

Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw

NEWSLETTER

Sundays 16th and 23rd February 2025

Third and Second Sundays before Lent

Welcome to this edition of the Newsletter



Sunday 16th February – Third Sunday before Lent

- 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 23rd February – Second 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

Sunday 2nd March – Sunday next before Lent

- 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

Wednesday 5th March – **ASH WEDNESDAY**

- Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at **7.30am** at **St Chad's, Wishaw** – The Rector

Sunday 9th March – 1st Sunday of Lent

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

DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
Sunday 16th February 3rd Sunday before Lent Green	9.30am 11.15am 11.15am	Family Communion Holy Communion Service of the Word	St Chad's, Wishaw St Nicholas', Curdworth St John's, Middleton
Wednesday 19 th	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Sunday 23rd 2nd Sunday before Lent Green	9.30am 11.15am	Holy Communion Family Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw St Nicholas', Curdworth
Monday 24 th	7.30pm	Wishaw DCC	The Cock Inn at Wishaw
Wednesday 26 th	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Sunday 2nd March Sunday next before Lent Green	9.30am 11.15am 11.15am	All Age Worship Holy Communion Service of the Word	St Chad's, Wishaw St Nicholas', Curdworth St John's, Middleton
Tuesday 4 th SHROVE TUESDAY	7.00pm	Pancake Party	Curdworth Church Hall
Wednesday 5th ASH WEDNESDAY Purple	7.30pm	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes	St Chad's, Wishaw
Sunday 9th 1st Sunday of Lent Purple	9.30am 11.15am	Holy Communion Family Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw St Nicholas', Curdworth
Wednesday 12 th	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 13 th	7.45pm	Curdworth DCC	Curdworth Church Hall

TALENT SCHEME UPDATE

Walking is under way. You can still add your name to the sponsor list! 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 It's not too late to be involved.

Cheese, Wine & Quiz Evening

St Chad's, Wishaw

are holding a Cheese, Wine and Quiz Evening at **Wishaw Golf Club**

on **Saturday 8th March, from 7.30pm.**

Tickets are **£10** and include one glass of wine, plus food.

The **bar** will be open all evening.

Raffle, games etc

Tickets are available now (usual ticket monitor!) at services or by texting/emailing

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PANCAKE PARTY!

You are invited to this year's **Pancake Party** on

Shrove Tuesday, 4th March

7.00pm Curdworth Church Hall

Tickets £5 – limited numbers so first come, first served!

Bring your own drinks and glasses



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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 18th May 2025.

The formal announcements are posted on noticeboards and Application Forms are available now in churches and on-line, and copies will be included with the February Newsletters.

Eric Dance

Electoral Roll Officer

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Lent, Holy Week and Easter 2025

LENT COURSE

The Lent Course will be running on Sunday evenings 16th, 23rd and 30th March and 6th April on the theme of “Living Hope”. The plan is to meet in the local pubs, so tables will be reserved in a quiet area. Precise times and locations will be advised asap. Rev James Parry will be leading the course.

LENT begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th and Easter Day is 20th April. Prepare to be busy and make Easter a wonderful celebration following a ‘good’ Lent.

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



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

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

Readings for Sunday 16th February 2025

Third Sunday before Lent

The Collect

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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 Jeremiah chapter 17

⁵Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse –
who can understand it?
¹⁰I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

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 15

¹²If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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 6 verses 17-26

¹⁷He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.

¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴‘But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵‘Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

Readings for Sunday 23rd February 2025

Second Sunday before Lent

Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

Amen.

The Old Testament Reading

is from the book of the Genesis chapter 2

⁴In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground ⁷then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

¹⁸The LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place

with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

‘This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.’

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading

is from the Revelation to John chapter 4

Revelation 4

‘I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.’ ²At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! ³And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. ⁴Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; ⁶and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. ⁸And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

‘Holy, holy, holy,
the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.’

⁹And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

¹¹'You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.'

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 8.22-25

²²One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, ²³and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. ²⁴They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

