

Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw

NEWSLETTER

Sundays 26th October & 2nd November 2025

Last Sunday after Trinity & 4th Sunday before Advent

Welcome to this edition of the Newsletter



Sunday 26th October – Last 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 2nd November October– 4th Sunday before Advent – (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** – Rev James Parry: preacher 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** at **St Chad's, Wishaw** – Rev James Parry and Mrs Lisa Wilcox

Sunday 9th November – 3rd Sunday before Advent – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

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

DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
Sunday 26th October Last Sunday after Trinity Proper 25 Green	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Tuesday 28 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas' Church
Wednesday 29 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Chad's Church
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 30 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's Church
Sunday 2nd November 4th Sunday before Advent (All Saints' Day) Red	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
	<u>6.30pm</u>	SERVICE OF LOVE AND MEMORY	St Chad's, Wishaw
Monday 3 rd	7.45pm	Curdworth DCC	Curdworth Church Hall
Tuesday 4 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas' Church
Wednesday 5 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Chad's Church
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 6 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's Church
Saturday 8 th	7.30pm	Quiz Night – sold out	Grounds Farm
Sunday 9th 3rd Sunday before Advent REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Red	9.30am	Act of Remembrance with Holy Communion at all three churches	St Chad's, Wishaw
	<u>10.50am</u>		St Nicholas', Curdworth
	<u>10.50am</u>		St John's, Middleton
Tuesday 11 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas' Church
	6.00pm	Middleton DCC	St John's Church
	7.00pm	Middleton Choir	St John's Church

Wednesday 12 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Chad's Church
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 13 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's Church
	10.30am	Wishaw Community Coffee Morning	St Chad's Church
Sunday 16th Second Sunday before Advent Red	9.30am	Family Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Monday 17 th	7.45pm	Parochial Church Council	Curdworth Church Hall

THANK YOU.....to everyone who came to the Harvest Supper at Wishaw Golf Club on 4th October and to all who contributed in any way towards the food and entertainment. Special thanks to the staff at the Golf Club for hosting us once again.



Thank you also to everyone for the gifts for the Food Bank and the photos supplied by Eric, who delivered all of them. Smiling faces as the gifts were gratefully received.

There are a lot of events coming up in the church and local calendars, so please keep an eye on the Diary in this Newsletter and support wherever you can.

Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw



SERVICE OF LOVE AND MEMORY

Sunday, 2nd November 2025
6.30pm

**St Chad's Church,
The Gravel, Wishaw. B76 9QB**

Led by Rev James Parry and Reader Mrs Lisa Wilcox

You are cordially invited to this year's Service of Love and Memory. Friends and family are very welcome to attend as well. The service will offer a quiet time of peace and reflection. You are also invited to stay after the short service for tea and cake.

It would help us if you could complete the slip below and return it by email to margaret_allen69@yahoo.co.uk or by post/hand to 16 Orchard Close, Curdworth.

With best wishes and kind regards from the Ministry Team at the Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw.

Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw

SERVICE OF LOVE AND MEMORY

Sunday 2nd November 2025, 6.30pm at St Chad's Church, Wishaw

Your name.....

I will/will not* be able to attend the Service of Love and Memory.

There will be(insert number) of us attending.

We will/will not* be staying for tea and cake.

The person/people* we are remembering is/are*.....

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*please delete as appropriate

Service of Love and Memory

Those families who have had a funeral conducted by one of the Ministry Team will have been contacted individually, but everyone is invited and welcome to attend. Please let us know if you would like to be there and if you would like a loved one's name mentioned in the service. See reply slip above.

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

at GROVE

Time:

Under 12s £7.50

Includes supper

This is always a popular evening. Order your tickets early to avoid disappointment!

Bar

Raffle



Advent Carol Service

Sunday 30th November

4.00pm St John's, Middleton



St Nicholas Christmas Fair

Saturday 6th December

11.00am-3.00pm

Curdworth Church Hall and Glebefields Circle

Come along and enjoy seasonal refreshments, stalls, last minute gifts, tombola, visit from Santa. Further details to follow.



Isabel Potter would be very grateful to receive any items you have which would be suitable tombola prizes for the St Nicholas Christmas Fair. Many thanks!



Christmas Carol Services 2025

Sunday 14th December at 6.30pm St Chad's, Wishaw

Wednesday 17th December at 7.30pm St Nicholas', Curdworth

Sunday 21st December at 6.30pm St John the Baptist, Middleton

“O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!”



ReminderDATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

Advent Carol Service.....Sunday 30th November 4.00pm at St John's Church, Middleton

St Nicholas Christmas FairSaturday 6th December at Curdworth Church Hall & the Glebefields 'circle'

Ceilidh.....Saturday, 18th April 2026 at Curdworth Village Hall

Spring Fair.....17th May 2026 at Wishaw Church and grounds

Morning Prayer

Rev James Parry is now leading Morning Prayer at **9.00am** on Tuesdays at St Nicholas' Church, Wednesdays at St Chad's Church and on Thursdays at St John's Church. All are welcome.

Also.....The Rector invites you for coffee and cake in the Church Hall, Curdworth on Wednesdays from 10.00am

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

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 Sandra Bullivant Chrissy Dance <i>Amanda Emerson</i> Caroline Lee Jenny Phillips Sue Shelley <i>Clare Tillson</i> Betty Waters	<i>Barbara Blaber</i> Louise Christoforou <i>Claire Eldridge</i> Richard Habgood <i>Isabella Murphy</i> Tim Rawson <i>Cathy Smith</i> <i>Charlotte Twamley-Hayes</i> <i>Peter Wiggins</i>	Sharon Brown Adrian Cionnagh <i>Jean Eldridge</i> Barbara Ingram <i>Helen Parry</i> Ellie Reeves <i>Cody Smith</i> <i>Philip Walsh</i> Barry Wiltshire
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			

Readings for Sunday 26th October 2025

Last Sunday after Trinity **Bible Sunday**

The 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.

The Old Testament Reading

is from the book of the prophet Joel chapter 2

²³O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never
again be put to shame.

²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

²⁸Then afterwards

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

²⁹Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

³⁰I will show portents in the heavens and on the
earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹The sun shall be turned to
darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the
LORD comes. ³²Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be
saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as
the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD
calls.

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

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.

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. ¹⁸The Lord will
rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To
him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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 18.9-14

⁹Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, “God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.” ¹³But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.’

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.

Readings for Sunday 2nd November 2025

Fourth Sunday before Advent All Saints Day

Collect

Almighty and eternal God,
you have kindled the flame of love
in the hearts of the saints:
grant to us the same faith and power of love,
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,

we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;
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 1

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom!
Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!
¹¹What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the LORD;
I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

¹²When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?
Trample my courts no more;
¹³bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.
New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation –
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

¹⁴Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings
from before my eyes;

cease to do evil,
¹⁷learn to do good;

seek justice,
rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan,
plead for the widow.

¹⁸Come now, let us argue it out,
says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

is from the second letter to the Thessalonians chapter 1

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

³We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right,
because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for
one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the
churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions
and the afflictions that you are enduring.

⁵This is evidence of the righteous judgement of God, and is intended to make
you worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering. ⁶For it is
indeed just of God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, ⁷and to give
relief to the afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from
heaven with his mighty angels ⁸in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who
do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.
⁹These will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, separated from the
presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, ¹⁰when he comes to be
glorified by his saints and to be marvelled at on that day among all who have
believed, because our testimony to you was believed. ¹¹To this end we always
pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfil
by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹²so that the name of our
Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of
our God and the Lord Jesus 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 19.1-10

¹Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome Jesus. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' ⁹Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.