

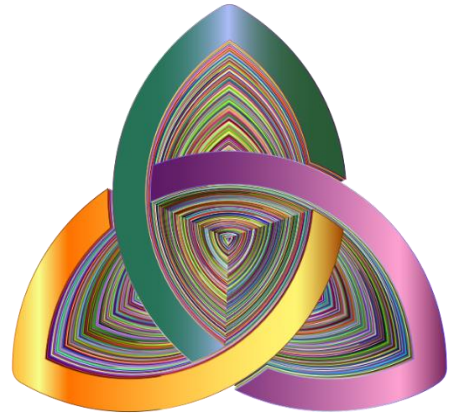
*Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw*

# NEWSLETTER

**Sundays 31st May and 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Trinity Sunday**

**and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays after Trinity**



**Welcome to this edition of the Newsletter**

**Sunday 31st May – TRINITY SUNDAY**

- Holy Communion at **9.30am** at **St Chad's, Wishaw** – The Rector
- Family Communion at **11.15am** at **11.15am** – Rev James Parry
- Holy Communion at **11.15am** at **11.15am** – The Rector

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June – First Sunday after Trinity**

- 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 14<sup>th</sup> June – Second Sunday after Trinity**

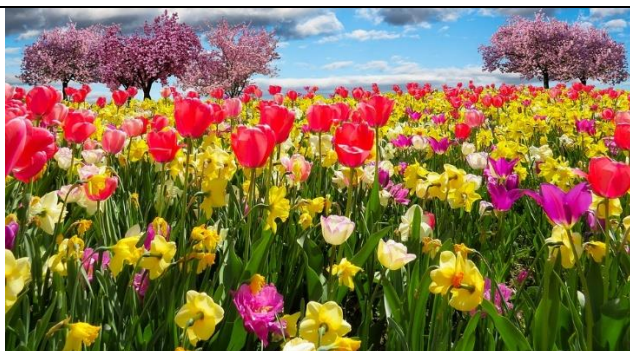
- Holy Communion at **9.30am** at **St Chad's, Wishaw** – Rev James Parry
- Family Communion at **11.15am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth** – Rev James Parry

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Third Sunday after Trinity**

- 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

## DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b> <b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b> <i>White</i>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
	11.15am	Family Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St John's, Middleton
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	2.00pm	Ministry Team	Curdworth Church Hall
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	9.00am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Middleton
			Curdworth Church Hall
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after</b> <b>Trinity</b> <i>Green</i>	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
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas' Curdworth
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Chad's, Wishaw
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Middleton
	10.30am	Wishaw Community Coffee	St Chad's, Wishaw
		Morning	
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after</b> <b>Trinity</b> <i>Green</i>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
	11.15am	Family Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Chad's, Wishaw
	1.45pm	Church Women's Guild	Curdworth Church Hall
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Middleton



# Spring Fair 2026

<b>STALL</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Refreshments -Janet and Beccy	£267.00 cash; £93.50 SumUp	<b>£360.50</b>
Tombola - Isabel	£173.00	<b>£173.00</b>
Bell Tower- Brenda	£6.00	<b>£6.00</b>
Card Game - Arthur	£21.00	<b>£21.00</b>
Honey - Derek	£140.00	<b>£140.00</b>
Plants - Brenda	£79.50	<b>£79.50</b>
Cup cakes - Arianna	£58.65	<b>£58.65</b>
Plants – Steve	£102.00	<b>£102.00</b>
White Elephant – Clare and Debbie	£19.13	<b>£19.13</b>
Tables	£50.00	<b>£50.00</b>
Donation	£20.00	<b>£20.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£1,029.78</b>

Thank you to everyone who supported the Spring Fair at St Chad's on 17th May in any way. The weather was not the best, but everyone seemed to ignore the rain and accept the limitations which resulted. There was a steady flow of 'customers' and the stallholders had to work hard, especially, of course, the ladies serving refreshments! Sometimes people who run stalls or games think that they haven't raised much money, but, as we say, every little helps. Events such as these need lots of people's time and energy to pull together and make them work, so many thanks are due to the members of Wishaw DCC in particular, but also to all the friends and relatives who stepped up too. Final thanks must go to everyone who donated anything and spent money. Any further donations would be welcome. Well, it's worth asking! We are all very grateful.

**Reminder .....DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....**

**Harvest Supper.....Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at Wishaw Golf Club**

**Christmas Fair.....Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November at Curdworth Church and Hall**

**Quiz Night.....Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November at Wishaw Golf Club**

## Wishaw Community Coffee Morning

Thursday May June 11th.  
10.30am - 12.00 noon  
St Chad's Church, Wishaw



Coffee and homemade cakes



Everyone welcome

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 202 262

## Curdworth Church Women's Guild

**Curdworth Church Women's Guild** next meet at **1.45pm** on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at Curdworth Church Hall.  
Don't forget your pot of jam!  
Visitors are more than welcome.

**Thank you.....**to everyone who was able to attend the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** earlier in May. This meeting is an opportunity to review the previous year and also look to the future, to thank everyone who has attended the churches, carried out duties which support the services and fulfilled the numerous tasks which keep everything running smoothly (as a rule!). The Rector's Report forms both a review and a 'charge' to the parish for the future. The Financial statement shows how the parish is functioning financially and where the main income and outgoings are.

Our Parish Share – our contribution to the Common Fund, which supports the Diocese in funding salaries, clergy housing, training, pensions, national insurance etc – is **£26,000** for 2026. Buildings insurance for the three churches is around **£9,000** per year and, of course, electricity and oil prices continue to rise. The churches do depend on generous giving and revenue from social and fundraising activities to keep our lovely buildings open. Perusal of the accounts will show how that money is distributed.

Copies of the Annual Report, Rector's Report and Financial statement are available in the churches if you were unable to attend the meeting.

### LITURGICAL COLOURS

You may have noticed that the altar colours (and clergy vestments and choir scarves) have been **changing colour quite frequently** lately. **Red** is used at Pentecost and saints' days; **gold** and white are celebratory colours and are used at Easter, Christmas and Trinity; **purple** represents penance and preparation and is used during Advent and Lent; and **green** represents 'ordinary time' and is worn during the spring and summer months, symbolising growth, the journey of faith, life and hope. 'Ordinary time' might not seem an adequate term to describe such a momentous season, but the colour **green** is entirely appropriate, as all around us, including hopefully our faith, grows and develops.

## PRAYER LIST



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

<b>Prayers for the sick</b>			
<b>Curdworth</b>	Roy Allen	Gary Baker	<i>Barbara Blaber</i>
	Sharon Brown	Sandra Bullivant	Louise Christoforou
	Adrian Cionnagh	<i>Claire Eldridge</i>	<i>Jean Eldridge</i>
	<i>Amanda Emerson</i>	<i>Margaret Heape</i>	Barbara Ingram
	<i>Clive Jones</i>	Caroline Lee	<i>Isabella Murphy</i>
	<i>Helen Parry</i>	<i>Jenny Phillips</i>	Tim Rawson
	Ellie Reeves	Sue Shelley	<i>Cody Smith</i>
	<i>Clare Tillson</i>	<i>Charlotte Twamley-Hayes</i>	<i>Philip Walsh</i>
	Betty Waters	<i>Peter Wiggins</i>	Barry Wiltshire
<b>Middleton</b>	Jo'anne Cole	<i>Peter Hancock</i>	<i>Jean Nixon</i>
	<i>Alan Cochran</i>	Clinton Smith	
<b>Wishaw</b>	Colin Philpott	Joyce Simmons	
	Pauline Nelmes	Cae Hayes	Rachel Way

## **Readings for Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

### **Trinity Sunday**

#### **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;  
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 the book of the prophet Isaiah chapter 40*

- <sup>12</sup>Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand  
and marked off the heavens with a span,  
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,  
and weighed the mountains in scales  
and the hills in a balance?
- <sup>13</sup>Who has directed the spirit of the LORD,  
or as his counsellor has instructed him?
- <sup>14</sup>Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,  
and who taught him the path of justice?  
Who taught him knowledge,  
and showed him the way of understanding?
- <sup>15</sup>Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket,  
and are accounted as dust on the scales;  
see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.
- <sup>16</sup>Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,  
nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.
- <sup>17</sup>All the nations are as nothing before him;  
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.
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- <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
'My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God'?
- <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.
- <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.
- <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;
- <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **The Second Reading**

*is from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians chapter 13*

<sup>11</sup>Brothers and sisters, put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **The Gospel**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Matthew 28.16-20*

<sup>16</sup>The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## **Post communion**

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

# Readings for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026

## First Sunday after Trinity

### Collect

O God,  
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
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 Genesis chapter 12*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **The Second Reading**

*is from Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 4*

<sup>13</sup>The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

<sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' <sup>23</sup>Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26*

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' <sup>12</sup>But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

<sup>18</sup>While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' <sup>19</sup>And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup>Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup>for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' <sup>22</sup>Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. <sup>23</sup>When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup>he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup>But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup>And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

### **Post communion**

Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us  
with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope,  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Readings for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

### **Second Sunday after Trinity**

#### **Collect**

Lord, you have taught us  
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.  
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,  
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 Genesis chapter 18*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to Abraham, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' <sup>10</sup>Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" <sup>14</sup>Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' <sup>15</sup>But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

<sup>1</sup> The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. <sup>2</sup>Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup>Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. <sup>4</sup>And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. <sup>5</sup>Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. <sup>6</sup>Now Sarah said, 'God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.' <sup>7</sup>And she said, 'Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **The Second Reading**

*is from Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 5*

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **The Gospel**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Matthew 9.35 - 10.8(9-23)*

<sup>35</sup>Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.’

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: ‘Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good news, “The kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>8</sup>Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. <sup>9</sup>Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, <sup>10</sup>no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. <sup>11</sup>Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup>As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup>If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup>If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town.

<sup>16</sup>See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; <sup>18</sup>and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles.

<sup>19</sup>When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; <sup>20</sup>for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup>Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.'

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

### **Post communion**

Loving Father,  
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:  
sustain us with your Spirit,  
that we may serve you here on earth  
until our joy is complete in heaven,  
and we share in the eternal banquet  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

