

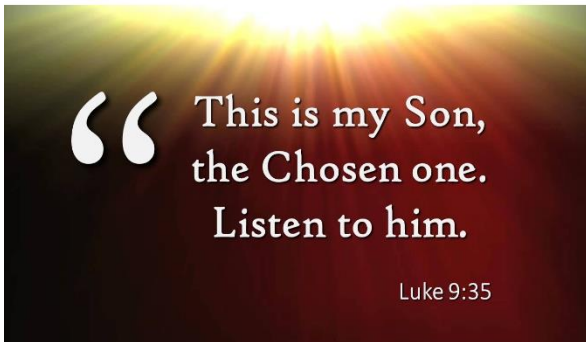
Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw

NEWSLETTER

Sundays 2nd and 9th March 2025

Sunday next before Lent and First Sunday of Lent

Welcome to this edition of the Newsletter



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 – First 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
- Compline at **5.00pm** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth**

Sunday 16th March – Second Sunday of 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 March – Third 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
- Compline at **5.00pm** at **5.00pm** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth**

DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
Sunday 2nd March	9.30am	All Age Worship	St Chad's, Wishaw
Sunday next before Lent Green	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	11.15am	Service of the Word	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
Saturday 8 th	7.30pm	Cheese, Wine and Quiz Evening	Wishaw Golf Club
Sunday 9th 1st Sunday of Lent Purple	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
	11.15am	Family Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	5.00pm	Compline	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Wednesday 12 th	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 13 th	10.30am	Wishaw Community Coffee Morning	St Chad's Church
	7.45pm	Curdworth DCC	Curdworth Church Hall
Sunday 16th 2nd Sunday of Lent Purple	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 17 th	7.45pm	Parochial Church Council	Curdworth Church Hall
Tuesday 18 th	7.00pm	Middleton Choir	St John's Church
Wednesday 19 th	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Sunday 23rd	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
	11.15am	Family Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	5.00pm	Compline	St Nicholas', Curdworth

Wishaw Community Coffee Morning

Thursday 13th March 10.30am -12 noon at

St Chad's Church, Wishaw

"A right royal couple" – an illustrated talk by David Bardell

Do come and join us – coffee and homemade cakes

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 Newsletter.

Eric Dance

Electoral Roll Officer

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Lent Course 2025

The Lent Course will be running on Sunday evenings:

16th March at The Green Man, Middleton,

23rd March at The Beehive Curdworth,

30th March at the The Cock Inn, Wishaw and

6th April at The Green Man, Middleton

all from 7.30pm – 9.00pm and led by Rev James Parry

Talent Scheme Update

It would be lovely if everyone who has been involved in a Talent Scheme initiative could come to the Pancake Party on Shrove Tuesday (4th March) and share their results – and experiences! This includes those whose events are still to happen. At the time of writing there are several events in the pipeline, including;

- a Popcorn, Picture, Pyjama Party and Movie Night for Children at Middleton Village Hall
- a Movie Night for adults at Middleton Village Hall on the 28th March from 7.30pm.

Any other ideas will be welcomed.

ADVANCE NOTICE: “BLUEBELL CRAFT FAIR”

**on the afternoon of Sunday 11th May
in and around St Chad’s Church, Wishaw**

Stall - £15

There are already plants, second hand books, cards, handmade jewellery and a demonstration of sculpture planned, but there are more to be added.

Put the date in your diary.

Ticket price will include a glass of prosecco



Further details to follow.....

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

Readings for Sunday 2nd March 2025

Sunday next before Lent

The Collect

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
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 Exodus chapter 34

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading

is from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians chapter 35

¹²Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

¹Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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 9 verses 28-43

²⁸Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to

him!' ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' ⁴¹Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³And all were astounded at the greatness of God. Everyone was amazed at all that he was doing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings for Sunday 9th March 2025

First Sunday of Lent

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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 Deuteronomy chapter 26

Moses spoke to the people, saying: ¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.’ ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading

is from Paul’s letter to the Romans chapter 10

⁸What does scripture say?

‘The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart’

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all

who call on him. ¹³For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

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 4.1-13

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.’ ⁴Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “One does not live by bread alone.”’

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, ‘To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’ ⁸Jesus answered him, ‘It is written,

“Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.”’

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you”,

¹¹and

“On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”’

¹²Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’

¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
 that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

