

Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw

NEWSLETTER

Sundays 20th and 27th September 2026



16th and 17th Sundays after Trinity

Sunday 20th September – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

- Family Communion at **9.30am** at **St Chad's, Wishaw** – Rev James Parry
- Holy communion at **11.15am** at **St Nicholas', Curdworth** – Rev James Parry
- **HARVEST** Holy Communion at **11.15am** at **St John's, Middleton** –
Rev Canon Frank Longbottom

Sunday 27th September – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 4th October – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

- **HARVEST** 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 11th October – Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Note
Sunday 20th September 16th Sunday after Trinity Proper 20 <i>Green</i>	9.30am	Family Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	11.15am	HARVEST Holy Communion	St John's, Middleton
Monday 21 st	7.45pm	Parochial Church Council	Curdworth Church Hall
Tuesday 22 nd	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Wednesday 23 rd	10.00am	Cana Café	Curdworth Church Hall
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	
Sunday 27th September 17th Sunday after Trinity Proper 21 <i>Green</i>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Wishaw
	11.15am	Family Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
Tuesday 29 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Nicholas' Curdworth
Wednesday 30 th	10.00am	Cana Café	Curdworth Church Hall
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	
Saturday 3rd October	7.30pm	HARVEST SUPPER	Wishaw Golf Club
Sunday 4th October 18th Sunday after Trinity Proper 22 <i>Green</i>	9.30am	HARVEST All Age Worship	St Chad's, Wishaw
	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Curdworth
	11.15am	Service of the Word	St John's, Middleton
Monday 5 th	7.45pm	Curdworth DCC	Curdworth Church Hall
Tuesday 6 th	9.00am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Curdworth
Wednesday 7 th	10.00am	Cana Café	Curdworth Church Hall
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	

Wishaw Community Coffee Morning

Thursday October 8th.
10.30am - 12.00 noon
St Chad's Church, Wishaw



Coffee and homemade cakes -
everyone welcome

Harvest Festivals 2026



- Sunday 20th September – **11.15am** – St John's, Middleton
- Sunday 4th October – **9.30am** – St Chad's, Wishaw



TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR.....HARVEST SUPPER

at Wishaw Golf Club **on Saturday 4th October 2025** **at 7.30pm**



Bar Raffle Entertainment

TICKET £10 adult/ £5 child under 12



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

ReminderDATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

Harvest Supper.....Saturday 3rd October 7.30pm at Wishaw Golf Club

**Christmas Fair.....Saturday 14th November 11.00am – 3.00pm at
Curdworth Church and Hall**

Quiz Night.....Saturday 28th 7.30pm November at Wishaw Golf Club

What is the kingdom of God like???

The Kingdom of God may be seen as being both the present and the future. As the hymn says, “Our God reigns”, but his kingdom is not like an earthly kingdom or territory, but more perhaps like a place in our hearts and minds. We pray, “Your kingdom come” when we say the Lord’s Prayer. What do we actually mean by that? The Kingdom of God is at once “at hand”, “in the midst of us”, “coming, but not here yet”. We are told to repent, because the kingdom of God is at hand”. This can be very unsettling and confusing. Jesus was trying to explain what God’s expectations of us are without claiming to be a king or God himself. His life would have been threatened by such a claim and his time on earth would not have achieved its purpose.

In realising that “Jesus is Lord, creation’s voice proclaims it”, we are looking at the kingdom of God and its king. In order to try to explain this to his disciples, Jesus compared the kingdom to many everyday things and situations, such as a mustard seed, yeast, hidden treasure, a fine pearl, a wedding banquet and so on. The kingdom begins in small ways and grows and transforms. If we follow the teachings of Jesus in our daily lives, we will see and be part of the kingdom of God in action. God reigns and was seen on earth in the person of Jesus who is Lord.

Curdworth Choir



Thank you to members of the Choir for agreeing to our Open Evening last Wednesday. We had two visitors, which wasn’t bad for a first time. Yes, we think we will repeat the invitation from time to time, and include refreshments too. It’s good to relax and have a chat, after the singing, of course!

The invitation has no strings attached, just offers an opportunity to join in some serious and some lighter music. So next time, maybe you could consider coming along to see what choir rehearsals look and sound like and I’m sure you will go away feeling physically and spiritually nourished.

Margaret

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

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

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)

Collect and Readings for Sunday 20th September

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

The Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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

Old Testament Reading

is from Exodus chapter 16 verses 2 to 15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

³The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?' ⁸And Moses said, 'When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him – what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.'

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God."

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was

a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The New Testament reading

is from Paul's letter to the Philippians chapter 1 verses 21 to 30

Philippians 1.21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 20.1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the

same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

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

Post communion

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Sunday 27th September

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;

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

Old Testament Reading

is from Exodus chapter 17 verses 1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

is from Paul's letter to the Philippians chapter 2 verses 1-13

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death –

even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

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Matthew 21.23-32

²³When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven," he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?"' ²⁶But if we say, "Of human origin," we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

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

Post communion

Lord, we pray that your grace
 may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

