

St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

Sunday 2nd November 2025

Caldy Patronal Festival – All Saints' Day

TODAY the whole parish celebrates **ALL SAINTS' DAY** with a **united Parish Communion service at CALDY – The Church of the Resurrection and All Saints – at 10am** with our combined choirs leading the worship.

There will be a short service of Morning Prayer at 10am at St Bridget's for any unable to attend Caldy.



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK Holy God, across the years we hear your saints, we see their faith and hear their words as they proclaim your love; show us how to live like them, with hearts of joy and words of hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

8am Holy Communion – St Bridget
10am UNITED PARISH COMMUNION at CALDY
10am Morning Prayer – St Bridget
6.30pm *TIME TO REMEMBER* – St Bridget



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18 Ephesians 1.11-23 Luke 6.20-31

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Job 19.23-27a 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17 Luke 20.27-38

TIME TO REMEMBER – this evening in St Bridget's at 6.30pm



All are welcome to this special service in St Bridget's church when we remember those we love who have died. The names of any from the parish whose funerals or memorials have taken place this year will be read out. If you attend the service, you will also be able to add names to a list for inclusion. *The service will be livestreamed.*

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (2nd – 8th November)

St Bridget: Robert Haig Douglas, Harold Exley Shaw, Florence Pritchard, David Christian, baby Isabelle Lara Mackay, John McKeand Couper.

Caldy: Ronald Morford Gravett, William Knox, Audrey Bland Jones, Robert John Daniel-Jones.

RIP: Ethel Eva Shakeshaft.

WHAT'S ON this week 3rd – 8th November

Monday		Rector's day off
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	2pm	Holy Communion at Caldy Manor
	3.30pm	Toasty Tuesday in St Bridget's
	4.45pm	Sing Aloud
	6pm	Adult choir practice
	7pm	Theology Discussion Group – upstairs at the Ring O' Bells
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
Wednesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer – St Bridget
	8.30 – 11.30am	Link café – Centre
	10am	Knit & Natter, Craft and Chat group – Centre
	11.30am	Holy Communion – St Bridget
	12 noon	Ministry Team meeting
Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	10am	Caldy Baby & Toddler Group + STiCK
	11.30am	Enhancements and Buildings group meets
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
	10am	St Bridget's Baby Group – Centre
Saturday	10am	<i>Something More?</i> Discussion group – Centre

Many of you will have heard that Canon Anne Samuels suffered a significant head injury following a fall in Liverpool last week. Anne remains in a critical condition in Walton and is currently on a ventilator. She is receiving excellent care and it is a case of waiting to see how well she responds. Ray is very aware of and grateful for our prayers.

THEOLOGY GROUP The next meeting is on **Tuesday 4th November** at 7pm in the Ring O' Bells, when it is planned to discuss ancient (Old Testament) texts which today many Christians find problematic. All are welcome – please do come along and please invite others. David Chester can be contacted on email jg54@liverpool.ac.uk

REAL ADVENT CALENDARS

The Real Advent Calendar is the only one with Fairtrade chocolate, a copy of the Christmas story and which helps projects providing care and support for mums and new babies in African villages. It is a great way to put Christ back into the hearts of those who no longer know the Christmas story so well.



The calendars are not on sale in supermarkets but are available from the Fair Trade stall in St Bridget's Centre on Sunday after the main morning services, and on Wednesday at the Link Café.



FRESH PRODUCE FUNDRAISING FOR WIRRAL FOODBANK

The harvest season is over, so we will now end this year's fundraising for the Foodbank through donations for fresh produce brought to St Bridget's Centre on Sunday and Wednesday mornings. We raised a record £575.00 this year, with huge thanks to everyone who supplied produce and those who made donations. John and Margaret Smith



A MESSAGE FROM FRED

Thank you to those who have taken and returned my questionnaire. If you haven't yet done so, could I ask you to take a copy from the back of either church?

For those who haven't yet completed the questionnaire but intend to, please **DO NOT COMPLETE THE CONSENT FORM ON THE BACK**. I have realised this undermines the anonymity of the questionnaire. Please just hand in with that page left blank.

For those who have completed the form, I will be destroying it without looking at it.

Apologies for any confusion or inconvenience.

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT Saturday 8th November 7.30pm Hope Church, Hoylake



The Wirral Symphony Orchestra (formerly the St Bridget's Orchestra) play Schumann and Brahms. Jonathan Small will conduct Rossini's exciting *William Tell Overture*, Schumann's tuneful *4th Symphony*, Brahms' dramatic *Tragic Overture* and his masterly *Double Concerto*. Tickets £16 (Students £6) from

Maccombs Pet Shop Hoylake, West Kirby Bookshop, Rod Tann, or tel. 0770 200 5409.

ART FOR THE SOUL

Would you be interested in coming to a creative workshop with an Advent theme? Local artist Alice Price is available to lead an afternoon workshop at St Bridget's Centre with a mix of art, creativity and spirituality. We have chosen Sunday 30th November 1 – 4pm at a cost of £12 per person including all materials and refreshments. Please let Paula know asap if you would like to come. We need 15 participants to make this wonderful opportunity viable.



SOMETHING MORE Saturday 8th November 10am – 12 noon

St. Bridget's Centre This will be an informal session, aimed at those who want to explore the basics of the Christian faith and consider how being a Christian can change lives. Coffee, cake and conversation! Plenty of

opportunity to ask questions, chat in small groups or simply listen. Please do consider inviting friends, family or neighbours. If you would like to come, please give your name to Paula in the office: email office@stbridgets.org.uk or tel. 0151 625 2739.



SUPPORTING REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

Hoylake4All are doing an amazing job at supporting the refugees arriving in Hoylake. The men are often very anxious about leaving the hotel or going to appointments, or are simply feeling bored and lonely. Hoylake 4all are looking for volunteers to befriending some of the more vulnerable residents. They say that the (time commitment would be 2 hours a week. We would like to have 3 or 4 people from our church community offer to do this. Please let the Rector know if you would be interested.

Thank you for the donations so far. Please leave any warm hats, backpacks, cycle helmets, gloves, or coats in the porches of our churches.



KNIFE SHARPENING

Peter Walker offers to sharpen our knives in time for Christmas, and will have his machine at The Link on Wednesdays 12, 19, 26 November and 3 December. To put it bluntly, this is cutting edge stuff.

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