St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

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

The Second Sunday of Easter

7th April 2024

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen.

8am Holy Communion – St Bridget's

10am Holy Communion – St Bridget's (livestreamed)

10am Holy Communion - Caldy

1pm Holy Baptism (Thomas Alan Noble) - St Bridget

6.30pm Evening Prayer – 'Stories of Encounter'



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Acts 4.32-35 1 John 1.1-2.2 John 20.19-end

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Acts 3.12-19 1 John 3.1-7 Luke 24.36b-48

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (7th – 13th April)

St Bridget: Albert Eric Haslem, James Keltie Aitken, Joyce Caroline Bartlett, Winifred Harvey, Lorna May Davies, Peter Joseph Price, Donald MacNicoll, Rita Isabella Spencer, Molly Droop.

Caldy: Dorothy Holt, George Alcock, Sheila Noreen Oldham.

RIP: Ralph Good.

The flowers in church this Sunday are in memory of Madge Aitken's son James.



A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR MAKING EASTER AN APPROPRIATELY WONDERFUL CELEBRATION. Our churches looked beautiful and there were many Alleluias!



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK The Rector is on annual leave this week and having a rest

Tuesday 10am Holy Communion - Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea

2pm Mothers' Union - Centre

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

1.30pm Funeral – St Bridget (Rosemary Kemp RIP)

6pm Choir practice

Friday 9am Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook



MOTHERS' UNION

Our next meeting is this 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.

SAINT BRIDGET'S EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Do you like giving to others? Can you spare 6 hours a year? The Saint Bridget's Educational Trust meets twice a year to give money to eligible applicants from a trust fund set up many years ago following the sale of the headmaster's house! We are looking for a new committee member. If you can help, please let the Rector know – it's a lovely role to take on.

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: 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 are still seeking your comments and suggestions, until the end of April. Paper copies are available in both churches (with a box for completed questionnaires). Please help us to help you.

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.

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. It doesn't matter how recent or long ago your bereavement was, we all process things at different speeds and in different ways. 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.

SAVE THE DATE

'No place like Home' - Quiet Morning in St Bridget's Centre Saturday 1st June 10am - 12.15pm.

FORWARD PLANNING - SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER

We have reserved 15 places at Foxhill retreat centre for one of their Encounter days called 'God gives Protection: darkness is not dark to you...' led by Stefan Collier. Stefan worked in nuclear physics and astrophysics before being ordained in 2009. He has served in a variety of parish contexts and now his vocation concerns responding to an invitation to stand and live in the darkness, and glimpsing how the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it – how God gives protection. With donations from previous quiet days etc. we are able to subsidise the places, and we also have a group booking discount, so the cost TO YOU is just £15. Please let Paula know if you would like to reserve a place – transport can be arranged.

EXPLORING FAITH - CONFIRMATION CLASSES

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 **Sunday 28th April at 4.30pm** (not Saturday 20th as stated in last week's newsletter). Please speak to the Rector Alex or to Graham Crowder if you would like to come along.

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



BAKING PRODUCE AT THE LINK

Thank you to all who have provided baked products to sell at the Link – it would be lovely to keep the variety going. If you wish you can claim back the cost of ingredients of anything you make: speak to Priscilla Bench-Capon or Chris Andrew. We wish Sally a speedy recovery from her broken wrist.



The Foodbank Top ten items on their shopping list 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.

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The Parish Office in St Bridget's Centre is open Monday to Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm

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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 rectorwestkirby@gmail.com

The Parish Safeguarding Officer Rosemary Morgan 0782 1672232 safeguardingwestkirby@gmail.com

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team 01928 718834 ext 259 safeguarding@chester.anglican.org

If someone is in immediate danger or harm, call 999 and ask for the police