

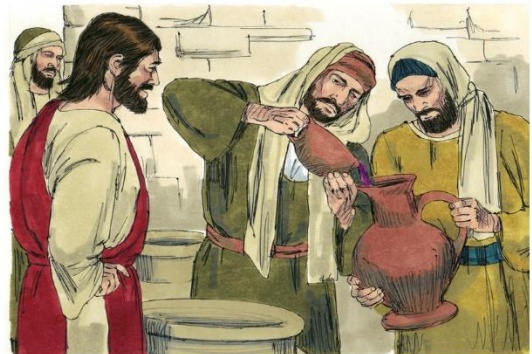
Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw

NEWSLETTER

Sundays 19th and 26th January 2025

Second and Third Sundays of Epiphany

Welcome to this edition of the Newsletter



Sunday 19th January – Second Sunday of Epiphany

- 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

Sunday 26th January – Third Sunday of Epiphany

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

Sunday 2nd February – **Presentation of Christ in the Temple** (Candlemas)

- 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 9th February – Fourth Sunday before Lent

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

18th – 25th January 2025 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

DIARY

| Date | Time | Event | Note |
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| Sunday 19th | 9.30am | Family Communion | St Chad's, Wishaw |
| 2nd Sunday of Epiphany White | 11.15am | Holy Communion | St Nicholas', Curdworth |
| | 11.15am | Holy Communion | St John's, Middleton |
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| Monday 20 th | 7.45pm | Parochial Church Council | Curdworth Church Hall |
| Wednesday 22 nd | 7.15pm | Choir Practice | Curdworth Church Hall |
| Saturday 25 th | 7.30pm | Burns Night Ceilidh | Middleton Village Hall |
| Sunday 26th | 9.30am | Holy Communion | St Chad's, Wishaw |
| 3rd Sunday of Epiphany White | 11.15am | Family Communion | St Nicholas', Curdworth |
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| Monday 27 th | 7.30pm | Wishaw DCC | The Cock Inn at Wishaw |
| Wednesday 29 th | 7.15pm | Choir Practice | Curdworth Church Hall |
| Saturday 30 th | | Wedding Preparation Day | Curdworth Church and Hall |
| Sunday 2nd February Presentation of Christ in the Temple 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 |
| Wednesday 5 th | 7.15pm | Choir Practice | Curdworth Church Hall |
| Sunday 9th February | 9.30am | Holy Communion | St Chad's, Wishaw |
| 4th Sunday before Lent Green | 11.15am | Family Communion | St Nicholas', Curdworth |
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| Tuesday 11 th | 7.45pm | Middleton DCC | Park Farm |

TALENT SCHEME UPDATE



Walking 50 miles in February – Sponsors needed! See Margaret Allen to lend your support by sponsoring with either a set amount or an amount per mile. Many thanks.

If you have anything planned for the Talent Scheme and would like it mentioned in the Newsletter, please email to:

margaret_allen69@yahoo.co.uk

There is still time to get involved – the Talent Scheme will officially draw to a close on Shrove Tuesday 4th March with a Pancake Party, though if you have plans beyond that date, that's absolutely fine.



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18th to 25th January

The theme for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "Do you believe this?" from John chapter 11, verses 17-27. The prayers and reflections have been prepared by the brothers and sister of the monastic community of Bose in Italy and are available in seven languages. The resources are published jointly by the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches.

"Do you believe this?" relates to the dialogue between Jesus and Martha when he visited the home of Martha and Mary in Bethany following the death of their brother Lazarus.

The year 2025 marks the 1700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, near Constantinople in 325 CE. The Council of Nicaea led to the adoption of the Nicene Creed as an expression of the common faith of Christians and is a creed which we use in our services today.

Perhaps we could reflect on all that the different Christian churches have in common, rather than the issues that divide us. The Nicene Creed reminds us of the breadth and longevity of Christianity and its world-wide impact. When we next recite the Nicene Creed in church, we might think of that question, "Do you believe this?" and say the words with conviction and in unison with many thousands of Christians around the world, especially this week.

Advance Notice

Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw

Preparation of a New Electoral Roll

The current Parish Electoral Roll was compiled in 2019 and has been regularly maintained and updated, with total numbers reported, as required, on an annual basis.

The Church Representation Rules require a completely new Roll to be compiled every 6 years and all persons who wish to have their names entered on the new Roll, whether their names appear on the present Roll or not, will be requested to apply for enrolment.

Our objective is to complete the new Roll by 31st March 2025 in order that required details can be displayed for a specified period prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) scheduled for 11th May 2025.

The formal announcement will be posted on noticeboards in January 2025 and Application Forms will be available in churches in January 2025, and on-line, and copies will be included with the January Newsletters.

Eric Dance
Electoral Roll Officer
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Burns Night Ceilidh

Saturday, 25th January 7.30pm

Middleton Village Hall

**With live band, dancing, Toasts, Burns Supper and raffle,
bring your own drinks and nibbles**

**At the time of writing this, there were only 11 tickets
available.....**

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 202262

PRAYER LIST



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.

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

Readings for Sunday 19th January 2025

Second Sunday of Epiphany

The Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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 62

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,

and her salvation like a burning torch.
²The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading

is from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians chapter 12

¹Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no 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.

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 2.1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

"Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings for Sunday 26th January 2025

Third Sunday of Epiphany

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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 Nehemiah chapter 8

¹All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is

prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading

is from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians chapter 12

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptised by one Spirit into one body – whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honourable we treat with special honour. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honour to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But eagerly desire the greater gifts.

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 4.14-21

¹⁴Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.