

NEWSLETTER

Weeks beginning Sundays 17th and 24th September 2023

15th and 16th Sundays after Trinity



Welcome to the Newsletter

Sunday 17th September - Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

- Family 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 24th September – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

- Holy Communion at **9.30am** at **St Chad's, Wishaw**
- Service of the Word at **11.15am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth**
- **Harvest Festival** at **3.00pm** at **St John's, Middleton**

Sunday 1st October – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

- Family Communion for **Harvest Festival** 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**

DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
Sunday 17th September Trinity 15 Proper 19 <i>Green</i>	9.30am 11.15am 11.15am	Family Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw St Nicholas', Curdworth St John's, Middleton
Monday 18 th	7.45pm	Parochial Church Council	Curdworth Church Hall
Tuesday 19 th	7.30pm	Wishaw DCC	The Cock Inn, Wishaw
Wednesday 20 th	1.45pm 6.00pm 7.15pm	Women's Guild Children's Choir Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 21 st	7.00pm	Middleton Choir Practice	St John's Church
Sunday 24th Trinity 16 Proper 20 <i>Green</i>	9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm	Holy Communion Service of the Word HARVEST FESTIVAL	St Chad's, Wishaw St Nicholas', Curdworth St John's, Middleton
Wednesday 27 th	10.30am 6.00pm 7.15pm	Middleton Friendship Group Children's Choir Choir Practice	Middleton Village Hall Curdworth Church Hall
Saturday 30 th	7.30pm	CEILIDH	Curdworth Village Hall
Sunday 1st October TRINITY 17 Proper 21 <i>Green</i>	9.30am 11.15am 11.15am	Family Communion for HARVEST FESTIVAL Holy Communion Service of the Word	St Chad's, Wishaw St Nicholas', Curdworth St John's, Middleton
Tuesday 3rd	7.45pm	Middleton DCC	Park Farm

Harvest Festivals:

✚ Middleton on Sunday 24th September 3.00pm

✚ Wishaw on Sunday 1st October 9.30am



**“Come, you thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!”**

Middleton Friendship Group

Wednesday 27th September 10.30am

at Middleton Village Hall

Supporting Macmillan Charity Coffee Morning

Homemade cakes, easy quiz and chair exercise to music

Everyone welcome

CEILIDH!



Saturday, 30th September 2023 at 7.30pm

Curdworth Village Hall

Tickets adults £12.50, children £5, available now!

inc Ploughman's Supper Raffle BYO drinks



WOMEN'S GUILD.....

On September 20th the Guild ladies will be making Gonks with Sandra, getting ready for Christmas!



We have decided to put on the Christmas Tree Festival again this year, but only for three days. It will be from Thursday 7th until Saturday 9th December. (Times to follow) It would be wonderful if you would like to enter a tree – no theme, so just go mad!

More information from Eileen 07931 774713

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

Then Entering: 842 3335 5603## Then: 746923#

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>
	<i>Amanda Emerson</i>	Jean Giddings	<i>John Henson</i>
	<i>Isabella Murphy</i>	Jenny Phillips	Lucinda Shelley
	<i>Cathy Smith</i>	Flo Stokes	Barbara Vaughan
	Margaret Vaughton	Gaynor Wadsworth	<i>Elizabeth Walsh</i>
	Gillian Wiltshire	Hollie Wiltshire	
Middleton	<i>Jean Nixon</i>		
Wishaw	<i>Isabel Brown</i>	Pat Harris	<i>Cae Hayes</i>
Prayers for those who have died			
Curdworth	Alan Jennings		



When you read this, Jean Giddings will hopefully be continuing her recovery at home. Carol and Jean would like to thank everyone who was able to visit Jean in hospital.

Please also continue to hold the Rectory family in your prayers at this time, as Jenny continues her road to recovery in Leamington Rehabilitation Hospital.

Readings for Sunday 17th September 2023 Trinity 15

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
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 14

¹⁹The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.'

²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground

through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

³⁰Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading

is from Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 14

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.’

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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.

²¹Peter came and said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ ²²Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.”

²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings for Sunday 24th September Trinity 16

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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 Jonah chapters 3 and 4

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

⁴ But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it

came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 105.1-6,37-45

1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; ♦
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises, ♦
and tell of all his marvellous works.

3 Rejoice in the praise of his holy name; ♦
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.

4 Seek the Lord and his strength; ♦
seek his face continually.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, ♦
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

6 O seed of Abraham his servant, ♦
O children of Jacob his chosen.

37 Then he brought them out with silver and gold; ♦
there was not one among their tribes that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad at their departing, ♦
for a dread of them had fallen upon them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering ♦
and a fire to light up the night.

40 They asked and he brought them quails; ♦
he satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out ♦
and ran in the dry places like a river.

42 For he remembered his holy word ♦

and Abraham, his servant.

43 So he brought forth his people with joy, ♦

his chosen ones with singing.

44 He gave them the lands of the nations ♦

and they took possession of the fruit of their toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes ♦

and faithfully observe his laws.

Alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

The New Testament Reading

is from Paul's letter to the Philippians chapter 1

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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The Gospel

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Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” ⁷They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” ¹³But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.