



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 Caldby 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:

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