

NEWSLETTER

Weeks beginning Sundays 12th and 19th November 2023

3rd Sunday before Advent- [Remembrance Sunday](#) and 2nd Sunday before Advent



Welcome to the Newsletter

Sunday 12th November - Third Sunday before Advent – [Remembrance Sunday](#)

- Act of Remembrance with Holy Communion at **9.30am** at **St Chad's, Wishaw**
- Act of Remembrance with Holy Communion at **10.50am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth**
- Act of Remembrance at **10.50am** at **St John's, Middleton**

Sunday 19th November – Second Sunday before Advent

- Family 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 26th November - Sunday next before Advent – [Christ the King](#)

- Holy Communion at **9.30am** at **St Chad's, Wishaw**
- Family Communion at **11.15am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth**

DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
Sunday 12th November Third Sunday before Advent REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY <i>Green</i>	9.15am	Act of Remembrance with Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
	<u>10.50am</u>	Act of Remembrance Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	<u>10.50am</u>	Act of Remembrance	St John's, Middleton
Tuesday 14 th	7.00pm	Middleton Christmas Choir	St John's Church
Wednesday 15 th	1.45pm	Women's Guild	Curdworth Church Hall
	6.00pm	Children's Choir	
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	
Sunday 19th 2nd Sunday before Advent <i>Green</i>	9.30am	Family Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
	11.15am	Service of the Word	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St John's, Middleton
Monday 20 th	7.45pm	Parochial Church Council	Curdworth Church Hall
Tuesday 21 st	7.00pm	Middleton Christmas Choir	St John's Church
Wednesday 22 nd	6.00pm	Children's Choir	Curdworth Church Hall
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	
Sunday 26th 3rd Sunday before Advent <i>Green</i>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
	11.15am	Family Communion	St Nicholas' Curdworth

Sunday 12th November is Remembrance Sunday, a time to formally remember all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defence of the freedom of others. It seems particularly poignant with the current conflicts around the world, scenes of which we see in our television news programmes and in the

press, showing the pain and anguish of war, as well as acts of touching kindness and the many risks taken by so many people to relieve the suffering of the injured and console the bereaved. As well as remembering all people who are affected by war, we pray for peace in our troubled world, prayers which are very much needed.

As we navigate the Sundays before Advent and look towards Advent itself, let's focus on the coming of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, to this world and think about the excitement and the joy of the Christmas season. Pray for 'the peace of God which passes all understanding', to be with all of us, but especially those whose lives are affected by conflict.



CAROL SERVICES 2023 – St Chad's 10th December 6.30pm

St John's 17th December 6.30pm

St Nicholas' 18th December 7.30pm



Thursday, 7th December 2-6pm

Friday 8th December 2-7pm

Saturday 9th December 1-5pm

Plus..... CHRISTMAS MARKET in the church hall on Friday from 2-7pm

Put the dates in your diary and if you would like to enter a Christmas Tree, the cost is £5. Choose your own theme. If decorating a tree isn't for you, then come along and support the event at **St Nicholas' Church, Curdworth.**

More information from Eileen 07931 774713

Quiz Evening

Middleton Village Hall

Friday, 17th November

7.30pm for 8.00pm

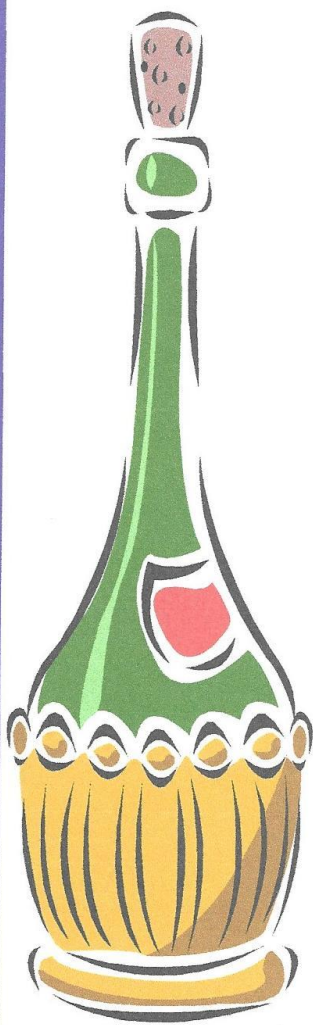
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Finance – Here are the bank details for each church for your reference:

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=bmxQMHpCT3RlM28ybFBHRzGdz09>

Meeting ID: 842 3335 5603 Passcode: 746923

You can join us on the phone by dialling 0203 481 5237

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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	Sharon Brown <i>Jean Eldridge</i> <i>John Henson</i> Helen Parry Lucinda Shelley Margaret Vaughton <i>Peter Wiggins</i> Hollie Wiltshire	Adrian Cionnagh <i>Amanda Emerson</i> Caroline Lee Jenny Phillips <i>Cathy Smith</i> Andrew Walker Barry Wiltshire	<i>Yvette Crawford</i> Jean Giddings <i>Isabella Murphy</i> Ellie Reeves Barbara Vaughan <i>Elizabeth Walsh</i> Gillian Wiltshire
Middleton	<i>Jean Nixon</i>		
Wishaw	<i>Isabel Brown</i>	Pat Harris	<i>Cae Hayes</i>
Prayers for those who have died			
Curdworth	Flo Stokes		
Wishaw	Martin Bevan		

Readings for Sunday 12th November 2023

Third Sunday before Advent – Remembrance Sunday

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
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 Wisdom of Solomon chapter 6

¹²Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.

¹³She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.

¹⁴One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.

¹⁵To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,

¹⁶because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading

is from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians chapter 4

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those
who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus,

God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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.

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: ¹The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." ⁹But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." ¹²But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post communion

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power

make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Readings for Sunday 19th November 2023

Second Sunday before Advent

Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he 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 Zephaniah chapter 1

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm.'
¹³Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading

is from the first letter to the Thessalonians chapter 5

¹Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God

has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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Jesus said to his disciples, ¹⁴“The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” ²¹His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” ²³His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” ²⁶But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

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Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.