

NEWSLETTER

Weeks beginning Sundays 7th and 14th April 2024

Second and Third Sundays of Easter

Welcome to this edition of the Newsletter

HE IS RISEN!



Sunday 7th April – Second Sunday of Easter

- Holy Communion at **9.30am** at **St Chad's, Wishaw**
- Service of the Word at **11.15am** at **St John's, Middleton**

Sunday 14th April – Third Sunday of Easter

- Holy Communion at **10.30am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth**

Sunday 21st April – Fourth Sunday of Easter

- Family Communion at **9.30am** at **St Chad's, Wishaw**
- Service of the Word at **11.15am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth**
- Holy Communion at **11.15am** at **St John's, Middleton**

Sunday 28th April – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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



DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
Sunday 7 th April 2nd Sunday of Easter <i>White</i>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
	11.15am	Service of the Word	St John's, Middleton
Wednesday 10 th	6.00pm	Junior Choir	Curdworth Church Hall
	7.15pm	Church Choir	
Thursday 11 th	10.30am	Wishaw Community	St Chad's Church
		Coffee Morning	
Sunday 14 th 3 rd Sunday of Easter <i>White</i>	<u>10.30 am</u>	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	11.30am	ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING	Curdworth Church Hall
Wednesday 17 th	1.45pm	Churchwomen's Guild	Curdworth Church Hall
	6.00pm	Junior Choir	
	7.15pm	Church Choir	
Saturday 20 th	10.00am	Coffee and Croissant Morning	Curdworth Church Hall
Sunday 21 st 4 th Sunday of Easter <i>White</i>	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

HOLY WEEK and EASTER 2024

Thank you to everyone who participated in or came along to any or all of the events/services during Holy Week and Easter. There were certainly many ways of experiencing the journey to the cross and beyond, through music, words and images. We hope you found something which touched you and helped you to feel the transformation from the despair and sadness of Holy Week to the joy of Christ's resurrection on the third day. Happy Easter!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2024 – Sunday 14th April at 11.30am following the morning service (10.30am) at St Nicholas’, Curdworth.

All church members who are on the Electoral Roll are encouraged to attend the service and meeting. At the meeting you will learn about how the church buildings are faring and of plans for future developments. There will be the opportunity to express your views on and ask questions about any church-related issues and to hear from those involved in the running of church groups, activities and services. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (**APCM**) is a **most** important occasion and all church members should do their best to attend.

There are in fact two meetings. The first is to elect **Churchwardens** for the coming year. The Pastoral Scheme for our parish indicates that there should be two churchwardens for each of the three churches. The current position is that Wishaw and Middleton churches each have one Churchwarden and the two Churchwardens for Curdworth are both retiring at this APCM, though they are prepared to continue to serve on the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

The Pastoral Scheme also indicates that each church should have two further lay representatives on the PCC. Currently, Wishaw and Middleton each have one and Curdworth has two. PCC members are trustees with legal responsibilities.

In addition to the PCC, this parish has three District Church Councils (DCCs). DCCs are not legally constituted bodies, but deal with the ‘nitty gritty’ matters relating to the individual churches as well as being mindful and involved in whole-parish matters. DCCs report to the PCC at each of its meetings. Approval for capital expenditure has to be agreed by the PCC. Church members on the electoral roll of the parish can volunteer or be invited to join DCCs.

Application forms have to be completed for election as a Churchwarden and to be a member of the PCC. Application forms must be completed and

submitted before the day of the meeting.

There is also the annual revision of the **Electoral Roll**. This is the church's membership list and all church members over 16 years of age should be included on it. The date for inclusion on this year's revised Electoral Roll has now passed. If you need to be on the Roll, you can apply after the APCM.

CURDWORTH CHURCHWOMEN'S GUILD

invite you to a

"Coffee and Croissants Morning"

Saturday, 20th April between 10.00am and 12 noon

Curdworth Church Hall

Adults £5

Children £2

All welcome!



Advance notice.....

St Chad's Church, Wishaw will be hosting "**Bluebell Teas**" again on Sunday afternoon **28th April** (if the bluebells are early!). Watch this space in case the date changes, and for further details. Tickets will be available, to help us with catering.

WISHAW COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 11th April 10.30am to 12 noon at St Chad's Church, Wishaw

Coffee and cake for everyone. All welcome.

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	Sharon Brown <i>Claire Eldridge</i> Cherie Evans Caroline Lee Jenny Phillips Sue Shelley <i>Elizabeth Walsh</i> Gillian Wiltshire	Adrian Cionnagh <i>Jean Eldridge</i> Jean Giddings <i>Isabella Murphy</i> Ellie Reeves <i>Cathy Smith</i> <i>Peter Wiggins</i> Hollie Wiltshire	<i>Yvette Crawford</i> <i>Amanda Emerson</i> <i>John Henson</i> Helen Parry Lucinda Shelley Barbara Vaughan Barry Wiltshire
Middleton	<i>Jean Nixon</i>		
Wishaw	<i>Isabel Brown</i>	Pat Harris	<i>Cae Hayes</i>
Prayers for those who have died			
Wishaw			



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

Link for online services and meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84233355603?pwd=bmxQMHPCT3RIM28ybFBHRzGdz09>

Meeting ID: 842 3335 5603 Passcode: 746923 You can join us on the phone by dialling 0203 481 5237

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Readings for Sunday 7th April 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

The Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 4

³²The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

is from the first letter of John chapter 1

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – ²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – ³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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.

¹⁹When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to

them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Readings for Sunday 14th April 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

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 3

¹²Peter addressed the people, ‘You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him.

¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.

¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.’

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

is from the first letter of John chapter 3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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.

³⁶While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'

³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

³⁸He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.'

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.

