

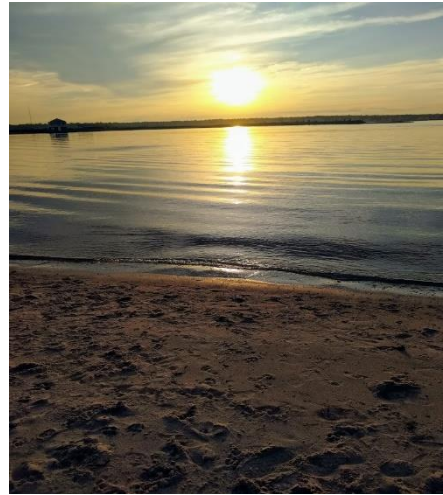
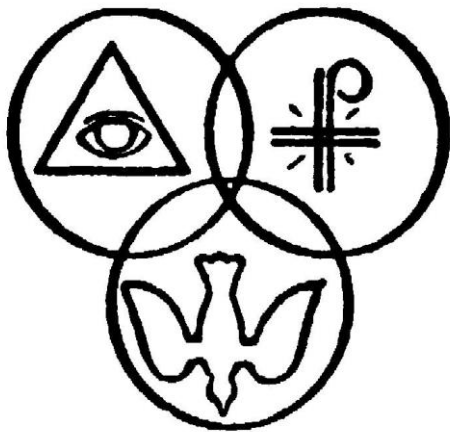
Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw

NEWSLETTER

Sundays 5th and 12th July 2026

5th and 6th Sundays after Trinity

Welcome to this edition of the Newsletter



Sunday 5th July – Fifth Sunday after Trinity

- 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 12th July – Sixth Sunday after Trinity – Sea Sunday

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

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 Canon Frank Longbottom

Sunday 26th July – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

- 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

DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
Sunday 5th July	9.30am	All Age Worship	St Chad's, Wishaw
Fifth Sunday after Trinity	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
<i>Green</i>	11.15am	Service of the Word	St John's, Middleton
Tuesday 7 th	9.00am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Wednesday 8 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Chad's, Wishaw
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Curdworth Church Hall
Thursday 9 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Middleton
	10.30am	Wishaw Community Coffee Morning	St Chad's Church
Saturday 11 th	2.00pm - 5.00pm	Middleton Fete and Horticultural Show	Middleton Village Green
Sunday 12th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
Sixth Sunday after Trinity	11.15am	Family Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
<i>Green</i>			
Tuesday 14 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas' Curdworth
Wednesday 15 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Chad's, Wishaw
	1.45pm	Women's Guild	Curdworth Church Hall
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	
Thursday 16 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Middleton
Saturday 18 th	4.00pm	Summer Barbecue	Rectory Garden
Sunday 19th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
Seventh Sunday after Trinity	11.15am	Service of the Word	St Nicholas', Curdworth
<i>Green</i>	11.15am	Holy Communion	St John's, Middleton
Monday 20 th	2.00pm	Ministry Team	Curdworth Church Hall
Tuesday 21 st	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Chad's, Wishaw

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 July 9th.
10.30am - 12.00 noon
St Chad's Church, Wishaw



Coffee and homemade cakes

Everyone welcome

And.....**DON'T FORGET**.....

**COFFEE AND CROISSANTS at Curdworth Church Hall,
hosted by
Curdworth Church Women's Guild**



SATURDAY 4TH JULY 10.00am-12noon

All welcome!

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

Curdworth Church Women's Guild

Curdworth Church Women's Guild next meeting at **1.45pm** on
Wednesday 15th July at Curdworth Church Hall.
Visitors are more than welcome.



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



Saturday July 11th 2026 2-5pm

GAMES STALLS

Splat the Rat ~ Egg Catching ~ Inflatables ~ Archery ~
Coconut Shy ~ Skittles ~ Teddy Bear Parachute ~ Hobby
Horse Jumps ~ Human Fruit Machine ~ Inflatables



Saturday July 11th 2026 2-5pm

**TEDDY BEAR PARACHUTE
JUMP.....**

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR
OWN BEARS!**



Saturday July 11th 2026 2-5pm

REGULAR STALLS

Penny's Emporium ~ Horticultural Tent ~ Plant Sales
Bottles and Cans ~ Grand Draw ~ Pets Corner ~ Police
Fire Service ~ Dog Show ~ Ice Cream ~ BBQ ~ Bar

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 Richard Crowe <i>Amanda Emerson</i> Barbara Ingram <i>Helen Parry</i> Sue Shelley <i>Charlotte Twamley-Hayes</i> <i>Peter Wiggins</i>	Gary Baker <i>Claire Eldridge</i> <i>Margaret Heape</i> Caroline Lee Tim Rawson <i>Cody Smith</i> <i>Philip Walsh</i> Barry Wiltshire	<i>Barbara Blaber</i> Adrian Cionnagh <i>Jean Eldridge</i> <i>Joanne Humphries</i> <i>Isabella Murphy</i> Ellie Reeves <i>Clare Tillson</i> Betty Waters Gillian 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	Yvonne Brison	Clive Jones	

Readings for Sunday 5th July 2026

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
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 24

The servant whom Abraham had sent said to Laban: ³⁴I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. ³⁶And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. ³⁷My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; ³⁸but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son."

⁴²I came today to the spring, and said, "O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! ⁴³I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' ⁴⁴and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also' – let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son."

⁴⁵Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink."
⁴⁶She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels. ⁴⁷Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. ⁴⁸Then I bowed my head and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. ⁴⁹Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.'

⁵⁸And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' ⁵⁹So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. ⁶⁰And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,
'May you, our sister, become

thousands of myriads;
may your offspring gain possession
of the gates of their foes.'

⁶¹Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

⁶²Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. ⁶³Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. ⁶⁴And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, ⁶⁵and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Second Reading

is from Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 7

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good.

¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand.

²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ 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 11.16-19,25-30

At that time Jesus said, ¹⁶'To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

¹⁷'"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;

we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.

²⁵I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Post communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings for Sunday 12th July 2026

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding;
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The First Reading

is from Genesis chapter 25

¹⁹These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²²The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the LORD.

²³And the LORD said to her,

'Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger.'

²⁴When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. ²⁶Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) ³¹Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' ³²Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' ³³Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Second Reading

is from Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 8

¹There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of

righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

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Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

¹Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!

¹⁸Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Post communion

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

