

# St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

**St Bartholomew, Apostle**

## **PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

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



## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY**

Isaiah 43.8-13

Acts 5.12-16

Luke 22.24-30

## **Lectionary readings next Sunday**

Proverbs 25.6-7

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

Luke 14.1, 7-14

## **FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE** (24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> August)

**St Bridget:** Andrew Forbes Batchelor, Lisa Claire Crowden, John Andrew Getty, Terence Leicester Maunder, Mary Patricia Oliphant Rawlinson, William Ralph Latham, Barry John McLeod, Patricia Halliday Clark (14<sup>th</sup> August).

**Caldy:** George Anthony Beausire, Brian Anthony Jackson, Thomas Curig Roberts, Geoffrey Horton Ambrose Goodwin, William Edward Taffs, Frederick Crawford, Pearl Dorothy May Moxley.

**RIP:** Syd Ford, John Price.

**A memorial service of thanksgiving for the life of Syd Ford will be held at Caldy Church on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 11am.**

**FLOWERS** on the Memorial Table at St Bridget's are given this week by Patricia Barrett Crowther in celebration of a wonderful life and 40 years of happy marriage to her husband Terry, who would have been 90 this weekend.



### Remembering those who have died

Please note that if you want names of loved ones in our memorial book (and subsequently on the newsletter) you can complete a form, available from Paula in the office.

### WHAT'S ON this week

**25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> August**

Monday		Bank Holiday, Parish Office closed
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	1pm	Rector's afternoon off
	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



Doreen Smith would like to say thank you especially to Alex, for the service for Bill in church and at the graveside, and for all her support. Thank you to everyone for the kindness shown and the many cards and messages of sympathy received on the death of my dear husband Bill. Thank you, everyone.



### ***Come, celebrate!***

Churchwarden Ann invites you all to help her take her mind off an imminent birthday. Please join her in the Centre after 10am service on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September** for a slice of something and a glass of something else (there'll still be coffee). And, in case you wonder, absolutely NO presents.

### ANOTHER THANK YOU

Rosie Griffiths would like to thank everyone for the kindness and prayers during her recovery from a hip replacement. She very much hopes to be back amongst us soon. We have a number of people recovering from surgery and serious illness and are pleased to watch their recovery.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

The members of our pastoral team, Sally Cashen, Sue Shaw, Simon Trout, Claire Ledingham, Pat Southworth, and all who offer friendship and care. Help us to notice those any who are in need.

## ST BRIDGET'S MOTHERS' UNION



Our next meeting is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 2 pm when Nick Lynch from Barclays Bank is coming along to tell us about computer / telephone scams. Church members are very welcome to join us – this is something that affects us all these days.

## THEOLOGY GROUP

The next meeting is on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7 pm in the Ring O' Bells, and the topic is *The Eucharist*. All are welcome to what has proved to be a very successful discussion group. You can just arrive if you wish, but if you send an e-mail to me I can forward the preliminary materials.

David Chester

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## THE ELECTORAL ROLL

Applications to join the electoral roll for the parish of St Bridget's West Kirby and All Saints Caldy can be made at any time. This means you can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the spring. Forms are available at

[https://parishresources.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/Form\\_1\\_Application\\_for\\_enrolment\\_church\\_electoral\\_roll.pdf](https://parishresources.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/Form_1_Application_for_enrolment_church_electoral_roll.pdf) or at the back of church. Please ask for assistance if you cannot find them. The form can be completed and signed electronically (by typing name in signature field) and submitted via email to the electoral roll officer Mary Rees [mrees433@gmail.com](mailto:mrees433@gmail.com) 0151 625 1598, or handed in on paper at the office in the Centre, or to Mary.

## WHEN DID WE SEE YOU A STRANGER AND INVITE YOU IN, OR NEEDING CLOTHES AND CLOTHE YOU? *Matthew 25:38*

We worship an outrageously generous God and are called to be generous in return. This may be in what we do or what we say. It can be too easy to make assumptions and judgements based on misinformation. A new report urges UK to restore dignity for asylum seekers and shares some facts about our response to those in desperate need here:

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/53063>

## 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](mailto: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.

**FAIRTRADE FLOWERS** are traceable back to the original farm. Fairtrade-certified farms must ensure safety and working conditions for their employees. These farms receive a Fairtrade Premium of 10% for every stem sold, which allows workers to invest in healthcare, education and other social benefits. You can buy fairtrade flowers at Aldi, Lidl, Co-op and Asda.



## ECO CHURCH

Our church recognises that worship resources have an impact on the climate and nature, and chooses those that are as sustainable as possible. For example, we are trying to use local / seasonal flowers; we are no longer using oasis or floral foam in our flower arrangements; and we are planting shrubs which will provide greenery, as well as hoping to grow some flowers for use in arrangements. We will also be trialling some organic communion wine and we use beeswax candles. These all cost us more, but they don't cost the earth.



### **HARVEST FESTIVALS at our churches:**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September at St Bridget's, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at Caldby**

The **Foodbank** have asked for our support during the season of Harvest Festivals, and we would like to send extra donations from our churches. Their Harvest shopping list comprises: tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, cereal, tinned meat, jam, long grain rice, deodorant, coffee and toothpaste. Donations can be left at the back of either church and at the Parish Office.



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The Parish Office in St Bridget's Centre is open this week:

Tuesday to Friday morning 9.30am – 12.30pm (closed on Bank Holiday Monday)

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