

NEWSLETTER

Sundays 18th and 25th October 2026



20th and Last Sundays after Trinity

Sunday 18th October – Twentieth Sunday after Trinity – Luke the Evangelist

- Family Communion at **9.30am** at **St Chad's, Wishaw** – Rev James Parry
- Service of the Word at **11.15am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth** – Mrs Lisa Wilcox
- Holy Communion at **11.15am** at **St John's, Middleton** – The Rector

Sunday 25th October – Last Sunday after Trinity – Bible Sunday

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

Sunday 1st November – ALL SAINTS' DAY

- 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
- **SERVICE OF LOVE AND MEMORY** at **6.30pm** **St John's, Middleton**

Sunday 8th November – Third Sunday before Advent -REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

- Service of Remembrance with Holy Communion at **9.30am** at **St Chad's, Wishaw** – The Rector
- Service of Remembrance with Holy Communion at **10.50am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth** – The Rector; Mrs Lisa Wilcox
- Service of Remembrance at **10.50am** at **St John's, Middleton** – Rev Canon Frank Longbottom; Rev James Parry

DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
Sunday 18th October	9.30am	Family Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
20th Sunday after	11.15am	Service of the Word	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Trinity Proper 24	11.15am	Holy Communion	St John's, Middleton
Luke the Evangelist Red			
Monday 19 th	7.45pm	Parochial Church Council	Curdworth Church Hall
Tuesday 20 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Wednesday 21 st	10.00am	Cana Café	Curdworth Church Hall
	1.45pm	Women's Guild	
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	
Sunday 25th October	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
Last Sunday after	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Trinity Proper 25			
Bible Sunday Green			
Tuesday 27 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas' Curdworth
	7.30pm	Wishaw DCC	The Cock Inn at Wishaw
Wednesday 28 th	10.00am	Cana Café	Curdworth Church Hall
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	
Sunday 1st November	9.30am	All Age Worship	St Chad's, Wishaw
ALL SAINTS' DAY	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
White	11.15am	Service of the Word	St John's, Middleton
	<u>6.30pm</u>	Service of Love and Memory	St John's, Middleton
Tuesday 3 rd	9.00am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Curdworth
	6.00pm	Middleton DCC	St John's Church
	7.00pm	Middleton Choir Practice	
Wednesday 4 th	10.00am	Cana Café	Curdworth Church Hall
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	

Service of Love and Memory

This year's **Service of Love and Memory** will take place on **Sunday 1st November at 6.30pm** at St John the Baptist Church, Middleton.

Families and friends of those for whom our clergy have conducted a funeral during the twelve months since last year's services will be particularly invited, but all are welcome.

If you would like a loved one's name read out in the service, please write their name(s) on a piece of paper and hand it to one of the Churchwardens – Margaret, Jo or Terry – before the day of the service.



Thursday November 12th.10.30am - 12.00 noon Community Coffee Morning

St Chad's Church, Wishaw



Coffee and homemade cakes - everyone welcome

Not Long Until



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Plans for the **Not Long Until Christmas Fair on Saturday 14th November at Curdworth Church and Church Hall** are going well. There will be a range of stalls selling lovely crafted items from a variety of makers as well as the usual selection of games, tombola, raffle and, of course, refreshments. I'd be very grateful for offers of help, please:

- Perhaps you could bake some cakes for the refreshments?
- We'd also like items to use for prizes for the tombola, for the raffle and for some of the smaller games, please.
- If you can spare some time to help on a stall or to help with the setting up or clearing up after the event, we'd be very grateful please.

Thank you. Isabel Potter

Reminder DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

**Service of Love and Memory Sunday 1st November 6.30pm at
St John's, Middleton**

**Not Long Until Christmas Fair.....Saturday 14th November 11.00am –
3.00pm at Curdworth Church and Hall**

Quiz Night.....Saturday 28th 7.30pm November at Wishaw Golf Club

Walk 100 miles in September - Fundraising for Neuroblastoma UK

I would like to thank everyone for their kindness, support and good wishes during my 100 Mile Challenge for Neuroblastoma UK in September. I actually walked 125 miles.

- Sponsorship and donations for the walk raised £1,040.
- The Coffee Morning we held at home raised £1,288.18 and
- the 100 Mile Quiz at the Village Hall raised £744.00

making a grand total of **£3,072.18** towards further research into this childhood cancer.

Thank you!
Isabel Potter



Bell ringers required!

Come and learn the ancient craft of bell ringing

St Chad's Church, Wishaw
Thursday evenings 7.00-8.00pm

You need to be over 15 years of age
and in good health

Need more information?

Ring Brenda on 07757 217 353 or 0121 323 2137

Quiz Night – Wishaw Golf Club

Saturday 28th November 7.30pm

Tickets are now available to order. The cost is £15 per person and this includes the Quiz and supper. Teams of up to six persons. Food is to be ordered in advance and will be served direct to your table.

The menu choices are:

- ✚ Cracked black pepper and garlic pork chop, with mashed potato, braised red cabbage, honey roast carrots and honey mustard sauce
- ✚ Coq au Vin, with mashed potato, honey roast carrots and green beans
- ✚ Moroccan Vegetable Tagine (V), with couscous and a Moroccan salad

Please indicate your choice when you purchase your ticket. Many thanks.

Harvest Gifts

Thanks to everyone for their Harvest Gifts for the Erdington Food Bank

Here are the gifts from Curdworth and Wishaw arriving:



Many thanks to Eric Dance for taking all the items to the foodbank on our behalf. The foodbank staff were delighted to receive them.

PRAYER LIST

It's time to ask if there are any names on the Prayer List which should or could be removed now. People often ask for someone's name to be included, but forget to say when it's appropriate for the name to be removed. Please could you have a look and let me know if there are changes to make. You may notice that some of names are in *italics*. This is to denote that those people are known to members of the churches and /or communities but not resident in Curdworth, Middleton or Wishaw.



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	Gary Baker	<i>Barbara Blaber</i>
	Sharon Brown	Louise Christoforou	Adrian Cionnagh
	Richard Crowe	<i>Claire Eldridge</i>	<i>Jean Eldridge</i>
	<i>Amanda Emerson</i>	Shirley Gallagher	<i>Margaret Heape</i>
	Barbara Ingram	Caroline Lee	<i>Isabella Murphy</i>
	<i>Helen Parry</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	Gillian Wiltshire
Middleton	Jo'anne Cole	<i>Peter Hancock</i>	<i>Jean Nixon</i>
	<i>Alan Cochran</i>		
Wishaw	Colin Philpott	Joyce Simmons	Mary Smith
	Pauline Nelmes	Cae Hayes	Rachel Way
For the departed	<i>Jacqueline Hunt</i>		

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

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)

Sunday 18th October

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity/ Luke the Evangelist

The Collect

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
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

Old Testament Reading

is from the book of the prophet Isaiah chapter 35, verses 3-6

³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The New Testament reading

is from Paul's second letter to Timothy, chapter 4 verses 5 to 17

⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

⁹Do your best to come to me soon, ¹⁰for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. ¹²I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.

¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. ¹⁵You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

¹⁶At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

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 10.1-9

¹The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" ⁶And

if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post communion

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Sunday 25th October

Last Sunday after Trinity – Bible Sunday

Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Old Testament Reading

is from Deuteronomy chapter 34, verses 1 to 12

¹Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain - that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees – as far as Zoar. ⁴The LORD said to him, ‘This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, “I will give it to your descendants”; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.’ ⁵Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. ⁶He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. ⁷Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. ⁸The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

⁹Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

¹⁰Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. ¹¹He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, ¹²and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

is from Paul’s first letter to the Thessalonians chapter 2 verses 1-8

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 22.34-46

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’” ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: “‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’” ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’ ⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ ⁴³He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,
 ⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord,
 ‘Sit at my right hand,
 until I put your enemies under your feet’”’?
⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

Post communion

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

