

Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw

NEWSLETTER

Sundays 20th and 27th July 2025

5th and 6th Sundays after Trinity

Welcome to this edition of the Newsletter



Sunday 20th July – 5rd Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 27th July – 6th Sunday after Trinity

- 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 3rd August – 7th Sunday after Trinity

- 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
- Service of the Word at **11.15am** at **St John's, Middleton** – Mr Andrew Farrow

Sunday 10th August – 8th Sunday after Trinity

- 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

Thank you.....to everyone who supported last week's Ceilidh at Curdworth Village Hall, particularly to our generous sponsors, and to those who came along to join us. Thank you to Brenda and her team for all their hard work once again and on a very hot evening. The total raised was £570.50.

DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
Sunday 20th July	9.30am	Family Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
Trinity 5 Proper 11	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Green	11.15am	Holy Communion	St John's, Middleton
Wednesday 9 th	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Sunday 27th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
Trinity 6 Proper 12	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Green			
Wednesday 23 rd	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Sunday 3rd August	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
Trinity 7 Proper 13	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Green	11.15am	Service of the Word	St John's, Middleton
Wednesday 6 th	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Saturday 9 th	7.30pm	Combined Choirs Concert	Balsall Common
Sunday 10th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
Trinity 8 Proper 14	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Green			
Saturday 16 th	7.30pm	Combined Choirs Concert	Curdworth
Sunday 17th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
Trinity 9 Proper 15	11.15am	Service of the Word	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Green	11.15am	Holy Communion	St John's, Middleton
Thursday 28 th	7.30pm	Combined Choirs Concert	Hampton in Arden



Extravaganza II

'Music for all Seasons'

(A concert programme with something for everyone)



Presented by the choirs of:

St Nicholas, Curdworth,
St Peter, Balsall Common
and

St Mary and St Bartholomew, Hampton-in-Arden

In aid of Curdworth Church

Saturday 16th August 2025
7:30 pm

To be held in Curdworth Church

Glebefields, Curdworth, Sutton Coldfield, B76 9ES

Cost: £5

(school children £2.50)

BYO Drinks and glasses

Raffle



Tickets from

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FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

Harvest Supper4th October venue tbc

Quiz Night8th November at Grounds Farm

Spring Fair.....17th May 2026

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 Adrian Cionnagh <i>Jean Eldridge</i> Barbara Ingram <i>Isabella Murphy</i> Jenny Phillips Sue Shelley <i>Clare Tillson</i> <i>Peter Wiggins</i>	Louise Baudet Sandra Bullivant Chrissy Dance <i>Amanda Emerson</i> Nina Lawley <i>Kayla Norman</i> Tim Rawson <i>Cathy Smith</i> <i>Philip Walsh</i> Barry Wiltshire	<i>Barbara Blaber</i> Louise Christoforou <i>Claire Eldridge</i> Richard Habgood Caroline Lee <i>Helen Parry</i> Ellie Reeves <i>Cody Smith</i> Betty Waters
Middleton	Jo'anne Cole <i>Alan Cochran</i>	<i>Peter Hancock</i>	<i>Jean Nixon</i>
Wishaw	Colin Philpott	Joyce Simmons	Margaret Turner

For the departed	Lindsay Hines	Pat Harris
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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 262

Readings for Sunday 20th July 2025

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
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 book of the prophet Amos chapter 8

¹This is what the Lord GOD showed me – a basket of summer fruit. ²He said, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A basket of summer fruit.' Then the LORD said to me,

'The end has come upon my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by.

³The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,' says the Lord GOD;
'the dead bodies shall be many,
cast out in every place. Be silent!'

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, 'When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practise deceit with false balances,
⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.'

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.
⁸Shall not the land tremble on this account,
and everyone mourn who lives in it,
and all of it rise like the Nile,
and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

⁹On that day, says the Lord GOD,
I will make the sun go down at noon,
and darken the earth in broad daylight.
¹⁰I will turn your feasts into mourning,
and all your songs into lamentation;
I will bring sackcloth on all loins,
and baldness on every head;
I will make it like the mourning for an only son,
and the end of it like a bitter day.

¹¹The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD,
when I will send a famine on the land;
not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water,
but of hearing the words of the LORD.
¹²They shall wander from sea to sea,
and from north to east;
they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD,
but they shall not find it.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

is from the Paul's letter to the Colossians chapter 1

¹⁵Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – ²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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 10.38-42

³⁸Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings for Sunday 27th July 2025

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The First Reading

is from the book of the prophet Hosea chapter 1

When the LORD began to speak through Hosea, the LORD said to him, “Go, take to yourself an adulterous wife and children of unfaithfulness, because the land is guilty of the vilest adultery in departing from the LORD.” So he married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

Then the LORD said to Hosea, “Call him Jezreel, because I will soon punish the house of Jehu for the massacre at Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of Israel. In that day I will break Israel’s bow in the Valley of Jezreel.”

Gomer conceived again and gave birth to a daughter. Then the LORD said to Hosea, “Call her Lo-Ruhamah, for I will no longer show love to the house of Israel, that I should at all forgive them. Yet I will show love to the house of Judah; and I will save them – not by bow, sword or battle, or by horses and horsemen, but by the LORD their God.”

After she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, Gomer had another son. Then the LORD said, “Call him Lo-Ammi, for you are not my people, and I am not your God.

“Yet the Israelites will be like the sand on the seashore, which cannot be measured or counted. In the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people’, they will be called ‘sons of the living God’. The people of Judah and the people of Israel will be reunited, and they will appoint one leader and will come up out of the land, for great will be the day of Jezreel.

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

The Second Reading

is from Paul's letter to the Colossians chapter 2

Brothers and sisters, ⁶as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

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Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 11.1-13

¹He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' ²He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

⁵And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." ⁷And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



