

Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 15th, Ash Wednesday 18th and Sunday 22nd February 2026

Sunday next before Lent, Ash Wednesday and the First Sunday of Lent



Welcome to this edition of the Newsletter

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

Sunday 22nd February – 1st Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday 1st March – Sunday next before Lent

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

DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
Sunday 15th February Sunday next before Lent 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	10.00am	Ash Wednesday Service	St Nicholas' Church
	7.30pm	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes	St Chad's Church
Thursday 19 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's Church
Saturday 21 st	10.00am- 4.00pm	LENT PRAYER DAY	St Nicholas' Church
Sunday 22nd 1st Sunday of Lent Purple	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
	11.15am	Family Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	7.00- 8.30pm	LENT GROUP	Curdworth Church Hall
Monday 23 rd	2.00pm	Ministry Team	Curdworth Church Hall
Tuesday 24 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas' Church
	7.30pm	Middleton Choir Practice	St John's Church
Wednesday 25 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Chad's Church
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 26 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's Church
Sunday 1st March 2nd Sunday of Lent 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
	7.00pm	LENT GROUP	Curdworth Church Hall
Tuesday 3 rd	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas' Church
	7.30pm	Middleton Choir Practice	St John's Church
Wednesday 4 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Chad's, Wishaw

	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 5 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's Church
Saturday 7 th	7.30pm	IRISH NIGHT	Middleton Village Hall
Sunday 8th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
3rd Sunday of Lent	11.15am	Family Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Purple	7.00pm	LENT GROUP	Curdworth Church Hall



Lent Prayer Day –

Saturday 21st February –

With Rev James Parry

Drop in any time between **10.00am – 4.00pm**

Prayer stations – time to reflect in the quiet of

St Nicholas' Church



LENT

You are invited to this year's Lent Group
on Sundays 22nd February and 1st, 8th and 22nd March
from 7.00pm to 8.30pm in
Curdworth Church Hall.

Light refreshments will be served.

Discussions will focus on chapters from St John's Gospel.

All welcome.



PALM SUNDAY 29th March

A Service of Music and Readings for Palm Sunday and Holy Week

Leading us from the triumph of Palm Sunday to the desolation of
the Crucifixion, with Middleton Choir at St John's, Middleton

"God so loved the world"

6.30pm

Wednesday 1st April – 7.30pm
Holy Week and Easter Music and Readings
at St Nicholas' Church Curdworth



Follow in the steps of Christ, with St Nicholas' Choir,
leading to the Crucifixion and Resurrection

ReminderDATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

2026

IRISH NIGHT...Saturday, 7th March at Middleton Village Hall

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

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



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

Morning Prayer – don't forget.....

Rev James Parry is 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

EASTER LILIES – It's probably not too early to mention Easter Lilies – if you would like to remember a loved one by giving a donation towards the cost of the lilies, please put your donation in an envelope. Mark the envelope "Easter Lilies" and put a note inside with the name(s) of those you would like to remember. Names will be read out in church on Easter Day.

You can hand your envelope to Isabel Potter at St Nicholas', Margaret Allen at St Chad's and Jo Hollis at St John's. Please see below in this Newsletter for payee details if you wish to donate by cheque.



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> 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			

Readings for Sunday 15th February 2026

Sunday next before Lent

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
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 Exodus chapter 24

¹²The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The New Testament Reading

is from the second letter of Peter chapter 1

¹⁶We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.

¹⁷For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with

whom I am well pleased.' ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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 17.1-9

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Post communion

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings for Ash Wednesday 18th February 2026

Ash Wednesday

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
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 Old Testament Reading

is from the book of the prophet Joel chapter 2

¹Blow the trumpet in Zion;
 sound the alarm on my holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
 for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near –
²a day of darkness and gloom,
 a day of clouds and thick darkness!
Like blackness spread upon the mountains
 a great and powerful army comes;
their like has never been from of old,
 nor will be again after them
 in ages to come.
¹²Yet even now, says the LORD,
 return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
 ¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the LORD, your God,
 for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
 and relents from punishing.
¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
 and leave a blessing behind him,

a grain-offering and a drink-offering
for the LORD, your God?
¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sanctify a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
¹⁶gather the people.
Sanctify the congregation;
assemble the aged;
gather the children,
even infants at the breast.
Let the bridegroom leave his room,
and the bride her canopy.
¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep.
Let them say, 'Spare your people, O LORD,
and do not make your heritage a mockery,
a byword among the nations.
Why should it be said among the peoples,
"Where is their God?"'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The New Testament Reading

is from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians chapters 5 and 6

²⁰We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

'At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.'

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and

yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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Thanks be to God

The Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

Jesus said to the disciples, ¹'Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

²So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Post communion

Almighty God,
you have given your only Son to be for us
both a sacrifice for sin
and also an example of godly life:

give us grace
that we may always most thankfully receive
these his inestimable gifts,
and also daily endeavour
to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings for Sunday 22nd February 2026

First Sunday of Lent

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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 Old Testament Reading

is from the book of Genesis chapters 2 and 3

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' ²The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the

eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The New Testament Reading

is from Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 5

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – ¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one person's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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 4.1-11

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴But he answered, 'It is written,
"One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you”, and “On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”’

⁷Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹and he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’ ¹⁰Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

“Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Post communion

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



