

Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw

NEWSLETTER

Sundays 4th and 11th October 2026



18th and 19th Sundays after Trinity

Sunday 4th October – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

- **HARVEST 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 October – Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

- **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 October – Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

- **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 –
Rev Canon Frank Longbottom**

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**

DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
Sunday 4th October	9.30am	HARVEST All Age Worship	St Chad's, Wishaw
18th Sunday after	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Trinity Proper 22	11.15am	Service of the Word	St John's, Middleton
<i>Green</i>			
Monday 5 th	7.45pm	Curdworth DCC	Curdworth Church Hall
Tuesday 6 th	9.00am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Wednesday 7 th	10.00am	Cana Café	Curdworth Church Hall
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	
Thursday 8 th	10.30am	Wishaw Community Coffee Morning	St Chad's Church
Sunday 11th October	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
19th Sunday after	11.15am	Family Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Trinity Proper 23			
<i>Green</i>			
Monday 12 th	2.00pm	Ministry Team	Curdworth Church Hall
Tuesday 13 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas' Curdworth
Wednesday 14 th	10.00am	Cana Café	Curdworth Church Hall
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	
Sunday 18th October	9.30am	Family Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
20th Sunday after	11.15am	Service of the Word	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Trinity	11.15am	Holy Communion	St John's, Middleton
Proper 24 <i>Green</i>			
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	

Wishaw Community Coffee Morning

Thursday October 8th.

10.30am - 12.00 noon

St Chad's Church, Wishaw



Coffee and homemade cakes - everyone welcome

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.





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

Reminder DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

**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

Curdworth Choir



Thank you to members of the Choir for agreeing to our Open Evening in September. We had two visitors, which wasn't bad for a first time. We will repeat the invitation from time to time, and include refreshments too. It's good to relax and have a chat, after the singing, of course!

The Choir always has room for new voices and, in addition to what is written above, you are welcome to come along to a rehearsal at any time, as a one off. However, we are always busy around Christmas, so you might like to join us for the festive events where, for example, we entertain groups at their Christmas meals and parties and we lead the music in Carol Services. We are beginning to rehearse Christmas music from Wednesday 7th October at 7.15pm. Have a word with me or any member of the Choir if you would like more details.

Margaret



CHRISTMAS FAIR!



Plans for this year's Christmas Fair on **Saturday 14th November** are well under way. **Please reserve the date.** There will be stalls and activities in the Church Hall and St Nicholas' Church. Listen out for requests for items for stalls/games and for help needed on the day. **Isabel Potter** will be very pleased to hear from you and I (Margaret) am happy to pass on any messages to her. This is a major fundraising event and we are keen to build on the success of last year's Christmas Fair.

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 Sharon Brown Richard Crowe <i>Amanda Emerson</i> Barbara Ingram <i>Helen Parry</i> Sue Shelley <i>Charlotte Twamley-Hayes</i> <i>Peter Wiggins</i>	Gary Baker Louise Christoforou <i>Claire Eldridge</i> Shirley Gallagher Caroline Lee Tim Rawson <i>Cody Smith</i> <i>Philip Walsh</i> Barry Wiltshire	<i>Barbara Blaber</i> Adrian Cionnagh <i>Jean Eldridge</i> <i>Margaret Heape</i> <i>Isabella Murphy</i> Ellie Reeves <i>Clare Tillson</i> Betty Waters Gillian Wiltshire
Middleton	Jo'anne Cole <i>Alan Cochran</i>	<i>Peter Hancock</i>	<i>Jean Nixon</i>
Wishaw	Colin Philpott Pauline Nelmes	Joyce Simmons Cae Hayes	Mary Smith Rachel Way
For the departed			

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)

Just a thought.....We don't often hear the Old Testament readings in church, but the two for 4th and 11th October are particularly worth looking at. In chapter 19 of Exodus, the people of Israel have gone out of the land of Egypt and are camping in the wilderness of Sinai. Moses has gone to the mountain and God has called to him. In brief, God wants the people of Israel to be a holy people, but, fast-forwarding to chapter 20 where God has asked Moses to come up the mountain, bringing Aaron with him, but not allowing the priests and the people to follow. God spoke to Moses, giving him what we know as the Ten Commandments – ten bullet points summing up the guidelines for living the kind of life God required them (and us) to live.

There were “thunderings and lightnings and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking”, causing the people to be afraid. The people asked Moses to speak to them, but not God because they feared they might die. So the people stood far off and Moses “drew near to the thick darkness where God was”.

Then follows 11 chapters of detailed instructions to Moses. By the beginning of chapter 32, the people were restless and beginning to think Moses had abandoned them. The Lord told Moses to “Go down; for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves; they have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them;”. God is angry and tells Moses to leave him alone, so that his “wrath might burn hot against them and I may consume them;”. But Moses pleads with the Lord and he “repented of the evil which he thought to do to his people”. Moses then went down the mountain with the two tablets of the testimony in his hands. The tablets were the work of God and were written on both sides.

The reading set for 11th October doesn't take us quite as far as this, so we don't hear what Moses had to say to the people when he saw what they were doing! Maybe another time.

Collect and Readings for Sunday 4th October

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 Exodus chapter 20 verses 1-4, 7-9 and 12-20

¹Then God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labour and do all your work.

¹²Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

¹⁸When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' ²⁰Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The New Testament reading

is from Paul's letter to the Philippians chapter 3 verses 4b to 14

⁴If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and

I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, ⁹not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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Thanks be to God

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 21.33-46

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: ³³‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ ⁴¹They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

⁴²Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes”?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realised that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Post communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

Amen

Sunday 11th October

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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 Exodus chapter 32 verses 1-14

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered round Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him."

Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold ear-rings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." So all the people took off their ear-rings and brought them to

Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.”

When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, “Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD.” So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterwards they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’

“I have seen these people,” the LORD said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people. Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.”

But Moses sought the favour of the LORD his God. “O LORD,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance for ever.’” Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

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

New Testament Reading

is from Paul's letter to the Philippians chapter 4 verses 1-9

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise,

think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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 22.1-14

¹Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: ²The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post communion

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

