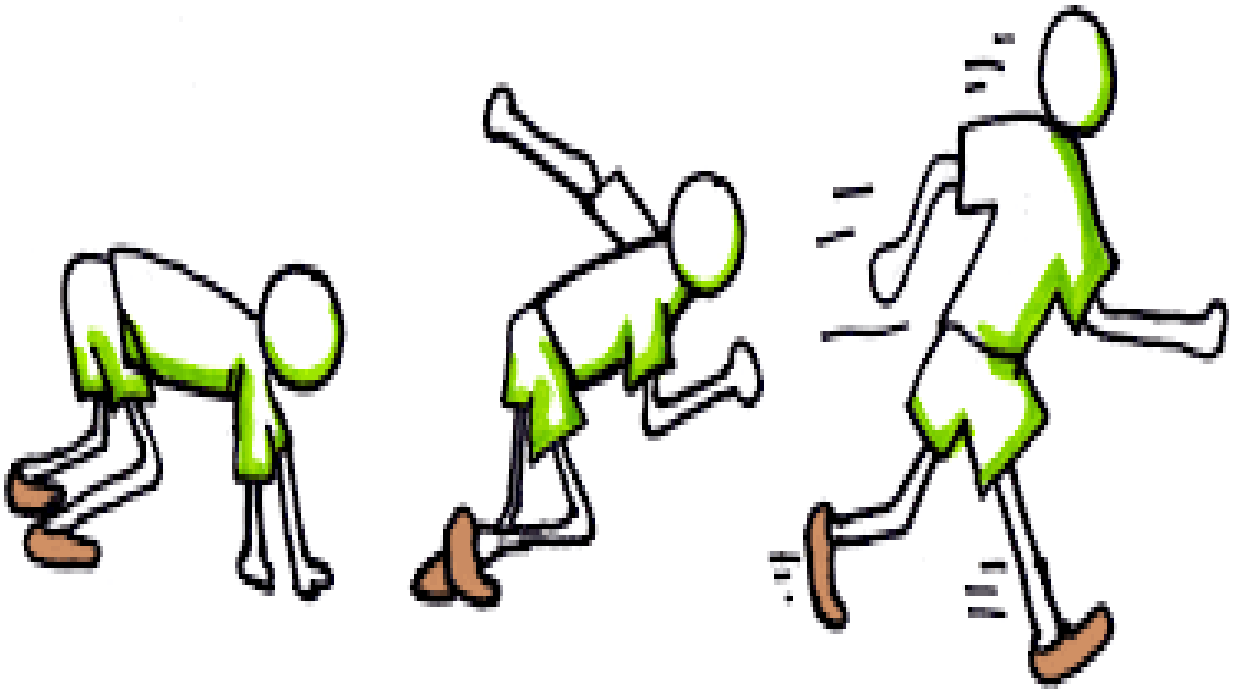




St Bridget's West Kirby

Ready, steady



GO!

All Together Worship

Our young people from storytellers and members of St Bridget's school choir share the leading today as we worship God with open hearts, open minds and open hands.

WELCOME

The Lord be with you
and also with you

Let us love one another
because love comes from God

OPENING HYMN: Seek ye First

**Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you**

Allelu Alleluia

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Allelu Alleluia

**You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu, Alleluia**

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Allelu Alleluia

**Ask and it shall be given unto you
seek and ye shall find.
Knock and it shall be opened unto you
Allelu Alleluia**

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Allelu Alleluia

A GATHERING PRAYER

God of all, as we come to worship, we give you thanks
for all who have prayed in this place,
for those whose gifts are living legacies,
for those whose work we are adding to.
Thank you for the ongoing ministry of your people here,
and may your kingdom come.

Amen

SAYING SORRY AND RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

For the times when we have turned away from challenges or requests for help:

Lord have mercy

For times when we have been silent about our faith:

Christ have mercy

For times when we have taken the easy way out:

Lord have mercy

On this day, as on every day, God stands before us, arms wide open to embrace us, heart wide open to forgive us.

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings - based on John 17:1-6 and Acts 1:6-14

A reading from John

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

HYMN

**Abba, Father, let me be
Yours and Yours alone.
May my will for ever be
More and more Your own.
Never let my heart grow cold,
Never let me go.
Abba, Father, let me be
Yours and Yours alone.**

TALK - **ready steady go**

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

At the end of our time of prayer we respond to
We lift these prayers to you:

**may we and all for whom we have prayed,
know your healing love Amen**

THE PEACE

Know that the peace of the risen and ascended Lord
promises to be with you for ever

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

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

Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the
cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in
remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you
this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal
song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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
but 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

All: **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

***Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love.
Come, when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith.
Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole.
Come, there is room for all***

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.

During communion the music group and children will lead us in song. You are welcome to join in.

BENEDICTION

1. Here in this place we come together,
Joining our hearts and bringing our praise,
Grateful to God for one another,
Grateful for all of our days.

2. Here in this place we stand together,
Here in His love we open our eyes,
Looking to God for one another,
This is the prayer of our lives:

May the Lord bless you and keep you, everywhere you go,
May you know His smile upon you,
may His delight be your home.

May the Lord bless you and keep you growing in His love,
May you be sure of His goodness
This day and all of your life. *Repeat verses 1 and 2*

May the Lord bless you and keep you, everywhere you go,
May you know His smile upon you,
May His delight be your home.

Jesus, be the centre
Be my source, be my light, Jesus
Jesus, be the centre
Be my hope, be my song, Jesus

Be the fire in my heart
Be the wind in these sails
Be the reason that I live
Jesus, Jesus

Jesus, be my vision
Be my path, be my guide Jesus

Be the fire in my heart
Be the wind in these sails
Be the reason that I live
Jesus, Jesus

Everyday God (everyone sings the words in bold)

Earth's creator - **everyday God**, Loving Maker **O Jesus**
You who shaped us **O Spirit**, Recreate us **come be with us**

In your presence **everyday God** We are gathered **O Jesus**
You have called us **O Spirit**, To restore us **come be with us**

Life of all lives **everyday God** Love of all loves **O Jesus**
Hope of all hopes **O Spirit**, Light of all lights **come be with us**

In our resting **everyday God** In our rising **O Jesus**
In our hoping **O Spirit**, In our waiting **come be with us**

In our dreaming **everyday God** In our daring **O Jesus**
In our searching **O Spirit**, In our sharing **come be with us**

God of laughter **everyday God** God of sorrow **O Jesus**
Home and shelter **O Spirit**, Strong and patient **come be with us**

Way of freedom **everyday God** Star of morning **O Jesus**
Timeless healer **O Spirit**, Flame eternal **come be with us**

Word of gladness **everyday God** Word of mercy - **O Jesus**
Word of friendship **O Spirit**, Word of challenge **come be with us**

Gentle father **everyday God** Faithful brother **O Jesus**
Tender sister **O Spirit**, Loving mother **come be with us**

Our beginning **everyday God** Our unfolding **O Jesus**
Our enduring **O Spirit**, Journey's ending **come be with us**

Alleluia **everyday God** Now and always **O Jesus**
Alleluia, **O Spirit**, Through all ages **come be with us**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you have fed us for our journey.
Walk with us as we take your love
into a waiting world. Amen**

BLESSING

God fill your hearts with his love
And give you courage to proclaim his kingdom
And the blessing of God
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
be with you today and always
Amen

FINAL HYMN:

REFRAIN **Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship his holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship your holy name**

**The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes *REFRAIN***

**You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
10, 000 reasons for my heart to find *REFRAIN***

**And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
10, 000 years and then forever more *REFRAIN***

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia! Alleluia!
In the name of Christ! Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

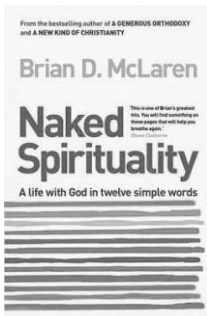
PLEASE COME FOR BISCUITS AND DRINKS IN THE PARISH CENTRE

WHAT'S ON

PARISH BOOK CLUB May 24th

5 – 6pm in the Beacon Room, St Bridget's Centre

This year's book! Naked Spirituality by Brian McLaren – A Life with God in Twelve Simple Words. The book is widely available both new and second hand, on Kindle and from the West Kirby Bookshop with 10% off.



The next **BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY®** will be held at Riverway Church, Grange Road, West Kirby from June 17th for seven weeks, every Wednesday evening from 7-9pm. To register or find out more, phone 07718 646863 or 0151 625 2739 or email rectorwestkirby@gmail.com

RUTH'S ORDINATION – YOU ARE INVITED.

Everyone is invited to attend Ruth's ordination on **Saturday 20th June at 4pm**. This is the first time on record that an ordination has taken place in St Bridget's. Please come and support Ruth and hold her in your prayers during the next few weeks.



On Sunday 21st June Ruth will preside at Holy Communion in St Bridget's for the first time. We will mark this occasion with a joint parish service, followed by a Bring and Share lunch. Please come along, bring and share!

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

Saturday 23rd May 9.30 -12.00.

we will be focussing on tidying some graves in the upper churchyard and the cremation plot near the Lychgate as well as continuing to clear weeds and tri-cornered leek. Hand forks, trowels and something to kneel on would be helpful. You don't have to stay for the whole morning.

Today is our annual church meeting

We will be looking back over 2025 and looking ahead to this year.

We will elect our churchwardens for the next 12 months and members of our church council (PCC)

We are hugely dependent on our volunteers and grateful for all the time, energy and donations we receive.

Here are some ways you may like to help:

- ❖ Baby group – once a month for 3 hrs
- ❖ Gardening – once a month for 2.5 hrs
- ❖ Link Café – once a month for 2 hours
- ❖ Read in church – every 2 months
- ❖ Help set up for services -1 hour, once a month
- ❖ Carry the processional cross – once a month
- ❖ Toasty Tuesdays – 2 hrs whenever you can offer
- ❖ Sing or play an instrument – once a week or once a month!
- ❖ Learn to ring bells –practise night and Sundays
- ❖ Help with accounting and banking
- ❖ Help with giving the wine at communion – once a month
- ❖ Help organise social events
- ❖ Help at toddler group – 2 hours once a month
- ❖ Preparing or creating materials for worship
- ❖ Serve refreshments after school service – 3 times a year

All our volunteers are safely recruited so there will be some roles which require completing forms and some online training.

**thank you to for everyone who contributes
to the life of this parish**