

St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

Sunday 12th October 2025

This Sunday we celebrate being an Inclusive Church

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Searching God, to you no one is lost, no one is left behind, no one is the price to be paid for the greater good. Give us the same restless desire, the same fierce joy, which finds grace in every child of earth and makes a community open to all. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who loved the world and did not count the cost. Amen.

8am	Holy Communion – St Bridget's
10am	Holy Communion – St Bridget's (livestreamed)
10am	Holy Communion – Caldy
3.30pm	Supper Sunday in the Centre
6.30pm	Evening Prayer – St Bridget's



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of welcome, we thank you that in bread and wine you have made yourself known to us and united us with one another. Empower us by your Spirit to witness to the world your radical and unconditional invitation to all. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c	2 Timothy 2.8-15	Luke 17.11-19
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Lectionary readings next Sunday

Genesis 32.22-31	2 Timothy 3.14-4.5	Luke 18.1-8
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FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (12th – 18th October)

St Bridget: Barbara Mary Ellerton, Isabel Mary Barnes, José Thirza Bell, Annie Brown, Ronald Clayton Mason, Charles Frederick Fowler, Elsie May Kerr, Dilys Lewis, Jonathan Dodd, David Roland Wynn-Williams.

Caldy: George Francis Booth, George Fenton Elsworth.

Flowers on the Memorial Table at St Bridget's have been given today by Carolyn Tallents, Maggie Ellis and all the family on the anniversary of the death of Gerry Ellis, whose birthday was also in October.



CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY AT ST BRIDGET'S



Saturday 11th October 9.30 am – 12 noon

We will be continuing to clear

brambles in the upper churchyard, tidying graves, doing some Autumn pruning, weeding the edges of the paths and management of composting. Please bring gloves, secateurs, hoes etc.

WHAT'S ON this week

13th – 18th October

The Parish Office is closed all this week

Monday

Rector's day off

12.15pm

Memorial Service (Kay Harper RIP) – Caldy Church

Tuesday

10am

Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea

2pm

Mothers' Union – Centre

3.30pm

Toasty Tuesday in St Bridget's

4.45pm

Sing Aloud

6pm

Adult choir practice

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

Men's Shed lunch – Centre

Thursday

9am

Morning Prayer on Zoom

10am

Caldy Baby & Toddler Group + STiCK

Friday

9am

Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook

10am

St Bridget's Baby Group – Centre

PRISONS WEEK 12 – 18 OCTOBER

Our parish is a member of the Welcome Directory, helping prison leavers find a community of faith in which they can worship, find encouragement and support. Testimonies and prayers from people who have had close involvement with prisons, can be found at <https://www.prisonswelcome.org/>



ST BRIDGET'S MOTHERS' UNION Tuesday 14th October 2pm

in St Bridget's Centre when Revd. David Chester will give an illustrated talk on *Earthquakes, Volcanoes and Me*. All are welcome regardless of gender.

FILM FRIDAYS

Friday 24th October in St Bridget's Centre 7pm

(doors 6.45pm) To celebrate our work as an inclusive church this month's film is an unlikely comedy, set in 1984, bringing together striking Welsh coal miners and pink activists, and is a must-see. Starring Imelda Staunton and Bill Nighy.



ST BRIDGET'S EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The Trust welcomes applications for financial support from young people aged under 23 years who attended St Bridget's school, or are members of the church family. In previous years the Trust has supported book grants for University, gap year trips to all parts of the world (like Portugal and Ecuador!), music and dance activities, purchase of musical instruments, educational materials. An application form is on the parish website: <https://www.stbridgetschurch.org.uk/educational-trust/>



GIVING TO CHARITIES The PCC recently agreed further donations to charities, which have now been sent. Three charities are small, local ones – Dale Farm in Heswall (supporting adults with learning difficulties), Heart4Refugees at Grange Baptist Church in Birkenhead (supporting refugees!) and Supporting the Peeps based in Moreton

(providing practical help to local families in need). A donation also went to the Disasters Emergency Committee (bringing together all the major UK charities meeting urgent needs worldwide) for their work in the Middle East. Hugely appreciative messages have been received from the three local charities. Thank you for your generosity which allows us both to meet our own essential needs and also to provide significant support to others. John Smith – Parish Treasurer



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

West Kirby Methodist Church will be packing 200 boxes for the Christmas Teams4U

Love in a Box appeal, from 18th October. The boxes will be going to children in Ukraine, Romania, Bosnia, Moldova and Georgia. We are asked to give: coloured pencils, felt tips, balls, small toys, musical instruments such as harmonicas, hair brushes, combs and hair accessories, things for teenagers such as make up and nail varnish, sweets and games for boys.

BRIDGE AFTERNOON Friday 31st October, 1 for 1.30pm St Bridget's Centre

Encourage bridge-playing friends to come ! Refreshments and prizes

£20 per table, pay on arrival – please phone Audrey Briggs on 07486 918169 to book.



ECO CHURCH

Please can we remind everyone who uses our churches, halls and Centre to offer hospitality that we are an Eco-church and Fairtrade parish. If you provide tea and coffee, please ensure you use Fairtrade items and that cleaning materials, including washing up liquid, are also eco-friendly.

SPONSOR A BENCH

If you would like to sponsor a simple, natural bench in the lower churchyard please let the Rector know. Each bench will cost approximately £200 to install.

Understanding the New Testament teaching on Homosexuality: Must “Bible-believing Christians” be Anti-Gay?

Lecture by Rev. Dr. Colin Hart, 4pm on Sunday 26 October at Heswall United Reformed Church.

SOMETHING MORE

Saturday 8th November

10am – 12 noon



The first of our ‘Something More’ sessions will take place in St Bridget’s Centre and will include hearing from one or two speakers about their understanding of who God is. There will be the chance to respond, ask questions or reflect in small group discussion or simply listen. The

session is particularly aimed at those who want to explore the basics of the Christian faith and consider how being a Christian can change lives. We do need to know numbers, so if you are planning to come to this session please give your name to Paula in the office, either via email office@stbridgets.org.uk or in person.



CALDY HARVEST FESTIVAL

We had a wonderful Harvest celebration at Caldy church on October 5th. Grateful thanks to Richard Mawdsley and Pat Southworth for their help and support in sorting and delivering the canned and fresh goods which were donated. They took 99 kilos of food to the Food Bank and the 26 kilos of fresh produce to the Charles Thompson Mission.



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. Chop chop, look sharp, you can see the point – it’s time for those puns again!

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The Parish Office is closed all this week and will re-open on Monday 20th October 9.30am – 12.30pm.