

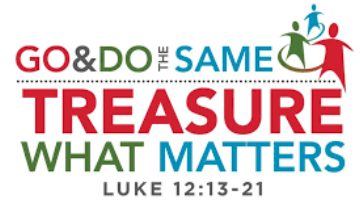
St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

3rd August 2025

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; 2.18-23 Colossians 3.1-11 Luke 12.13-21

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Genesis 15.1-6 Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16 Luke 12.32-40

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (3rd – 9th August)

St Bridget: John Alexander Aitken, Elizabeth (Liz) Povall (26th July).

Caldy: Una Alicia Allen, Henry Heslop Stitt, Rachel Daniels, Muriel Broomhead, Sheila Billeau, Virginia Nasmith Beausire, Britta Kristina Mawdsley, George Walford, Eileen Whale (1st August).

RIP: Bill Smith.

Flowers on the Memorial Table at St Bridget's today have been given by Madge Aitken in memory of her husband John.



WHAT'S ON this week

4th – 9th August

Monday		Rector's day off
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	10am	St Bridget's Baby Group extra summer session – Centre
	2pm	Holy Communion at Caldy Manor
	6pm	Adult choir practice
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
Wednesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer – St Bridget
	9.30 – 11.30am	Link café – Centre
	10am	Knit & Natter, Craft and Chat group – Centre
	11.30am	Holy Communion – St Bridget
Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
Friday		Parish Office closed
	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
	9am – 12	Activity morning for families in the Centre
	12.30pm	Wedding – St Bridget (Harry Hardman & Grace Bradshaw)
Saturday	10am	Churchyard working party to move chippings

PLEASE PRAY FOR everyone who helps with caring for our churchyards, especially Rhys our gardener who has recently become a father to a baby girl.

CHOPS CHIPS AND LEAVES!!! – please note the new date

The split yew tree by the Hazelhurst gates is being chopped down and shredded into chippings. This will then be used to replenish the pathways in the lower churchyard.

The Lower Churchyard Team are looking for help on **SATURDAY 9th August at 10am** to shift the chippings or bag them up for future use. If you have friends who would like to help, please encourage them to join us. If you have a wheelbarrow we can borrow this would be also a great help.

THANK YOU for the donations of hosepipes and wheelbarrow which will make work in the lower churchyard much easier.

KNOWN BY NAME

If like the Rector, you find it hard to remember people's names, you will have found it a great help when we wear name badges. It's another way that we can be more inclusive and welcoming so please take a moment to find and wear a badge. There are plenty of spares at the back of church and we are trying to make it easier by displaying them on the boards.

CALLED TO SERVE?

Foundations for Ministry is a course for anyone who wants to explore how they can serve God better in the church and the world. Booking is open now for the next 10 week block starting in September, with courses running in Ellesmere Port, Runcorn and Bramhall. You can find out more about the course and how to book [Here](#)

NEW ARCHBISHOP IN WALES

The Right Reverend Dr Cherry Vann has been announced as the new Archbishop of Wales. Originally from Leicestershire, she has been Bishop of Monmouth since January 2020, and was among the first women to be ordained as a priest in the Church of England in 1994. Cherry lives with her civil partner Wendy and their two dogs, is a patron of the Open Table Network and has a passion for justice and reconciliation. We look forward to the announcement of a new Archbishop of Canterbury which will be in September at the earliest.

ECO CHURCH AND FAIRTRADE

We are fortunate to have a wonderful Fairtrade stall run by Margaret Smith each Wednesday at the Link and after church on a Sunday morning. Please take a look and buy fairtrade whenever possible. Thank you to those who shared other great companies who offer sustainable and fairly traded goods with a recommendation for Unfolded. See their goods and read their story here <https://thisisunfolded.com/>



WAVING OFF THE WILLIS



The organ in St Bridget's is to be removed on Monday and taken to the Willis workshop where it will be repaired and restored. Many thanks to all who generously donated and made this vital work possible. The work will take many months and we will be provided with an electronic organ until our Father Willis is returned.



Items urgently needed at the moment are: tinned fish, packet soups, tinned vegetables (peas, carrots, sweetcorn), tinned potatoes, jam, tinned fruit, tinned custard, female hygiene (tampons please), tinned rice pudding. They have plenty of beans and tea. Donations can be left in our churches and at the Parish Office.

ANTICIPATE: Pre-Christmas weekend retreat at Foxhill 28 – 30 November

<https://www.foxhillchester.co.uk/event-details/anticipate-a-journey-to-christmas>

A few of us are going on this retreat and we can share lifts. Have a word with Anne Samuels if you are interested.

SPIDER PROJECT

The Spider Project is a creative hub offering support and opportunities to anyone in recovery. This recovery could be from substances, mental health, life changing events or long term health conditions. They offer a timetable of activities all of which are free for anyone over 18 with a Wirral postcode to access for up to 12 months. In addition they also support families and carers affected by someone else's addiction. Pick up a leaflet from St Bridget's Centre or ask the Rector if you would like to know more.



THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY a place to talk

September – November 2025 (thebereavementjourney.org)

The Bereavement Journey is a series of 6 weekly sessions where participants explore their experience and response to grief in a supportive environment. The sessions were very well received and

described by one participant as *'the most helpful thing so far in coping with my bereavement'*.

We are therefore pleased to be able to offer the course again this Autumn.

The sessions will be at St Michael and All Angels' Church, Queensbury, Newton, West Kirby CH48 6EP on the following Thursdays from 10am to 12 noon: 25th September, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th October and 6th November. If you or someone you know is dealing with bereavement and grief and would like to explore being part of this journey, please contact the Parish Office or the Rector.

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The Parish Office in St Bridget's Centre is open this week Monday to Thursday
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