

Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw

NEWSLETTER

Sundays 1st and 8th February 2026

**Presentation of Christ in the Temple/Candlemas
and Second Sunday before Lent**



Welcome to this edition of the Newsletter

Sunday 1st February – Presentation of Christ in the Temple/Candlemas

- 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 8th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

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

Sunday 15th February – Sunday next before Lent

- Family Communion at **9.30am** at **St Chad's, Wishaw** – The Rector
- 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

Wednesday 18th February – ASH WEDNESDAY

- Holy Communion with the Imposition of ashes at **7.30pm** at **St Chad's, Wishaw** – The Rector

DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
Sunday 1st February Presentation of Christ in the Temple/Candlemas White	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 3 rd	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas' Church
Wednesday 4 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Chad's Church
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 5 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's Church
Saturday 7 th		Wedding Preparation Day	Curdworth Church Hall/Church
Sunday 8th 2nd Sunday before Lent Proper 1 Green	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
	11.15am	Family Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Tuesday 10 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas' Church
	7.30pm	Middleton DCC	Park Farm
Wednesday 11 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Chad's Church
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 12 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's Church
	10.30am	Wishaw Community Coffee Morning	St Chad's Church
Sunday 15th Sunday next before Lent Proper 2 Green	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
Tuesday 17 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas' Church
Wednesday 18 th ASH WEDNESDAY	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Chad's, Wishaw
	7.30pm		St Chad's, Wishaw

		Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes	
Saturday 21 st	10.00am- 4.00pm	LENT PRAYER DAY	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Sunday 22 nd	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
1 st Sunday of Lent Purple	11.15am	Family Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth

Wishaw Community Coffee Morning

Thursday 12th February 10.00am to 12.00 noon

St Chad's Church, Wishaw

Come and enjoy some memory games,
coffee and homemade cakes.

Everyone is welcome!



ReminderDATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

2026

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
N.B. On the Wednesdays of Lent , beginning 25th February there will also be a Lent Lunch available – homemade soup and bread roll

Floodlighting

St Nicholas' Church is being floodlit at the end of March.

This is a reminder that you can still sponsor the floodlighting in memory of a loved one or to mark a special birthday or anniversary.

Contact Sue Hemmings or Barbara Kelsey for further details

Sponsorship is £5 per night



Watch this space for news about a proposed "Games Night". It promises to be a lot of fun!

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> Caroline Lee Tim Rawson <i>Cathy Smith</i> <i>Charlotte Twamley-Hayes</i> <i>Peter Wiggins</i>	Gary Baker Sandra Bullivant Chrissy Dance <i>Amanda Emerson</i> <i>Isabella Murphy</i> Ellie Reeves <i>Cody Smith</i> <i>Philip Walsh</i> Barry Wiltshire	<i>Barbara Blaber</i> Louise Christoforou <i>Claire Eldridge</i> Barbara Ingram <i>Helen Parry</i> Sue Shelley <i>Clare Tillson</i> Betty Waters
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 Cae Hayes	Margaret Turner
For the departed	Bill Lowe	Mary Matthewman	

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

Readings for Sunday 1st February 2026

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son
was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by 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 Old Testament Reading

Is from the book of the prophet Malachi chapter 3

Thus says the Lord God: ¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The New Testament Reading

is from a letter to the Hebrews chapter 2

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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Thanks be to God

The Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 2.22-40

When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons”.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you now dismiss your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all people,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Post communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

Readings for Sunday 8th February 2026

Second Sunday before Lent

Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.
Amen

The Old Testament Reading

is from the book of Genesis chapter 1

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there

was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so.

⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so.

¹⁶God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;

male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The New Testament Reading

is from Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 8

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, ²¹in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 6.25-34

Jesus said: "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the

body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

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Praise to you, O Christ

Post communion

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

