

St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

17th August 2025

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- 8am** **Holy Communion – St Bridget's**
10am **Holy Communion – St Bridget's (livestreamed)**
10am **Holy Communion – Caldy**
6.30pm **Compline – St Bridget's**



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

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

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Isaiah 43.8-13 Acts 5.12-16 Luke 22.24-30

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (17th – 23rd August)

St Bridget: Marjorie Turner, Alan Robert Brown, William Harold Bell, Alan Robert James, Barbara Joyce Ashcroft.

Caldy: Joseph Johnson, Barry Clifford Lloyd, Hilda Tice, Sandra Hind.

RIP: Syd Ford.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Syd Ford, a warden at Caldy church for many years who worked tirelessly and generously for the benefit of church and community. He will be very much missed. Our prayers and condolences to his wife Val.



FLOWERS on the Memorial Table at St Bridget's have been given this week by Simon Trout in memory of his wife Ruth, whose birthday is 18th August.

WHAT'S ON this week

18th – 23rd August

Monday		Rector's day off
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	11am	Burial of ashes (Brenda Free RIP) – Caldy Church
	2pm	Flower Guild meets at the Rectory, 40 Village Road
	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
	10am	Men's Shed visit to Port Sunlight
	11.30am	Holy Communion – St Bridget
Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	9am – 12	Activity morning for families in the Centre
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
Saturday	12 noon	Wedding (Adam Peel & Emily Morcumb) – St Bridget



MANY THANKS! to all the willing helpers who turned up on Saturday to help move all the chippings – it was moved really fast and efficiently! We have had the last lot chipped and are planning to move it within the next two weeks. Watch this spot!

The lower churchyard team are also in need of 3 paving stones to stand our water butts on, please ring Sally Cashen on 0151 625 5970, and she will collect them. Access to water will make such a difference, and may also help people who come to tend graves.

Please do wander down, with care, and take a look at how the area is progressing.

FLOWER GUILD MEETING



Please join the members of St Bridget's Flower Guild on **Tuesday 19th 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.

GARDEN PRODUCE at The Link

We have raised £250 so far this year for the Foodbank from donations for fruit, vegetables and preserves. We should be able to keep going for a few more weeks. Many thanks to everyone for their donations.



ARE YOU STORING CHURCH INFORMATION?



We need to keep track of who has what on their computers or in paper files at home. Many people have been on committees, led groups or done other volunteer jobs for the Church - we are really grateful.

Do you have important information we might need if you weren't available?

Do you have records that the church might want to archive?

Please could you tell the Churchwardens churchwardens@stbridgetschurch.org.uk what you have.

Also if you have out of date lists of people's contact details or other **personal data**, please update or destroy them, to keep Data Protection rules.

HOST FAMILIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

UK Educational Holidays is looking for warm, caring families in the Wirral area to host international students for short study vacations. Bookings are taken all year round, but host families can take as many or as few bookings as they like. Share your family life and culture, help young learners improve their English, receive £30 a night to cover costs and make lifelong international friendships. Email info@beaumontscholars.com for more information.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BELL RINGERS

West Kirby ringers took part in the Wirral Branch 6 bell striking competition at Thurstaston on Sunday. 10 teams entered and the aim is to ring 120 different changes as perfectly as possible. The team with the fewest 'faults' and best striking wins, and we're pleased to share that the West Kirby team won. Here is a picture of the winning

band, with our Tower captain Randle Tinkler and four St Bridget's Ringers. West Kirby will now go on to represent the Wirral Branch in the Chester Guild 6 bell striking competition in September.

PARISH MAGAZINE September issue – contributions welcome

Do you have a special reflection, prayer or idea that you would like to share?

A recommendation of something to do or somewhere to go?

The theme for September is Creation, Harvest and Sharing.

Please send contributions to office@stbridgetschurch.org.uk by **Thursday 21st August**.



FAIRTRADE



Have you tried the Fairtrade fudge from Margaret Smith's stall? – very delicious! Just one of the tasty ranges on offer. Please ensure that if you provide tea or coffee at church events you purchase Fairtrade varieties. The stall has a good range available.

Fairtrade is gradually empowering communities to organise into cooperatives and improve their negotiating position within the supply chain. This can enable them to negotiate a higher price for their product than the conventional market price.

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.



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.

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