

St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

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



Christ is risen!
ALLELUIA

14th April 2024

The Third Sunday of Easter

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

- 8am** Holy Communion – St Bridget's
10am Holy Communion – St Bridget's (livestreamed)
10am Holy Communion – Caldy
12 noon Holy Baptism – St Bridget's
1pm Holy Baptism – St Bridget's
6.30pm Evening Prayer – St Bridget's



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Acts 3.12-19

1 John 3.1-7

Luke 24.36b-48

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Acts 4.5-12

1John 3.16-end

John 10.11-18

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (14th – 20th April)

St Bridget: George Logan, Gordon Gould, Geoffrey Newey, Beryl Cosker, Sara Williams, Rita Laird, Michael Duke, Ella Barker, Annie Sanders, Micky Broderick, William Denis Heenan.

Caldy: Frank Schofield, George Harding.

RIP: Ralph Good, Norma Ross, Brian Littler.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Monday	Rector's day off
Tuesday	10am Holy Communion – Caldý Church followed by coffee / tea 2pm Rossiniere Home Group – 1, Pikes Hey Road 3.30pm Toasty Tuesday – St Bridget 4.45pm Sing Aloud practice in the Centre 7.30pm Bell ringing practice
Wednesday	8.30am – 12 Link café – Centre 10am Knit & Natter, Craft and Chat group – Centre 11.30am Holy Communion – St Bridget 12 noon Men's Shed lunch – Centre
Thursday	9am Morning Prayer on Zoom 10am Caldý Baby & Toddler Group + STiCK 1.30pm Funeral – St Bridget (Ralph Good RIP) 6pm Choir practice 7pm Thirsty Thursday at the Ring O' Bells
Friday	9am Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook 10am St Bridget's Baby Group – Centre 1pm Tearfund Lunch – 1, Pikes Hey Road 7.30pm Museum Lecture – Centre
Saturday	9.30am – 12 Churchyard Working Party at St Bridget's

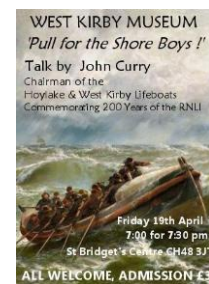


Our next **THIRSTY THURSDAY** meeting will be on **18th April** at the Ring O' Bells from 7pm, for fellowship and company. No obligation to buy a round of drinks. All welcome.

WEST KIRBY MUSEUM LECTURE *'Pull for the shore Boys!'*

this Friday 19th April 7 for 7.30pm in St Bridget's Centre

A talk by John Curry, Chairman of the Hoylake and West Kirby
Commemorating 200 years of the RNLI. All welcome, admission £3 door.



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THIS SATURDAY 20th APRIL – CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

We will be working in the lower churchyard putting down chippings, or in the upper churchyard cleaning paths. Please bring gloves, loppers, secateurs and a garden hoe if you can.

SAINT BRIDGET'S EDUCATIONAL TRUST

We are looking for a new committee member for the Trust, which meets twice a year to give money to eligible applicants. If you can help, please let the Rector know – it's a lovely role.

TEARFUND LUNCHES Fridays 1pm at 1 Pikes Hey Road, CH48 1PA

19 April – Fish Stew (South Sudan) 26 April – Fasouli (Yemen) – vegetarian

3 May – Pad Thai (Thailand) 10 May – Dal Bhat (Nepal) – vegetarian

24 May – Feijoada (Brazil)



These are countries in which Tearfund works and we can hear a little more about the work they do. Please contact Joy to book, on 0151 625 8675, ghalcock@yahoo.co.uk or 07778976678.

Lunches are free but donations to Tearfund would be appreciated.

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. Please consider where God may be calling you to use your time and talents in our church and wider community, and pray that you would notice and respond to the nudges of the Holy Spirit.

The **revised Electoral Roll** is now ready and will be presented at the APCM. If you wish to check your entry, please ask Paula in the office.

CONCERT Saturday 27th April 7.30pm at Hope Church, Hoylake

Wirral Symphony Orchestra play two very contrasting 3rd Symphonies of Brahms and Sibelius; and works by Bruch and Stamitz with soloist Gwen Cawdron, viola

principal with the Phil. Advance ticket purchase advisable (£15) from Rod Tann, Ezards West Kirby or Maccombs Hoylake.



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.

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.

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**. Please speak to the Rector Alex or to Graham Crowder if you would like to come along.

PRAYER JOURNAL

There are copies of *Thy Kingdom Come* written by the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby available at the back of St Bridget's by the Prayer Corner – just help yourself. The aim of this small booklet is to enable and stimulate our personal prayers over the days of Thy Kingdom Come, beginning on Ascension Day until Pentecost.

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



We continue to collect for the Foodbank. Donations can be left **at any time** in our churches or at the Parish Office.

CONTACTS

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

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