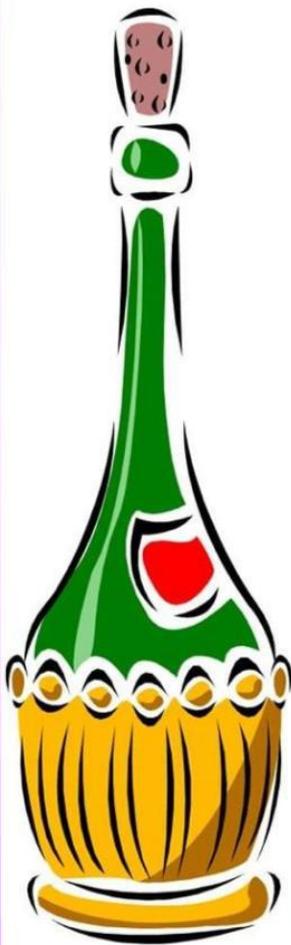
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# CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – St Nicholas'

## Curdworth



**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

No theme, so let your imaginations run wild!!

We are hoping for a magnificent display.

More details to follow, but if you want any more information, please contact Eileen Rawson 07931 774713

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# Floodlighting

**St.Nicholas' Church is being floodlit until the end of March.**

Barbara Kelsey is again overseeing the scheme. You can either contact Barbara directly, at **3 Oaklands** or phone **01675 470134** or put your sponsorship money in an envelope together with your name, the dates you would like, and any details of who you would like remembered if that is appropriate, or you can simply make a donation if you wish.

***Sponsorship is £5 per night***





## **WISHAW COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING**

**Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30am – 12 noon at St Chad's Church**

**Come and celebrate Christmas**

**Sing some carols.....play some party games**

**Eat some mince pies.....drink some hot punch**

**All are welcome!**

**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](mailto:margaret_allen69@yahoo.co.uk) 07778 458 789 or [n.w.phillips@live.com](mailto:n.w.phillips@live.com) 07498 202262

**Link for online services and meetings:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84233355603?pwd=bmxQMHPCT3RIM28ybFBHRzGdzO9>

**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
Dawn Hall	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	Jenny Tillson	Margaret Turner	Pat Turner
Margaret Vaughton	Gaynor Wadsworth	Mike Whalley	Elizabeth Walsh

(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 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

### **Sunday last before Advent - Christ the King**

#### **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.**

#### **First Reading**

*is from the book of the prophet Jeremiah chapter 23*

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather

the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

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

Brothers and sisters: <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, <sup>12</sup>while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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 23.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said,

'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' <sup>42</sup>Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' <sup>43</sup>Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Post communion**

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Collect and Readings for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him 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 2*

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

In the last days

the mountain of the LORD'S temple will be established  
as chief among the mountains;  
it will be raised above the hills,  
and all nations will stream to it.

Many peoples will come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,  
so that we may walk in his paths.”

The law will go out from Zion,  
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He will judge between the nations  
and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into ploughshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,  
nor will they train for war any more.

Come, O house of Jacob,  
let us walk in the light of the LORD.”

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The New Testament Reading**

*is from Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 13*

<sup>11</sup>Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 24*

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: “No-one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

