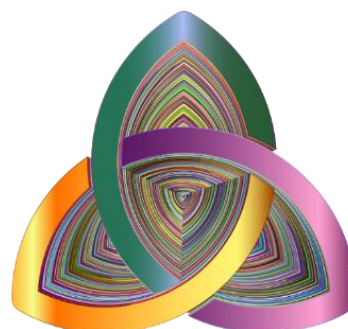
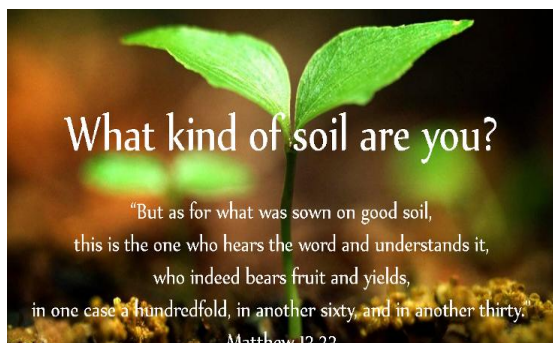


Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw

NEWSLETTER

Sundays 19th and 26th July 2026



7th and 8th Sundays after Trinity

Welcome to this edition of the Newsletter

Sunday 19th July – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

- Holy 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 Frank Longbottom

Sunday 26th July – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 2nd August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

- Holy Communion 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 9th August – Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 16th August – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

- 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

DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
Sunday 19th July	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
Seventh Sunday after Trinity	11.15am	Service of the Word	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Green	11.15am	Holy Communion	St John's, Middleton
Tuesday 21 st	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Wednesday 22 nd	10.00am	Cana Café	Curdworth Church Hall
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	
Sunday 26th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
Eighth Sunday after Trinity	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Green			
Tuesday 28 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas' Curdworth
Wednesday 29 th	10.00am	Cana Café	Curdworth Church Hall
Sunday 2nd August	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
Ninth Sunday after Trinity	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Green	11.15am	Service of the Word	St John's, Middleton
Tuesday 4 th	9.00am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Curdworth
Wednesday 5 th	10.00am	Cana Café	Curdworth Church Hall
Sunday 9th August	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
Tenth Sunday after Trinity	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Green			
Tuesday 11 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Wednesday 12 th	10.00am	Cana Café	Curdworth Church Hall
Sunday 16th	11.15am	Service of the Word	St Nicholas, Curdworth
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	11.15am	Holy Communion	St John's, Middleton
Green			
Tuesday 18 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Wednesday 19 th	10.00am	Cana Café	Curdworth Church Hall

ReminderDATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

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

Christmas Fair.....Saturday 14th November at Curdworth Church and Hall

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

Wishaw Community Coffee Morning

Thursday August 13th.
10.30am - 12.00 noon
St Chad's Church, Wishaw



Coffee and homemade cakes

Everyone welcome

Harvest Festivals 2026



- Sunday 13th September – 11.15am – St Nicholas', Curdworth
- Sunday 20th September – 3.00pm – St John's, Middleton
- Sunday 4th October – 9.30am – St Chad's, Wishaw



Bell ringers required!

Come and learn the ancient craft of bell ringing

St Chad's Church, Wishaw
Thursday evenings 7.00-8.00pm

You need to be over 15 years of age
and in good health

Need more information?

Ring Brenda on 07757 217 353 or 0121 323 2137

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

Readings for Sunday 19th July 2026

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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 Genesis chapter 28

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called that place Bethel.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Second Reading

is from Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 8

Romans 8.12-25

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh
- ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to

death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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, in hope ²¹that 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 13.24-30,36-43

²⁴Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.

²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well.

²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

³⁶Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' ³⁷He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire,

so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Post communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

Readings for Sunday 26th July 2026

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
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 Genesis chapter 29

¹⁵Laban said to Jacob, ‘Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?’ ¹⁶Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful

and beautiful. ¹⁸Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' ¹⁹Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' ²⁰So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. ²¹Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.'

²²So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. ²³But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. ²⁴(Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) ²⁵When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' ²⁶Laban said, 'This is not done in our country giving the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.' ²⁸Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Second Reading

is from Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 8

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, ³⁹nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 13.31-33,44-52

³¹Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' ³³He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

⁴⁴The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵²And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Post communion

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
 be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise
be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
 shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
 be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

Amen.

