

Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw

NEWSLETTER

Weeks beginning Sundays 15th, 22nd and 29th

September 2024

16th, 17th and 18th Sundays after Trinity

Welcome to this edition of the Newsletter



Sunday 15th September – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

- Harvest Family Communion at **9.30am** at **St Chad's, Wishaw** – The Rector
- Service of the Word at **11.15am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth** – Mrs Lisa Wilcox
- Holy Communion at **11.15am** at **St John's, Middleton** – Rev Canon Frank Longbottom

Sunday 22nd September – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

- Holy Communion at **9.30am** at **St Chad's, Wishaw** – The Rector
- Family Communion at **11.15am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth** – The Rector
- Harvest Festival at **3.00pm** at **St John's, Middleton** – The Rector

Sunday 29th September – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity – One Service Sunday

Sunday 6th October – Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
Sunday 15th September 16th after Trinity Proper 19 Green	9.30am	Harvest Family Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
	11.15am	Service of the Word	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St John's, Middleton
Monday 16 th	7.45pm	Curdworth DCC	Curdworth Church Hall
Tuesday 17 th	7.45pm	Middleton DCC	Park Farm
Wednesday 18 th	1.45pm	Ladies' Guild	Curdworth Church Hall
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	
Sunday 22nd September 17th after Trinity Proper 20 Green	9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
		Family Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	3.00pm	Harvest Festival	St John's Church
Monday 23 rd	7.45pm	Parochial Church Council	Curdworth Church Hall
Wednesday 25 th	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Sunday 29th 18th after Trinity Proper 21 Green Michael and All Angels	10.30am	One Service Sunday	
Wednesday 2 nd October	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Sunday 6th 19th after Trinity Proper 22 Green	9.30am	All Age Worship	St Chad's, Wishaw
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	3.00pm	Holy Communion	St John's, Middleton

HARVEST FESTIVALS 2024



Wishaw - Sunday 15th September at 9.30am

Middleton Sunday 22nd September at 3.00pm



TALENT SCHEME 2024-5

The Talent Scheme begins this month. It will be launched at each of the churches in turn at the Harvest Festival Services. £5 notes will be distributed to anyone willing to have a go at doubling, tripling, quadrupling it or more. Every little helps. It will end on Shrove Tuesday, 4th March 2025.

The idea of a Talent Scheme is to raise money, but just as important are the opportunities to get together as friends, enjoy good company and have fun. In the Parable (story) of the Talents, Jesus illustrates how we should use our time and our talents and not waste them, by describing how three slaves made use of the investment (talents/currency) given to them by their employer. The one who buried his gift in the ground to keep it safe had wasted it. After all, once it was dug up it might even be worth less than when it was buried.

If you have an idea of how you might increase £5, please let us know so that we can publicise and promote it.

Here's to the raffles, coffee and cake mornings, afternoon teas, cards for all occasions, sales of cakes, biscuits, jams, marmalades, jewellery, knitted, crocheted or sewn items of clothing or gifts, film nights, rambles, trips, musical events, bingo nights, beetle drives, whist drives, or treasure hunts, sponsored events (walks, runs, singathons,).



CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BLUE BOXES - Anton Rawson is starting to collect the boxes in for emptying and counting. He would be very grateful to receive your boxes as soon as convenient.

WISHAW COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING – was held at Brenda Thomson's house, due to the birth of six puppies to her dog, Grace. The puppies are hopefully going to be guide dogs when they are mature, so they are very special puppies indeed. As you can see from the pictures, they had a lovely time with some of the Coffee Morning attendees. The puppies are growing very quickly!



Christmas Tree Festival at St Nicholas Curdworth 2024

The Christmas Tree Festival will take place again this year from:

Thursday 5th December until Saturday 7th December.....opening times to follow.

This year it will be £7 to enter a tree (we thought we would put it up to cover the soaring electricity bills, hope you all understand)

There is no theme, but as the volunteers are (probably !) dressing up in Victorian costume you could maybe use that as a theme !

There will be the usual refreshments of tea, coffee, mulled wine and mince pies for the normal entrance fee of £3.50 with under 12's going in free.

If you would like to enter a tree please get in touch with me asap, then I will give you an application form in the next few weeks.



Thank you very much Eileen Rawson
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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



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

Prayers for the sick			
Curdworth	<i>Lisa</i>	Louise Baudet	<i>Barbara Blaber</i>
	<i>Dennis Blaber</i>	Sharon Brown	Adrian Cionnagh
	<i>Yvette Crawford</i>	<i>Claire Eldridge</i>	<i>Jean Eldridge</i>
	<i>Amanda Emerson</i>	Cherie Evans	Jean Giddings
	<i>John Henson</i>	Barbara Ingram	Nina Lawley
	Caroline Lee	<i>Isabella Murphy</i>	<i>Helen Parry</i>
	Jenny Phillips	Tim Rawson	Ellie Reeves
	Lucinda Shelley	Sue Shelley	<i>Cathy Smith</i>
	Clare Tillson	<i>Peter Wiggins</i>	Barry Wiltshire
	Gillian Wiltshire	Hollie Wiltshire	
Middleton	<i>Pete Hancock</i>	<i>Jean Nixon</i>	
Wishaw	<i>Isabel Brown</i>	Pat Harris	<i>Cae Hayes</i>
	Margaret Turner		

Readings for Sunday 15th September 2024

Trinity 16

The 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 Proverbs chapter 1

- ²⁰Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
²¹At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
²²How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
²³Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
²⁴Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
²⁵and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
²⁶I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,
²⁷when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
²⁸Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
²⁹Because they hated knowledge

and did not choose the fear of the LORD,
³⁰would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
³¹therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
³²For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
³³but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading

is from a letter of James chapter 3

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue - a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine yield figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' ²⁸And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' ²⁹Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

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.

Readings for Sunday 22nd 2024

Trinity 17

Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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 Proverbs chapter 31

- ¹⁰A capable wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
- ¹¹The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
- ¹²She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
- ¹³She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
- ¹⁴She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.
- ¹⁵She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.
- ¹⁶She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
- ¹⁷She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.
- ¹⁸She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.
- ¹⁹She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.

- ²⁰She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
- ²¹She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.
- ²²She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
- ²³Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.
- ²⁴She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.
- ²⁵Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.
- ²⁶She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
- ²⁷She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
- ²⁸Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:
- ²⁹'Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.'
- ³⁰Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
- ³¹Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading

is from a letter of James chapter 3

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth.

¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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The Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

After leaving the mountain ³⁰Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings for Sunday 29th 2024

Trinity 18

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 Esther chapters 7 and 9

¹The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. ²On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' ³Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me – that is my petition – and the lives of my people – that is my request. ⁴For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.' ⁵Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who presumed to do this?' ⁶Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and queen.

⁹Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, 'Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.' And the king said, 'Hang him on that.' ¹⁰So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

²⁰Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, ²¹enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, ²²as the days on which the Jews gained

relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading

is from a letter of James chapter 5

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸John said to Jesus, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' ³⁹But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

Amen.

