



St Brigid's West Kirby

Christmas

Day



2025

Holy Communion

## OPENING CAROL

O Come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him, born the king of angels  
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle  
Leaving their flocks draw nigh with lowly fear  
We too would thither, bend our joyful footsteps  
O come let us adore him...

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above  
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly  
O come let us adore him

Yea Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning  
Jesus to thee be glory giv'n  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing  
O come ...

## GREETING

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you**

## LIGHTING OF CHRISTMAS CANDLE

### A GATHERING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,  
your birth at Bethlehem  
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:  
accept our heartfelt praise  
as we worship you,  
our Saviour and our eternal God.

**Amen**

## SAYING SORRY AND RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

You came in weakness, God of love  
Forgive our grasping for power. Lord have mercy  
**Lord have mercy.**

You came in humility, Prince of peace,  
Forgive us for the anger we speak and the pain we cause.  
Christ have mercy.  
**Christ have mercy.**

You came in poverty, forgive our greed and selfishness.  
Lord have mercy.  
**Lord have mercy.**

May the God of love bring you back to himself,  
forgive you your sins, and assure you of his eternal love.  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**CAROL:** Away in a manger, no crib for a bed  
The little lord Jesus lay down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky, looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you Lord Jesus! look down from the sky,  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay  
Close by me for ever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children, in your tender care  
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

## **GOSPEL READING**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
**Glory to you O Lord**

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise be to you O Christ**

## **SERMON**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven  
and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **A TIME OF PRAYER**

### **THE PEACE**

There is no greater love than the gift of Jesus.  
As we share that love, may we be at peace with one  
another and with God.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you**

*Sharing the peace expresses our willingness to work for peace in our  
relationships, our homes and communities. This is the peace which God  
desires for the whole world.*



**CAROL:** Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
yonder shines the infant light: [Refrain]

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations;  
ye have seen his natal star: [Refrain]

Though an infant now we view him,  
He shall fill his Father's throne,  
Gather all the nations to him;  
Every knee shall then bow down [Refrain]

*During this hymn, the bread and wine are brought to the altar as we remember with thanks all that God has given us*

## **THE EUCHARIST**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Lord of all life,  
you created the universe,  
where all living things reflect your glory.  
You give us this great and beautiful earth,  
to discover and to cherish.  
You give us happy times and things to celebrate.  
In these we taste your kingdom,  
a feast for all your children.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,  
to join with the angels and words of praise:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father, because,  
when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.  
Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread. He gave thanks,  
broke it, and shared it with his  
disciples, saying:  
'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten,  
he took the cup of wine, gave thanks,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.'



So Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.  
As you feed us with these gifts,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more  
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father,  
to love one another,  
as we look forward to that day  
when suffering is ended,  
and all creation  
is gathered in your loving arms.  
And now with all your saints  
we give you glory,  
through Jesus Christ,  
in the strength of the Spirit,  
today and for ever.

**Amen.**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father, in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your Kingdom come;  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
deliver us from evil  
For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
Now and for ever, Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread,**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, when fearful, and be made new in love.  
Come, when doubtful, and be made strong in faith.  
Come, when regretful, and be made whole.  
Come, whoever and however you are,  
there is room for all  
**Amen, Lord we come.**

*Please come up for communion after this invitation. We have an open altar and in good faith all are welcome. If you would prefer a blessing, simply keep your hands lowered.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our Father,  
whose Word has come among us  
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:  
may the light of faith illumine our hearts  
and shine in our words and deeds;  
through him who is Christ the Lord.

**Amen**

## BLESSING

May the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the perseverance of the wise men,  
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,  
and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas;  
and the blessing of God  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
be yours this Christmastide and always

**Amen**



## FINAL CAROL:

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the new-born King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild;  
God and sinners reconciled.”

Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem.

*Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the new born King.*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord:  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail th' incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus our Emmanuel.

*Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth,  
Born to give us second birth.

*Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”*

Go in peace, proclaim the Word made flesh.  
**Glory, thanks and praise to God!**

**Next Sunday - December 28th**  
**8am      Holy Communion at St Bridget's**  
**10am    Holy Communion at St Bridget's and Caldy Church**

## **What's on in 2026?**

- ⊕ Sunday and midweek services of Holy Communion and prayer
- ⊕ LINK café every Wednesday 8.30 -12 noon
- ⊕ Storytelling for children every Sunday at St Bridget's 10am
- ⊕ Toasty Tuesdays at St Bridget's in term time 3.30 -4.30pm
- ⊕ Baby group at St Bridget's Fridays 10-12 in term time
- ⊕ Toddlers at Caldy, 10am Thursday in term time
- ⊕ Supper Sundays every half term, St Bridget's Centre
- ⊕ The Link community café open to all every Wednesday 8.30-12
- ⊕ Mens Shed and Mother's Union once a month
- ⊕ Bell ringing and Choir every week
- ⊕ The Bereavement Journey

There are lots of other opportunities to get involved. Please visit our website for more information or contact the Parish Office 0151 625 2739 or the Rector [rectorwestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:rectorwestkirby@gmail.com)

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**Please take this service book away with you**

We wish you all  
a very happy Christmas  
and a peaceful New Year !



We look forward to worshipping together in 2026

Our typical Sunday pattern:

**8am** at St Bridget's Traditional Language Holy Communion

**10am** at St Bridget's and Caldy Church Holy Communion

(3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at St Bridget's: All Together Worship with Communion. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at Caldy: Morning Prayer

**6.30pm** at St Bridget's: Evening Prayer

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month a different style of evening worship see website

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