



10th August 2025

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

8am	Holy Communion – St Bridget’s
10am	Holy Communion – St Bridget’s (livestreamed)
10am	Holy Communion – Caldý
6.30pm	Evening Prayer – St Bridget’s



Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

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

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Jeremiah 23.23-29 Hebrews 11.29-12.2 Luke 12.49-56

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (10th – 16th August)

St Bridget: Mary Wilson, Ella Maureen Town, Margaret Ellerton, Gladys Mary Gossop, Glennis Jones, Paul Edward Hedley Hair, Millicent Hannah Kenney, Florence Ellen Kirkbride, Harold Kemp, Anthony Graeme de Bracey Marrs.

Caldy: Hazel Mary Booth.

RIP: Bill Smith.

A memorial service of thanksgiving for Bill Smith will be held in St Bridget's on **Friday 15th August at 11.30am** after a burial at Frankby cemetery. The service will be followed by refreshments in St Bridget's Centre.

WHAT'S ON this week

11th – 16th August

Monday		Rector's day off
	9am – 12	Activity morning for families in the Centre
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	1pm – 4pm	Parish Office open instead of the morning
	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	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
	11.30am	Memorial Service (Bill Smith RIP) – St Bridget

PLEASE PRAY FOR the Link café, for all who volunteer and all who come seeking friendship and welcome. We pray in particular for more volunteers.

ECO CHURCH

On Saturday (9th) we will be moving chippings created from the fallen Yew tree to the lower churchyard and spreading them onto the pathways. If you can help, please join us from 10am.



GRUBBING!

You may have noticed that the grass in the upper churchyard is being taken over by plantain. This is a broad-leaved weed which kills grass. We are happy for it to grow in the lower churchyard but please help us reduce it from the upper. There are two daisy grubbers hanging in the North porch behind the main doors. If you are passing through, perhaps you could grub up a few plantain – it's very satisfying! You can pop them in the brown bins or leave them on the ground and the gardeners will mow them up.



FLOWER GUILD MEETING



Please join the members of St Bridget's Flower Guild on **Tuesday 19 August at 2pm** at the Rectory when we will be sharing ideas of what we might do at Harvest Festival and Christmas. It is a very friendly group and we welcome anyone who is interested in helping to make our churches beautiful.

JAM JARS

Margaret Smith would be very grateful for any small sized jam jars, with or without lids, as she will soon be making jam to sell at The Link. Thank you in advance.



VOLUNTEERING

There are several volunteering opportunities – if you have a couple of hours a month to spare and would be willing to help us keep activities going please let the Rector know.

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.

LAP TOP BAGS

Brand new bags, big enough to fit a 16" lap top – **£5** from Carole Steel's Sales Table. All proceeds to church funds.

FAIRTRADE Brew-it Fair

Tea is the world's most popular drink apart from water – in Britain alone we drink over 100 million cups of tea every day. But too little of the money in the industry goes back to the people who grow and pick our tea. As tea drinkers we have become used to paying very little, with an average tea bag today costing just two or three pence, while the cost to grow and pick our tea is increasing. Urgent action is needed to support the people at the end of tea supply chains to create positive change for themselves, their communities and our shared environment. Sign the petition here



https://action.fairtrade.org.uk/page/171071/petition/1?ea.tracking.id=landing_page_button

PARISH GIVING SCHEME

The parish has recently registered with The Parish Giving Scheme which facilitates secure donations by card or app or enables you to set up a direct debit for regular giving. It is a very simple process and you can find out more on our website. Thank you to everyone who supports the parish financially, enabling us to offer ministry and activities across the parish.

THANK YOU

To those who spent a morning cleaning Caldy church and making it sparkle. 12 woman hours in total with a great result!



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.

WAVING OFF THE WILLIS

The organ from St Bridget's was uplifted this week and taken to the Willis workshop where it will be repaired and restored. In its place is an electric organ which we will use for the next few months. Thanks to Ann Holden and Lynne Saunders for overseeing the removal and taking some pictures of the process too.



THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY September – November 2025

The Bereavement Journey is a series of 6 weekly sessions where participants explore their experience and response to grief in a supportive environment. The next Bereavement Journey will be at St Michael and All

Angels' Church, Queensbury, Newton, West Kirby CH48 6EP on Thursdays from 10am to 12 noon starting on September 25th. 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, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm, on Tuesday 1pm – 4pm.

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