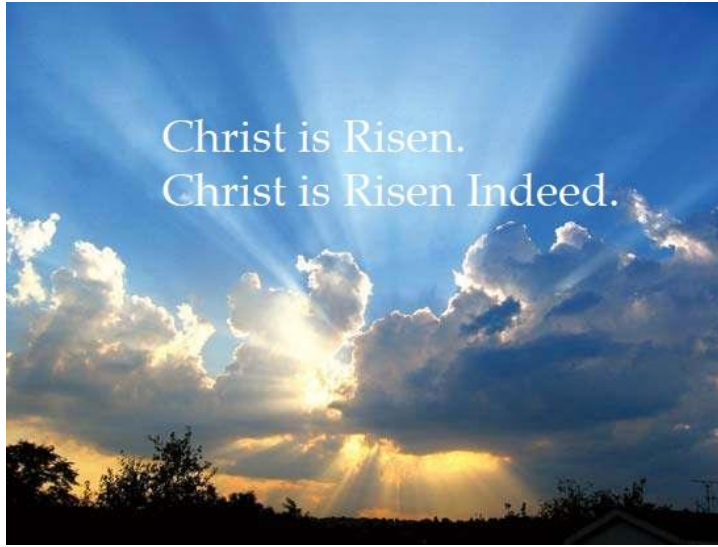


*Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw*

# NEWSLETTER

**Sundays 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Easter**



**Welcome to this edition of the Newsletter**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Third Sunday of Easter**

- Family Communion at **9.30am** at **St Chad's, Wishaw** – Rev James Parry
- 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; preacher Mr Andrew Farrow

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

- All Age Worship 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 10<sup>th</sup> May – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

- Holy Communion at **10.30am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth** – The Rector

Followed by the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** in the Church Hall

## DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Family Communion</b>	<b>St Chad's, Wishaw</b>
<b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>  <b>White</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>	<b>St Nicholas', Curdworth</b>
	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St John's, Middleton</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Ministry Team	Curdworth Church Hall
	7.45pm	Parochial Church Council	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Church
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Chad's, Wishaw
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Morning Prayer	St John's, Middleton
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Chad's, Wishaw</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>  <b>White</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Family Communion</b>	<b>St Nicholas', Curdworth</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<i>7.45pm</i>	<i>Curdworth DCC * if needed</i>	<i>Curdworth Church Hall</i>
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	7.30pm	Wishaw DCC	The Cock Inn at Wishaw
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Chad's, Wishaw
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Middleton
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	9.30am	All Age Worship	St Chad's, Wishaw
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>  <b>White</b>	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	11.15am	Service of the Word	St John's, Middleton
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Curdworth
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Chad's, Wishaw
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Middleton

Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>		<b>CHRISTIAN AID WEEK FROM</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter		<b>10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
White	<u>10.30am</u>	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	11.45am	ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING	Curdworth Church Hall



## **PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

Thank you to everyone who supported the services and events held from Palm Sunday until Easter Day.

We hope your journey was thought-provoking, emotional and joyful in equal measure.

# Ceilidh Night – Last few Tickets available now!

Join us for a lively evening of dance in good company

Featuring live music from members of The Organ Grinders!

**Date:** Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026 **Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** Curdworth Village Hall

**Tickets:** £12.50 (Adults) · £6 (Under 12s)

- *Ploughman's Supper included* **BYO drinks and glasses**
- **Raffle with great prizes! Interval games for everyone**

**Don't miss out—gather your friends and family for a fantastic night!**

**In aid of St Chad's Church, Wishaw.**

**Contact Margaret 07778 458789 for tickets**

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – APCM**

This year's APCM is to be held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May after the morning service at St Nicholas', Curdworth. This is the annual opportunity to find out what has been happening in all aspects of church life over the last year and to scrutinise the accounts.

All church members are encouraged to attend. If you attend church regularly, but are not on the Electoral Roll (the church's register of membership), and would like to be included on the Roll, please complete an application form as soon as possible so that your name can be added in time for the APCM.

## **Reminder .....DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....**

**Spring Fair.....Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May at Wishaw Church and grounds**

**Quiz Night.....Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November at Wishaw Golf Club**

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](mailto:margaret_allen69@yahoo.co.uk) 07778 458 789 or [n.w.phillips@live.com](mailto: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.

<b>Prayers for the sick</b>			
<b>Curdworth</b>	Roy Allen Sharon Brown Adrian Cionnagh <i>Amanda Emerson</i> Caroline Lee <i>Jenny Phillips</i> Sue Shelley <i>Charlotte Twamley-Hayes</i> <i>Peter Wiggins</i>	Gary Baker Sandra Bullivant <i>Claire Eldridge</i> <i>Margaret Heape</i> <i>Isabella Murphy</i> Tim Rawson <i>Cody Smith</i> <i>Philip Walsh</i> Barry Wiltshire	<i>Barbara Blaber</i> Louise Christoforou <i>Jean Eldridge</i> Barbara Ingram <i>Helen Parry</i> Ellie Reeves <i>Clare Tillson</i> Betty Waters
<b>Middleton</b>	Jo'anne Cole <i>Alan Cochran</i>	<i>Peter Hancock</i> Clinton Smith	<i>Jean Nixon</i>
<b>Wishaw</b>	Colin Philpott Pauline Nelmes	Joyce Simmons Cae Hayes	Rachel Way
<b>For the departed</b>			

**CHRIST IS RISEN!  
HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

We are now in the season of Sundays after Easter – six of them! We are learning about the first days of the early Christian church. What a time of turmoil as the friends of Jesus stepped into the unknown without his physical presence to support them. There would have been the all too familiar jostling for position, heated discussions, disagreements and fear – were they following the lead of Jesus as he wanted them to? Had they learned enough from him to give them the knowledge, understanding, strength and determination to go out and spread the good news of Jesus Christ? Sounds familiar?

The answer to all of those questions is of course, yes. That doesn't mean the way forward is always easy or comfortable or without sacrifice. It does mean that we, like them, have Jesus to turn to in prayer whenever we feel in need of support or strength to deal with whatever life throws at us.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, forty days after Easter, is Ascension Day, when we mark Jesus' ascension to heaven, and ten days later Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. This marks the birth of the Church, when the Apostles began their mission to spread that Good News.

# Readings for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## Third Sunday of Easter

### Collect

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
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 First Reading

*is from Acts of the Apostles chapter 2*

On the day of Pentecost, <sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, <sup>36</sup>‘Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

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 24.13-35*

<sup>13</sup>On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ <sup>19</sup>Jesus asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.’ <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Post communion**

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# Readings for Sunday 26th April 2026

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### The First Reading

*is from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 2*

Many were baptized and were added to the community. <sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### The Gospel

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 10.1-10*

Jesus said to the Pharisees: <sup>1</sup>'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' <sup>6</sup>Jesus used

this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

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

### **Post communion**

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

