

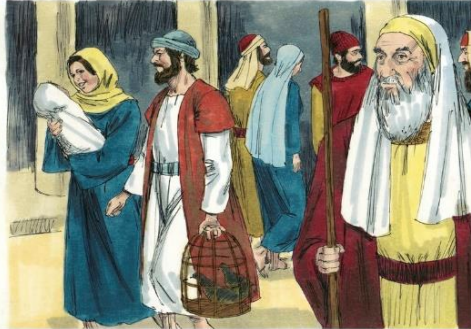
Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw

NEWSLETTER

Sundays 2nd and 9th February 2025

Presentation of Christ in the Temple & 4th Sunday before Lent

Welcome to this edition of the Newsletter



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

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

DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
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 4th Sunday before Lent Proper 1 Green	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
	11.15am	Family Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Tuesday 11 th	7.45pm	Middleton DCC	Park Farm
Wednesday 12 th	1.45pm	Ladies' Guild	Curdworth Church Hall
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	
Thursday 13 th	10.30am	Wishaw Community Coffee Morning	St Chad's Church
Sunday 16th 3rd Sunday before Lent Proper 2 Green	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
Wednesday 19 th	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Sunday 23rd 2nd Sunday before Lent Green	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
	11.15am	Family Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Monday 24 th	7.30pm	Wishaw DCC	The Cock Inn at Wishaw

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.

Burns Night Ceilidh

MANY THANKS to everyone who supported the Burns Night Ceilidh at Middleton Village Hall on 25th January. It was a great night all round, with excellent food, some energetic dancing, and chatter! Special thanks to Ruth, Derrick, Jack, Lisa (chef) and all of the team whose combined efforts resulted in another very successful evening.

Wishaw Community Coffee Morning

Thursday February 13th 10.30 - 12.00

St Chad's Church, Wishaw

Come and join us in some table-top games.

Coffee and home made cakes.

All are welcome.

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 announcement will be posted on noticeboards in January 2025 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

Preparations have begun for Lent, Holy Week and Easter and, although it doesn't seem long since Christmas, it's not too early to get some dates in your diary.

We hope to have a Lent Course running on four of the Sunday evenings of Lent on the theme of "Living Hope". As usual, there will be a full programme of services and events during Holy Week and on Easter Day.

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.

Cheese and Wine Evening

Wishaw DCC are planning to hold a Cheese and Wine Evening at Wishaw Golf Club on the evening of Saturday 8th March. Arrangements are yet to be finalised, including the ticket price, but please put the date in your diary and come along if you can. Full details will be in the next Newsletter and tickets will likely be on sale before that.

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 2nd February 2025

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

The Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son
was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ 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 Malachi chapter 3

Thus says the Lord God: ¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading

is from a letter to the Hebrews chapter 2

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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 2 verses 22-40

When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons”.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you now dismiss your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all people,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be

spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

Readings for Sunday 9th February 2025

Fourth Sunday before Lent

Collect

O God,
you know us to be set
in the midst of so many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
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 6

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!’

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’ ⁹And he said, ‘Go and say to this people:

“Keep listening, but do not comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand.”

¹⁰Make the mind of this people dull,
and stop their ears,
and shut their eyes,
so that they may not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and comprehend with their minds,
and turn and be healed.’

¹¹Then I said, ‘How long, O Lord?’ And he said:

‘Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;
¹²until the LORD sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

¹³Even if a tenth part remains in it,

it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled.’

The holy seed is its stump.

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

¹I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe

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 5.1-11

¹While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their

nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' ⁵Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

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

Post Communion

Go before us, Lord, in all we do
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

