

*Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw*

# NEWSLETTER

Sundays 30<sup>th</sup> March and 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent – Mothering Sunday and Passion Sunday**

Welcome to this edition of the Newsletter



**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Fourth Sunday of Lent – MOTHERING SUNDAY**

- Family Communion at **9.30am** at **St Chad's, Wishaw** – The Rector
- Family Communion at **11.15am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth** – The Rector
- Mothering Sunday Service at **3.00pm** at **St John's, Middleton**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passiontide begins**

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

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Sixth Sunday of Lent – PALM SUNDAY**

- Family Communion at **11.15am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth** – The Rector
- Music and readings for Holy Week at **6.30pm** at **St John's, Middleton**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April – EASTER DAY**

- Family Communion at **9.30am** at **St Chad's, Wishaw** – The Rector
- Holy Communion at **11.15am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth** – The Rector
- Holy Communion at **11.15am** at **St John's, Middleton** –  
Rev Canon Frank Longbottom

## DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Family Communion</b>	<b>St Chad's, Wishaw</b>
<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Purple</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Family Communion</b>	<b>St Nicholas', Curdworth</b>
	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Mothering Sunday Service</b>	<b>St John's, Middleton</b>
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>LENT GROUP</b>	<b>The White Horse, Curdworth</b>
<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY</b>			
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Wishaw DCC	The Cock Inn Wishaw
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	6.00pm	Middleton DCC	St John's Church
	7.00pm	Middleton Choir	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Home Communions	Curdworth Church Hall
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>All Age Worship</b>	<b>St Chad's, Wishaw</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Purple</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Nicholas', Curdworth</b>
	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>	<b>St John's, Middleton</b>
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>LENT GROUP</b>	<b>Middleton Village Hall</b>
<b>Passiontide begins</b>			
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Middleton Choir	St John's Church
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Wishaw Community Coffee Morning	St Chad's Church
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Family Communion</b>	<b>St Nicholas', Curdworth</b>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Music and Readings for Holy Week</b>	<b>St John's, Middleton</b>
<b>6th Sunday of Lent</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY RED</b>			
<b>HOLY WEEK</b>			
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> <b>Red</b>	12 noon	Prayer during the day	St Chad's, Wishaw
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> <b>Red</b>	12noon	Prayer during the day	St Cuthbert's Castle Vale
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> <b>Red</b>	1.45pm	Ladies' Guild	Curdworth Church Hall
	7.30pm	Music and Readings for Easter	St Nicholas', Curdworth

Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> WHITE	7.30pm	Eucharist and stripping of the altar, followed by the Vigil	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	10.00am 1.00pm/ 1.30pm 3.00pm 8.00pm	Good Friday Activities for Children Short Service followed by Walk of Witness Concluding short service Tenebrae Service	St Chad's Church St John's, Middleton/ St Nicholas', Curdworth St Chad's, Wishaw St George's, Minworth
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> <b>EASTER EVE</b>	7.30pm	Easter Bonfire and blessing of the Paschal Candles	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> <b>EASTER DAY</b> White	9.30am 11.15am 11.15am	Family Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw St Nicholas', Curdworth St John's, Middleton
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter White	11.15am	Service of the Word	St Nicholas', Curdworth



## EASTER LILIES

As Easter approaches we bring to mind those members of our families and friends who are no longer with us. In previous years we have filled the Churches with Easter Lilies and will do so this year. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one for the lilies it would be most appreciated.

Please put your donation in an envelope with the name/s of those to be remembered and hand to either Sue Jefferson or Anne Rimmer for Curdworth and Margaret Allen for Wishaw. If you would prefer to make a payment by bank transfer details of names will be required. Bank details can be found in this Newsletter.

**Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw**

**Preparation of a New Electoral Roll**

If you haven't already handed in your completed Electoral Roll application form, please could you do so as soon as possible to enable us to compile the Roll on time.

Many thanks

Eric Dance

Electoral Roll Officer

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## Lent Course 2025

The Lent Course will be running on Sunday evenings:

**30<sup>th</sup> March** at the The White Horse, Curdworth and

**6<sup>th</sup> April** at The Village Hall, Middleton

from 7.30pm – 9.00pm and led by Rev James Parry

**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](mailto:margaret.allen69@yahoo.co.uk) 07778 458 789 or [n.w.phillips@live.com](mailto:n.w.phillips@live.com) 07498 202262

### **FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....**

**Ceilidh.....12<sup>th</sup> July at Curdworth Village Hall**

**Quiz Night .....8<sup>th</sup> November at Grounds Farm**

**And.....**

**ADVANCE NOTICE: "BLUEBELL CRAFT FAIR"**

**on the afternoon of Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May  
in and around St Chad's Church, Wishaw**

**Stall - £15**

There are already plants, second hand books, cards, handmade jewellery and a demonstration of sculpture planned, but there are more to be added. If you know of Craftspeople who may like to have a stall, please let us know.

Put the date in your diary!

Ticket price will include a glass of prosecco



*Further details to follow.....*

**WISHAW COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING**

**St Chad's Church – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am- 12 noon**

Come and talk about your gardens and the growing of flowers and vegetables.

Coffee and homemade cakes.



## PRAYER LIST



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

<b>Prayers for the sick</b>			
<b>Curdworth</b>	Roy Allen Sharon Brown <i>Claire Eldridge</i> Barbara Ingram <i>Isabella Murphy</i> Jenny Phillips <i>Cathy Smith</i> <i>Peter Wiggins</i>	Louise Baudet Louise Christoforou <i>Jean Eldridge</i> Nina Lawley <i>Kayla Norman</i> Tim Rawson <i>Clare Tillson</i> Barry Wiltshire	<i>Barbara Blaber</i> Adrian Cionnagh <i>Amanda Emerson</i> Caroline Lee <i>Helen Parry</i> Ellie Reeves <i>Philip Walsh</i>
<b>Middleton</b>	<i>Peter Hancock</i>	<i>Jean Nixon</i>	<i>Alan Cochran</i>
<b>Wishaw</b>	Pat Harris Margaret Turner	Colin Philpott	Joyce Simmons
<b>For the departed</b>	Ann Birch		

# Readings for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

### The Collect

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
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 Exodus chapter 2*

<sup>1</sup>A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup>The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. <sup>3</sup>When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. <sup>4</sup>His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. <sup>5</sup>The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. <sup>6</sup>When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. <sup>7</sup>Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?'

<sup>8</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. <sup>9</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it.

<sup>10</sup>When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.' This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Luke chapter 2 verses 33-35*

<sup>33</sup>The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Post Communion**

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at the breast  
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness  
to grow in grace within the household of faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Readings for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

### **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

#### **Collect**

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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 43*

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
    who makes a way in the sea,  
    a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse,  
    army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
    they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things,  
    or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing;  
    now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
    and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honour me,  
    the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
    rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
    <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## The New Testament Reading

*is from Paul's letter to the Philippians chapter 3*

<sup>4</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:  
<sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe  
of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal,  
a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.  
<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of  
Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing  
value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of  
all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be  
found in him, <sup>9</sup>not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law,  
but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based  
on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the

sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

<sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 12.1-8*

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

<sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Post Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

