

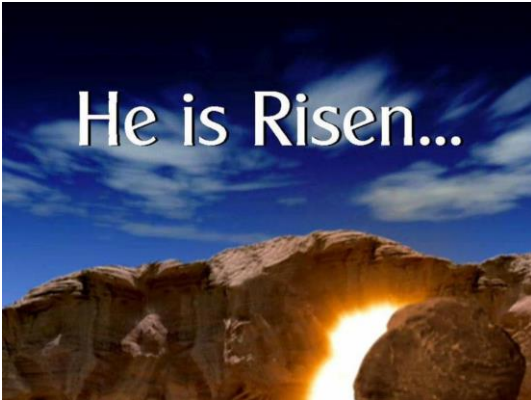
Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw

NEWSLETTER

Sundays 4th and 11th May 2025

Third and Fourth Sundays of Easter

Welcome to this edition of the Newsletter



Sunday 4th May – Third Sunday of Easter

- All Age Worship at **9.30am** at **St Chad's, Wishaw** – Rev James Parry
- Holy Communion at **11.15am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth** – Rev James Parry
- Service of the Word at **11.15am** at **St John's, Middleton** – Mr Andrew Farrow

Sunday 11th May – Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday 18th May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

- Holy Communion at **10.30am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth** – The Rector
Followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 25th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

- Service of the Word at **9.30am** at **St Chad's, Wishaw** – Rev James Parry
- Service of the Word at **11.15am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth** – Rev James Parry
- Holy Communion at **11.15am** at **St John the Baptist, Middleton** –
Rev Canon Frank Longbottom

DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
Sunday 4 th May	9.30am	All Age Worship	St Chad's, Wishaw
3 rd Sunday of Easter White	11.15am	Service of the Word	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	11.15am	Service of the Word	St John's, Middleton
Wednesday 7 th	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 8 th	10.30am	Wishaw Community Coffee Morning	St Chad's Church
Sunday 11 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
4 th Sunday of Easter White	11.15am	Family Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	2.00- 5.00pm	SPRING FAIR	St Chad's Church and grounds
Wednesday 14 th	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Sunday 18 th	<u>10.30am</u>	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
5 th Sunday of Easter White	<u>Approx.</u> <u>11.30am</u>	ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING	Curdworth Church Hall
Wednesday 21 st	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Sunday 25 th	9.30am	Service of the Word	St Chad's, Wishaw
6 th Sunday of Easter White	11.15am	Service of the Word	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St John's, Middleton



EASTER LILIES

On behalf of Curdworth and Wishaw Churches we would like to thank all those who gave donations. I think you will agree the flowers are a fitting memory to those we love and who are no longer with us

Sue Jefferson.

AND Thank youto everyone who participated in any of the Holy Week and Easter services and events. We hope you found them thought-provoking, inspiring, moving and comforting in equal measure.

Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw

Election of Churchwardens

and members of the Parochial Church Council

Nomination forms are available for the election of Churchwardens
and PCC members.

Please remember that persons nominated should be willing to serve, so please check before completing forms.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – Sunday 18th May – see Diary

WISHAW COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING



St Chad's Church, Wishaw.



Thursday 8th May.

10.30am - 12.00 noon

Come and join us for a quiz, coffee and cake.
Everyone is welcome.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

Ceilidh.....12th July at Curdworth Village Hall

Quiz Night8th November at Grounds Farm

And.....

SPRING FAIR

SUNDAY 11TH MAY

2.00pm – 5.00pm

St Chad's Church, Wishaw

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Handmade jewellery

Books

Local Honey

Plants

Face painting

Cards

Climb the tower

Cakes

'White Elephant'

Netball shots

Tombola

Guide Dogs

Sutton Bees - lip balms/candles

Games

Refreshments

Climb the tower

Stone carving demonstration

Free entry

Something for everyone

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	Roy Allen	Louise Baudet	<i>Barbara Blaber</i>
	Sharon Brown	Louise Christoforou	Adrian Cionnagh
	<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>	<i>Philip Walsh</i>
	<i>Peter Wiggins</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			

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 202

Readings for Sunday 4th May 2025

3rd Sunday of Easter

The Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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 First Reading

is from Acts of the Apostles chapter 9

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' ⁵He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' ⁷The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' ¹¹The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he

might regain his sight.’ ¹³But Ananias answered, ‘Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.’ ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, ‘Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.’ ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, ‘He is the Son of God.’

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

is from the Revelation to John chapter 5

¹¹I, John, looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice,

‘Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honour and glory and blessing!’

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

‘To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might
for ever and ever!’

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ And the elders fell down and worshipped.

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 21.1-19

¹Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' ⁶He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' ¹⁶A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' ¹⁷He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you

do not wish to go.' ¹⁹He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

Readings for Sunday 11th May 2025

4th Sunday of Easter

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The First Reading

is from Acts of the Apostles chapter 9

³⁶In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He

turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

is from the Revelation to John chapter 7

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹²singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' ¹⁴I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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The Gospel

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Glory to you, O Lord.

John 10.22-30

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' ²⁵Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!