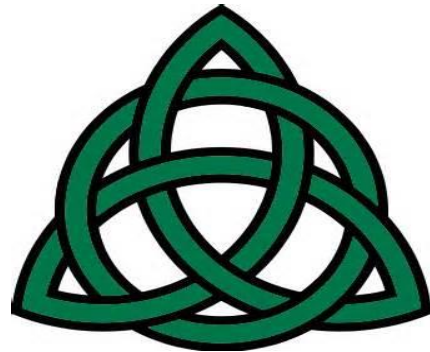


NEWSLETTER

Weeks beginning Sundays 28th May and 4th June 2023

Pentecost and Trinity Sunday



Welcome to the Newsletter

Sunday 28th May – PENTECOST (Whit 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**
- Pentecost/Bread Rolls Service at **3.00pm** at **St John's, Middleton**

Sunday 4th June – TRINITY SUNDAY

- 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 11th June - Trinity 1 – Barnabas the Apostle

- 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**

ANTHEMS from the Choir: On **Sunday 28th May** the Choir will be singing "Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire". The tune is described as 'Proper Sarum Melody'. The words are styled 'after Rabanus Maurus (circa 776-856). On **Sunday 4th June** the anthem is "God so loved the World", text from St John's gospel,

chapter 3 and music by John Stainer (1840-1901). It is well known as part of Stainer's "Crucifixion".

SYMBOLISM.....From Easter and the cross, we have experienced a whole sequence of events dripping with symbolism and vibrant imagery. It is interesting to see how artists have depicted events such as the Ascension, usually showing the figure of Jesus disappearing heavenwards with the astonished disciples watching. How would we describe Jesus' migration from earth to heaven – as somehow fading before the disciples' eyes? Beyond description?

What about Pentecost? How do you put into words or show in a picture what happened when the disciples received the Holy Spirit? We have the descriptions in the Acts of the Apostles in the Bible and visual images, music and drama to help us to understand what is truly beyond our understanding. We do know that whatever happened, it was life changing. Imagine being in that house where the disciples were sitting:

"And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability."

The devout Jews in Jerusalem thought the disciples were all drunk! Peter defended them and said they were not drunk, for it was only nine o'clock in the morning. They were not filled with wine, they were filled with the Holy Spirit. In the quotation above, the sound and the tongues are compared to the nearest elements they could think of to explain the inexplicable, but after this momentous experience, prophecy was fulfilled and about 3,000 new converts to Christianity were baptised in the name of Jesus Christ and themselves received the Holy Spirit.

Almost before we have had the chance to digest all of this, we are presented with another tricky concept – the Holy Trinity – God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Those words can be found at the end of many of the Collects, the prayer for the day. The image on page 1 shows how the three manifestations of God are intertwined – our Father in heaven, his Son who was born as man and who died to save us and his Spirit who is with us always. What a support system to help and sustain us through the worst times and to rejoice with us in the best

DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
Sunday 28th May PENTECOST Red	9.30am	All Age Worship	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	3.00pm	Pentecost Celebration/Bread Rolls Service	St John's, Middleton
Monday 29 th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online
Tuesday 30 th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online
	7.45pm	Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 31 st	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 1 st June	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online
	7.00pm	Admittance of Wardens	St Peter's Church, Maney
Friday 2 nd	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online
Sunday 4th TRINITY SUNDAY White	9.30am	All Age Worship	St Chad's, Wishaw
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	11.15am	Service of the Word	St John's, Middleton
Monday 5 th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online
	7.45pm	Ministry Team	
Tuesday 6 th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online
	7.45pm	Evening Prayer	Online
Wednesday 7 th	6.00pm	Children's Choir	Curdworth Church Hall
	7.15pm	Church Choir Practice	
Thursday 8 th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online
	10.30am	Wishaw Coffee Morning	St Chad's Church
	7.45pm	Compline	Online
Friday 9 th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Online

Sunday 11th	9.30am	All Age Worship	St Nicholas', Curdworth
1st Sunday after	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
Trinity	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
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Children's Choir

Practices are on Wednesdays 6.00pm-7.00pm at Curdworth Church Hall.

Children are welcome to come for a 'taster session'.

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

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

St Nicholas': 30-92-75 00610273 (PCC of St Nicholas Curdworth)

St John's: 05-09-42 57896460 (St John the Baptist PCC)

St Chad's: 30-98-37 00152981 (Parochial Church Council Wishaw)

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

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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CURDWORTH WOMEN'S GUILD

Wednesday 21st June at 1.45pm – Curdworth Church Hall

61st Anniversary! Details to follow. All welcome

WISHAW COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Thursday, 8th June 10.30am – 12 noon

St Chad's Church, Wishaw

"Adventures in Papua New Guinea"

Talk by Hazel Astling

Everyone welcome – Coffee and homemade cakes for all!

PRAYER LIST – Please remember in your prayers all who are sick and those who mourn the loss of a loved one.



Prayers for the sick			
Curdworth	Adrian Cionnagh	<i>Yvette Crawford</i>	<i>Jean Eldridge</i>
	John Henson	Alan Jennings	<i>Isabella Murphy</i>
	Lucinda Shelley	Maureen Shute	<i>Cathy Smith</i>
	Flo Stokes	Margaret Vaughton	
	Gaynor Wadsworth	<i>Elizabeth Walsh</i>	
Middleton	Shirley Butler	<i>Jean Nixon</i>	
Wishaw	Pat Harris	<i>Cae Hayes</i>	Margaret Turner
Prayers for those who have died			
Curdworth	Raymond Birch		

Readings for Sunday 28th May 2023

Pentecost

Collect

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

New Testament Reading

is from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 2

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind,
and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of
fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them
were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the
Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in
Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because
each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and
astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And
how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians,
Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus
and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to
Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and
Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of
power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does
this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:
'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen
to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine
o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.
²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

is from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians chapter 12

³No one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit.
⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.
¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body Jews or Greeks, slaves or free and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect and Readings for Sunday 4th June

Trinity Sunday

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;

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 Isaiah chapter 40

- ¹²Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand
and marked off the heavens with a span,
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,
and weighed the mountains in scales
and the hills in a balance?
- ¹³Who has directed the spirit of the LORD,
or as his counsellor has instructed him?
- ¹⁴Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,
and who taught him the path of justice?
Who taught him knowledge,
and showed him the way of understanding?
- ¹⁵Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket,
and are accounted as dust on the scales;
see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.
- ¹⁶Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,
nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.
- ¹⁷All the nations are as nothing before him;
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.
- ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
'My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God'?
- ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
- ²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
- ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
- ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading

is from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians chapter 13

¹¹Brothers and sisters, put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

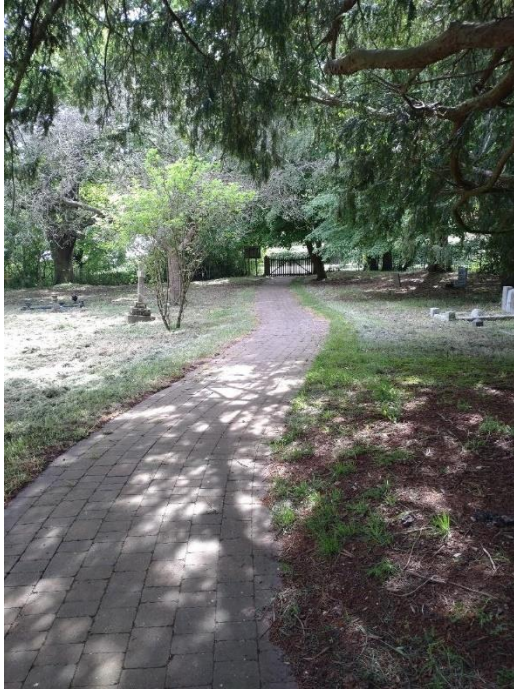
Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,

who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.

Amen.



The churchyard at Wishaw in beautiful sunshine and after the first grass cut of the season