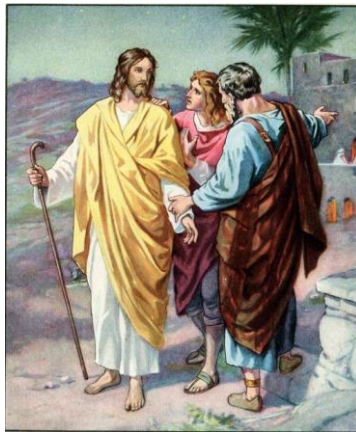


Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw

NEWSLETTER

Sundays 3rd, 10th and 17th May 2026

**5th and 6th Sundays of Easter, Ascension Day and
7th Sunday of Easter – Sunday after the
Ascension**



Welcome to this edition of the Newsletter

Sunday 3rd 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
- Holy Communion at **11.15am** at **St John's, Middleton** –
Rev Canon Frank Longbottom

Sunday 10th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Thursday 14th May – ASCENSION DAY

- **Ascension Day Service** at **7.30pm** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth**- Mrs Lisa Wilcox

Sunday 17th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter/ Sunday after Ascension Day

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

Sunday 24th May – DAY OF PENTECOST (Whit Sunday)

- Holy Communion at **9.30am** at **St Chad's, Wishaw** – Rev James Parry
- Family Communion at **11.15am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth** – Rev James Parry
- Bread Roll Service at **3.00pm** at **St John's, Middleton** – Rev James Parry

DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
Sunday 3 rd May	9.30am	All Age Worship	St Chad's, Wishaw
5 th Sunday of Easter	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
<i>White</i>	11.15am	Holy Communion	St John's, Middleton
Tuesday 5 th	9.00am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Church
Wednesday 6 th	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 7 th	7.30pm	Morning Prayer	St John's, Middleton
		CHRISTIAN AID WEEK FROM 10th - 16th May	
Sunday 10 th	<u>10.30am</u>	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
7 th Sunday of Easter	c.11.45/12.00	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Curdworth Church Hall
<i>White</i>			
Tuesday 12 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Wednesday 13 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Chad's, Wishaw
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 14 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Middleton
ASCENSION DAY	10.30am	Wishaw Community Coffee Morning	Curdworth Church Hall
<i>White</i>	7.30pm	Ascension Day Service	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Sunday 17 th May	9.30am	Family Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
8 th Sunday of Easter/ Sunday after Ascension Day	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
<i>White</i>	2.00pm-5.00pm	SPRING FAIR	St Chad's Church and grounds
Tuesday 19 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas' Curdworth
Wednesday 20 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Chad's, Wishaw
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 21 st	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Middleton

Sunday 24th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
PENTECOST/Whit Sunday <i>Red</i>	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	3.00pm	Bread Roll Service	St John's, Middleton
Tuesday 25 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Wednesday 25 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Chad's, Wishaw
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 26 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Middleton
Sunday 31st TRINITY SUNDAY <i>White</i>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
	11.15am	Family Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St John's, Middleton

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – APCM

This year's APCM is to be held on Sunday 10th 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.

There are actually two meetings – the first is for the **Election of Churchwardens**.

The second is the **APCM** and during this there are elections to the **Parochial Church Council** and the **Deanery Synod**. The Deanery Synod is the next level below the **Diocesan Synod** and members of the Diocesan Synod elect representatives to the **General Synod of the Church of England**. A diagram would probably explain that better!

PCC members represent members of the congregations and they can be asked to bring an issue (positive or negative!) to the PCC.

If you would like to serve on the PCC for 2026-7, all you need to do is collect an application form from one of the churches and ask two people (who must be on the Electoral Roll) to propose and second your application. Each of our churches can have three representatives in addition to the Churchwardens and Deanery Synod members, who are automatically on the PCC. The clergy are also on the PCC and retired Clergy and Lay Readers are usually co-opted.

All church members are encouraged to attend the APCM. 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.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 202610th - 6th May

“Christian Aid Week is our shared moment to come together – across churches, communities and households – to stand alongside people living in poverty.

For one focused week, thousands of people across Britain and Ireland give, fundraise, pray and act together. This Christian Aid Week, your support could help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children.

Most parents wake every single day knowing that they must go and earn money, otherwise their children won't eat that evening. Fridah knows this reality well. But she's determined to protect her grandchildren from hunger.

Through our partner, **Beacon of Hope**, she's received tools, seeds and training to grow fresh vegetables in a small city space – food she can cook for her family or sell to earn income. She says, *'Now I can plan. I can buy this; I can buy that. I can help my family.'* “

Quoted from Christian Aid website



ReminderDATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

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

Harvest Supper.....Saturday 3rd October at Wishaw Golf Club

Quiz Night.....Saturday 28th November at Wishaw Golf Club



Spring Fair

St Chad's Church, Wishaw, B76 9QB

Sunday 17th May

2pm - 5pm

Climb the bell tower

Watch a sculptor at work

CPR demonstration

Meet the Guide Dogs

Handmade semi-precious jewellery

Local honey

Plants, Books and Cards

Tombola and other games

Samosas

Tea and Cakes

Wishaw Community Coffee Morning

Thursday May 14th.

10.30am - 12.00 noon

Curdworth Church Hall

Come and join us for a quiz, for coffee and for cake.



QUIZ

Ascension Day – Thursday 14th May – 7.30pm

Mrs Lisa Wilcox will be leading a service at St Nicholas' Church to mark the Ascension. Being celebrated on a week day, Ascension can often be neglected, so do make the most of this opportunity. When he ascended, Jesus left the apostles to put what he had taught them into practice without his physical presence - a daunting challenge for them – but ten days later we mark the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Whit Sunday).

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>Amanda Emerson</i> <i>Clive Jones</i> <i>Helen Parry</i> Ellie Reeves <i>Clare Tillson</i> Betty Waters	Gary Baker Sandra Bullivant <i>Claire Eldridge</i> <i>Margaret Heape</i> Caroline Lee <i>Jenny Phillips</i> Sue Shelley <i>Charlotte Twamley-Hayes</i> <i>Peter Wiggins</i>	<i>Barbara Blaber</i> Louise Christoforou <i>Jean Eldridge</i> Barbara Ingram <i>Isabella Murphy</i> Tim Rawson <i>Cody Smith</i> <i>Philip Walsh</i> Barry Wiltshire
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	Rachel Way
For the departed			

Readings for Sunday 3rd May 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
 you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord

Amen

The First Reading

is from Acts of the Apostles chapter 7

Standing before the high priest and the council, ⁵⁵Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Second Reading

is from the first letter of Peter chapter 2

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

 ‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
 a cornerstone chosen and precious;
 and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

 ‘The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the very head of the corner’,

⁸and

‘A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.’

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people,

but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

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 14.1-14

Jesus said: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Post communion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

Readings for Sunday 10th May 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen

The First Reading

is from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 17

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we too are his offspring.”

²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God

has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Second Reading

is from the first letter of Peter chapter 3

1 Peter 3.13-22

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 14.15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹⁵'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those

who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

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

Post communion

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

Readings for Sunday 17th May 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter/Sunday after Ascension

Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
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 the Acts of the Apostles chapter 1

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in

white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Second Reading

is from the first letter of Peter chapters 4&5

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

⁶Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power 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 John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 17.1-11

¹Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

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

Post communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

