

St Bridget's, West Kirby
with Caldy Church

Seeking to follow Jesus with open hearts, open minds and open hands

EASTER DAY Sunday 31st March 2024

Please join us as we celebrate new life and hope

DON'T FORGET - THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD ON SATURDAY NIGHT

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- 6.30am** a short service to greet the dawn
Gather on the beach at end of Lingdale Road
- 8am** Holy Communion and lighting of the
Paschal candle – St Bridget's
- 10am** Service of Holy Communion with families in
mind – St Bridget's (livestreamed)
- 10am** Holy Communion with decorating of
the Easter Cross – Caldy
- 6.30pm** Evening Prayer – St Bridget's

We will renew our baptismal vows at each of our communion services

A huge thank you to everyone who has played a part in the activities of Holy Week and in preparing for Easter Day – too many people to mention but Alleluia for you all!

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Acts 10.34-43

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Mark 16.1-8

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Acts 4.32-35

1 John 1.1-2.2

John 20.19-end

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (31st March – 6th April)

St Bridget: Geoffrey Chibbett, Elsie Dodds, Dorothy Shepherd, Frank Stanley, John Knight, Irene Woodyer, Phyllis Stahl, Lilian Ward.

Caldy: Gwendolyn Griffin, Ruth Young, May Bates, John Ross, Jean Wainwright.

RIP: Rosemary Kemp, Ralph Good.

Thank you from the Rector for all the Easter wishes and generous gifts.

Wishing you all a joyous and blessed Easter !

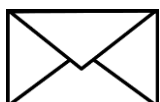
WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Monday	Rector's day off Parish Office closed
Tuesday	Parish Office closed 10am Holy Communion – Caldly Church followed by coffee / tea 2pm Holy Communion at Caldly Manor 7.30pm Bell ringing practice
Wednesday	9.30am – 12 Link café – Centre 10am Knit & Natter, Craft and Chat group – Centre 11.30am Holy Communion – St Bridget
Thursday	9am Morning Prayer on Zoom 6pm Choir practice
Friday	9am Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook 2pm Memorial Service – St Bridget (Lilian Nessa May RIP)



MOTHERS' UNION

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 9th April at 2pm in the Beacon Room when we will be having an illustrated talk by Sofia Riera *External* on Mental Health. This is an open meeting: friends and members of the congregation are very welcome to come along.



WEEKLY GIVING ENVELOPES

The boxes of stewardship envelopes starting in April will be at the back of church for collection soon. If anyone new would like to know more about them, or would like to start giving to the church this way, please contact Jane Tann on 625 1234 for more information.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT

The parish's main bank account will shortly be moving from Barclays to the Co-operative Bank. Thank you to everyone who gives regularly: you may notice different wording on your bank statement, but the change should happen automatically without you needing to do anything. The move is a decision of the PCC because of ethical concerns about Barclays.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This will be held on Sunday 21st April following the 10am services, in St Bridget's Centre. We will reflect on the past year, look at our mission and ministry and our financial position. We have two vacancies on the PCC (in addition to three current members seeking re-election): one for a member of Caldy congregation and one for St Bridget's. The PCC meets five times a year and is especially concerned with the vision and strategy of the parish and the management of our financial resources. Please consider whether you would like to stand for PCC and if interested, complete a nomination form available at the back of each church.

HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE WORSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE? TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

We want to hear from as many people as possible – maybe you don't attend services and there is something we could do to encourage you. We want to do everything we can to provide worship that brings people closer to God, and the questionnaire gives you the chance to say what matters to you. Paper copies are available in both churches (with a box for completed questionnaires). Please help us to help you.

BAKING PRODUCE AT THE LINK

As Sally Cashen recovers from a nasty break to her wrist we are hoping others might provide baked products to sell at the Link. It would be great to see more variety to sample – not just in the next 6 weeks but at any time. We wish Sally a speedy recovery.

ELECTORAL ROLL

Are you on the Electoral Roll?

Forms are available at the back of our churches. If you worship with us and consider St Bridget's or Caldy to be your church family then you deserve a place on the electoral roll. Our electoral roll numbers influence decisions at both parish and Diocesan level so please take the time to join asap. **The Roll will close to new entries on Friday 5th April.** If you aren't sure then fill a form in and Paula will let you know if you are already on it! (office@stbridgetschurch.org.uk)

EXPLORING FAITH

If anyone would like to join those preparing for confirmation, we will be holding six sessions across the next 3 months. The first is on Saturday 20th April at 4.30pm. Please speak to the Rector Alex or to Graham Crowder if you would like to come along.

BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY – a place to talk

We are pleased to be offering *The Bereavement Journey*, led by Gillian Seale from Tailored Yarn. This is a series of 6 weekly sessions where participants explore their experience and response to grief in a supportive environment. Thursday afternoons from 12.30 – 2.30pm in the Beacon Room on the following dates: 9th 16th 23rd May and 6th 13th 20th 27th June.

If you or someone you know is dealing with bereavement and grief and you would like to know more, please contact the Parish Office or the Rector.

WE ARE A FAIRTRADE PARISH. Please remember when hosting events to endeavour to buy Fairtrade products and Eco Friendly goods whenever you can.



The Foodbank Top ten items on their shopping list for Lent are: **chocolate, tinned meat, tinned fruit, pasta sauce, tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, deodorant, toothbrushes/toothpaste, tinned rice pudding and tinned spaghetti.** Donations can be left **at any time** in our churches or at the Parish Office.

CONTACTS

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Open this week Wednesday to Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm. **Closed on Monday and Tuesday**

SAFEGUARDING

St Bridget's West Kirby and Caldy Church take the safety of everyone within our churches very seriously, and expect that everyone will work within the safeguarding policy of the parish, a copy of which can be found on our noticeboards.

If you are concerned about someone's safety or wellbeing contact:

The Rector Reverend Alex Williams 0151 625 1052
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The Parish Safeguarding Officer Rosemary Morgan 0782 1672232
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The Diocesan Safeguarding Team 01928 718834 ext 259
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If someone is in immediate danger or harm, call 999 and ask for the police