Parish of West Kirby St Bridget

TIME TO REMEMBER



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

Come among us O God
You who cast the planets into space
And cradle the sparrow in her nest
All Come God and meet us here

Come among us God
You who bless the poor and broken
And stand by the sad and strong
All Come God and meet us here

Come among us O God.
You who dance in the silence
And shine in the darkness
All Come God and meet us here

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

BIBLE READING

REFLECTION

ACT OF REMEMBERING

All are now welcome to come forward and light a candle in memory of those you wish to remember this evening.

Do also use this time to sit quietly, reflect and pray.



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.

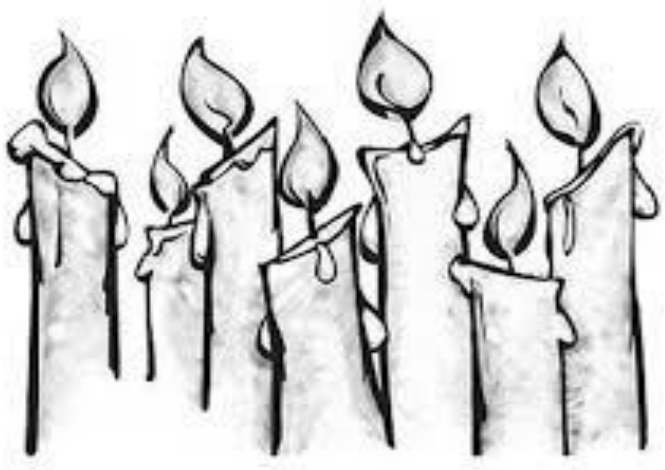
Our sadness is softened by gratitude for lives that shaped us,
for hands that held ours,
for voices that inspired and nurtured us,
for love that enriched our lives.

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**

THE READING OF NAMES

the names are read in alphabetical order and followed by prayer



All our laughter, all our sadness

All **Safe now in God's hands.**

All our anger, all our gladness

All **Safe now in God's hands.**

All our stories, all our memories

All **Safe now in God's hands**

Those we remember those we love,

All **Safe now in God's hands**

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 kindliness, 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.

CLOSING RESPONSES

As we go from this place we ask for the love of God,
All **And the strong hands of friends**

To bless us on life's journey,
All **And lead us safely home Amen**

BLESSING



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

You may find that you begin
to measure your life
before
and *after*
they left.

And that's OK.

Just be sure
whatever you do,
whatever tiny grain of strength
you have left,
that you strive
to fill up the *after*
as richly
and as beautifully
as they helped you fill
the *before*.

The before
is committed to memory now
but the after is totally up to you.

Make it count.

From 'Loss' by Donna Ashworth with kind permission

You are always welcome at church. The main service is at 10am on Sunday but we also have services at 8am and 6.30pm and on Tuesdays at 10am at Caldy and Wednesdays at 11.30 am at St Bridget's.

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: rectorwestkirby@gmail.com

If you are feeling that being with other people may help, we have a community café every Wednesday morning in St Bridget's centre and we also have lots of volunteering opportunities

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 free helpline and web-based information service provided by Co-op Legal Service. www.bereavement advice.org 0800 634 9494