

Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw

NEWSLETTER

Sundays 23rd & 30th November 2025

Sunday last before Advent & 2nd Advent Sunday



Welcome to this edition of the Newsletter

Sunday 23rd November – Sunday next before Advent **Christ the King**

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

Sunday 30th November – 1st Sunday of Advent

- Holy Communion at **9.30am** at **St Chad's, Wishaw** – Rev James Parry
- Holy Communion at **11.15am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth** – The Rector
- Advent Carol Service at **3.00pm** at **St John's, Middleton** – Rev James Parry

Sunday 7th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 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

Sunday 14th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 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
- **CAROL SERVICE** at **6.30pm** at **St Chad's, Wishaw**

DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
Sunday 23rd November Sunday next before Advent Christ the King Red	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
	11.15am	Family Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Tuesday 25 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas' Church
	7.00pm	Middleton Choir	St John's Church
Wednesday 26 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Chad's Church
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 27 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's Church
Saturday 29 th	10.00am	ADVENT PRAYER DAY	St Nicholas' Church
	10.00am	Choir singing at.....	Coppice Garden Centre
Sunday 30th 1st Sunday of Advent Purple	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	<u>3.00pm</u>	ADVENT CAROL SERVICE	St John's, Middleton
Tuesday 2 nd December	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas' Church
	7.00pm	Middleton Choir	St John's Church
Wednesday 3 rd	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Chad's Church
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 4 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's Church
Saturday 6 th	11.00am	St Nicholas' Christmas Fair	Curdworth Church Hall
Sunday 7th 2nd Sunday of Advent Purple	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
Tuesday 9 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas' Church
	7.00pm	Middleton Choir	St John's Church
Wednesday 10 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Chad's Church
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall

Thursday 11th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's Church
	10.30am	Wishaw Community Coffee Morning	St Chad's Church
Sunday 14 th 3 rd Sunday of Advent Purple	11.15am	Service of the Word	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St John's Church
	<u>6.30pm</u>	CAROL SERVICE	St Chad's, Wishaw

Wishaw Community Coffee Morning

Thursday 11th December

10.30am -12.00

St Chad's Church

**Come and join us for a festive morning of carols,
cakes, coffee and games.**

All are welcome!

QUIZ NIGHT at GROUNDS FARM

**Thank you to everyone who supported the Quiz Night,
to Steve Blaber for preparing the questions and being Quizmaster and
especially to Anne and David Mitchell for their wonderful hospitality.**

The evening raised £814.50!

Advent Prayer Day

Saturday, 29th November

10.00am – 4.00pm

St Nicholas' Church, Curdworth

Led by Rev James Parry

“There will be prayer stations around the church for you to look at and reflect on.

I will be there from 10 till 4 if you just need a chat.
Please drop in for a little peace and quiet reflection.”

Rev James



Advent Carol Service

Sunday 30th November

3.00pm St John's, Middleton

Join us for
music and readings for Advent



St Nicholas Christmas Fair

Saturday 6th December

11.00am-3.00pm

Curdworth Church Hall and Glebefields Circle

Come along and enjoy seasonal refreshments, stalls, find 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!

And **Margaret Allen** would be equally pleased to receive any gifts you can give for a Christmas Raffle. Thank you.

Also, could you bake a cake or cup cakes or scones etc? Please let us know!



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 Prayer Day.....Saturday 29th November 10-4 at St Nicholas' Church, Curdworth

Advent Carol Service.....Sunday 30th November 3.00pm at St John's Church, Middleton

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

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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 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	Gary Baker 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>
Middleton	Jo'anne Cole <i>Alan Cochran</i>	<i>Peter Hancock</i> Clinton Smith	<i>Jean Nixon</i>
Wishaw	Colin Philpott Pauline Nelmes	Joyce Simmons	Margaret Turner
For the departed	Jean Giddings	Peter Taroni	

Readings for Sunday 23rd November 2025

Sunday next before Advent

The Collect

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
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 Jeremiah chapter 23

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading

is from Paul's letter to the Colossians chapter 1

Brothers and sisters: ¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure

everything with patience, ¹²while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He 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.

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 23.33-43

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴²Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Post communion

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings for Sunday 30th November 2025

First Sunday of Advent

The Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him 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 Isaiah chapter 2

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

In the last days

the mountain of the LORD'S temple will be established
as chief among the mountains;
it will be raised above the hills,
and all nations will stream to it.

Many peoples will come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths.”

The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He will judge between the nations
and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into ploughshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war any more.

Come, O house of Jacob,
let us walk in the light of the LORD.”

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading

is from Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 13

¹¹Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 24.36-44

Jesus said: “No-one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day

Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Post communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.