

Parish of West Kirby St Bridget

TIME TO REMEMBER

November 2nd 2025



*In the rising of the sun and in its going down,
In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of Spring,
In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,
In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,
We will remember them.*

*In the beginning of the year and when it ends,
When we are lost and down at heart,
When we have joys we yearn to share,
We will remember them.*

*So long as we live, they too shall live
For they are part of us
And we will remember them*

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you,

ALL: And also with you.

HYMN: BE STILL FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy one is here
Come bow before him now
with reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on Holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy one is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with Holy fire
With splendour He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place

PRAYER

God of all creation,
who cannot be contained by our boundaries,
by our definitions –
you are present in every place,
in every moment in history.
Help us to know tonight
that those from whom we are separated in death
are each of them in your presence;
that beyond our horizons,
beyond our boundaries,
beyond our understanding,
they are held in your embrace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

PSALM 23 *translated by Leslie Brandt*

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD I SHALL NOT WANT

*The Lord is my shepherd, my constant companion.
There is no need the Lord cannot fulfil.*

HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES
HE LEADS ME BESIDE QUIET WATERS

*Whether the course for me points to the glorious
mountaintops of joy
or to the valleys of human suffering,
The Lord is by my side, ever present with me.*

HE RESTORES MY SOUL.
HE GUIDES ME IN PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE.

*He is close beside me when I tread the streets of
danger and even flirt with death itself,
the lord will not leave me*

*EVEN THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY
OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH,
I WILL FEAR NO EVIL, FOR YOU ARE WITH ME;
YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF, THEY COMFORT ME.*

*When the pain is severe, he is near to comfort
When the burden is heavy, he is there to lean upon.
When depression darkens my soul,
He touches me with eternal joy.*

*YOU PREPARE A TABLE BEFORE ME
IN THE PRESENCE OF MY ENEMIES.
YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL;
MY CUP OVERFLOWS.*

*When I feel empty and alone,
the Lord fills the aching vacuum with love and power
My security is in his promise to be near me always
and in the knowledge that the he will never let me go*

*SURELY GOODNESS AND LOVE WILL FOLLOW ME
ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE,
AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER.*

*Lord, ever present and loving,
we look to you to be our comfort
and we lift our hearts to know your help;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

ALL: Amen

BIBLE READINGS

JOHN 14:1-3

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also

MATTHEW 11: 28-30

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

REFLECTION

ACT OF REMEMBERING

We light the paschal candle which was first lit on Easter morning to remember that Jesus rose from the dead.

Light, no matter how trembling, flickering or small, dispels the darkness and is a symbol for Christians of our hope in Jesus Christ.

In the light of the hope we have in Jesus Christ, we remember those who have passed from our earthly lives.

All are now welcome to come forward and light a candle in memory of loved ones. Do also use this time to sit quietly, reflect and pray.



RESPONSE

Lord as these lights shine out

**ALL: May they remind us of the light
others have shone into our lives.
Fill us with the light of your love and hope and peace
that we might shine in the world reflecting the same.
Amen**

THE READING OF NAMES

the names are read in alphabetical order and followed by prayer



God of love, we are who we are today because of those whose lives touched ours.

You do not ask us to forget those we have known and loved. Our sadness is softened by gratitude for lives that shaped us, for hands that held ours, for voices that inspired and nurtured us, for love that enriched our lives.

Help us to know tonight that those from whom we are separated in death are each of them in your presence; that beyond our horizons, beyond our boundaries, beyond our understanding, they are held in your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

PRAYERS

The following response is used during our intercessions:

Lord in your love and mercy

ALL: Hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL: Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**



HYMN: LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labours,
and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day.**

BLESSING

The blessing of tears and laughter be ours.
The company of friends and family be ours.
The hope of budding trees and sunlight be ours.
The wonder of the twinkling stars be ours.
The promise of sunrise and healing be ours.
Ours today and every day.
And the blessing of God
Creator, redeemer and Sustainer
Rest upon you and those you love,
This night and always

ALL: Amen

Please collect a bag with some daffodil bulbs as you leave.



*In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of Spring,
we will remember them*

*I said to the one who stood at the gate of the year,
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'
And they replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your
hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than
light and safer than a known way.*

From 'The Gate of the Year' by Minnie Haskins



*'Sometimes it's ok if the only thing you did today was
breathe'*

Yumi Sakugawa

Bereavement Support Locally

Coping with grief after the death of a loved one can be one of the hardest things we ever go through. You may be dealing with lots of different emotions, and it can be hard to know what support is available and how to access it.

Below is some information which may help

**Informal Bereavement Support group at Marine Place,
Marine Lake Health and Wellbeing Centre, Orrysdale Road,
West Kirby, CH48 5AA 12-2pm every Friday 07767441391**

**CRUSE bereavement support and information
www.cruse.org.uk 08088081677**

NHS Wirral Talking Therapies is a free and confidential service available to anyone who is registered with a GP on the Wirral.

www.everyturn.org/talking-therapies/locations/wirral 0151 649 1859

Bereavement Advice Centre is a free helpline and web-based information service provided by Co-op Legal Service. www.bereavementadvice.org 0800 634 9494

Being bereaved is often a time when we think about some of those big questions such as what happens after death, where is my loved one now, will I see them again? At St Bridget's we have a small team of people who are willing to sit and listen and explore these questions. Simply call the Parish Office on 0151 625 2739 or the Rector, Alex Williams on 0151 625 1052, rectorwestkirby@gmail.com

We also offer a group support called The Bereavement Journey. If you would like to know more please contact the Rector or the Parish Office.