



St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church



Remembrance Sunday 9th November 2025

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our Father, your Son is our peace and his cross the sign of reconciliation: help us, who share the broken bread, to bring together what is scattered and to bind up what is wounded, that Christ may bring in the everlasting kingdom of his peace; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

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

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Malachi 4.1-2a 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13 Luke 21.5-19

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (9th – 15th November)

St Bridget: Eleanor Grace Sheppard, Robert Oliver MacBryde, David William Ramsey, James Mark John Pope, Iris Joan Chapman, Jean Frances Ratcliffe, Laura Lou Baldry, Isabel Medley Baldry, Robert Millar Briscoe, Malcolm Stephen Ellis.

Caldy: Francis John Hollowell, Richard Alured Waller, Clement Robert C. Wallworth, Walter Riley, Donald Town, Pamela Wissett.

RIP: Andrew Cartwright.



Flowers on the Memorial Table at St Bridget's have been given this week by Barbara Christian in memory of her husband David.

WHAT'S ON this week

10th – 15th November

Alex our Rector and Ruth our curate will be away all this week at Swanwick, attending the Chester Diocesan Clergy Conference.

Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldby Church followed by coffee / tea
	12.30pm	Mothers' Union lunch out at the Gravesberie, Greasby
	3.30pm	Toasty Tuesday in St Bridget's
	4.45pm	Sing Aloud
	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
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
	12.30pm	Funeral (Ethel Eva Shakeshaft RIP) – St Bridget
Saturday	9.30am – 12 Churchyard working party at St Bridget's	

THIS SATURDAY – SOMETHING MORE



Please encourage or bring folk to this informal session where we plan to share our thoughts on how we might understand God and the difference this can make to our lives.

10am – 12 noon, the Beacon Room, St Bridget's Centre.



CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY AT ST BRIDGET'S

Saturday 15th November 9.30 am – 12 noon We will be sorting the compost heaps by the Hazlehurst gates, tidying graves, removing brambles and weeds, completing some pruning in readiness for Winter and removing weeds from paths. Please bring gloves, secateurs, hoes etc. Great refreshments and good company as always!

Our prayers continue for Anne Samuels and her husband Ray. Anne remains in Walton hospital; she is no longer on life support but is on the high dependency unit. We are encouraged by news that she is making progress each day. Ray is very aware of and grateful for our prayers. Our thanks to the pastoral team for their care of several members of our church community who are unwell at this time.



ST BRIDGET'S MOTHERS' UNION

There is no meeting in the Centre on 11th November as it is our annual lunch out. We meet at the Gravesberrie in Greasby at 12 noon for lunch at 12.30 pm.



INCLUSIVE CHURCH: PLEASE SIGN, PLEASE SHARE

The Inclusive Church movement, which campaigns for the Church to move forward on issues of Equality and Diversity, has written an Open Letter at <https://www.inclusive-church.org/llf-open-letter/> to the House of Bishops, which anyone in the Church of England can sign. Although the General Synod has voted for progress towards Same-sex blessing services, and towards allowing clergy to be in Same-sex marriages, the bishops have recently voted for further delay, in part due to campaigns from pressure groups. The letter is available until November 23rd.

THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

Advent is just 3 weeks away. We begin a wonderful season of waiting and wondering. There are some daily Bible readings for use during Advent at the back of the churches. These are just £2 each – simply put the £2 in any of the collection boxes, envelopes or plates.

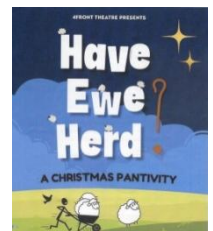


SAVE THE DATE Saturday 31st January 2026 7pm

As part of next year's patronal celebration: St. Bridget's Hotpot Supper plus entertainment, in aid of Wirral Foodbank.

HAVE EWE HERD ? a Christmas Pantivity West Kirby URC

Saturday 29 November at 3pm (doors open 2.30pm) at West Kirby URC, presented by 4Front Theatre. Tickets £7 adults, £5 accompanied children from ticketsource.co.uk/west-kirby-united-reformed-church



ECOCHURCH Try YUKA – the mobile App that scans your products

Yuka is a 100% independent app that scans food and cosmetic products in order to know their impact on your health and on the environment. Download for free at <https://yuka.io/en/>



ORGAN UPDATE

Just how complicated is a pipe organ like ours? Now is your chance to find out! We're hoping to visit our organ in the Henry Willis & Sons workshop (at Rotunda Organ Works, 72 St. Anne Street, Liverpool L3 3DY) during the week of 24th November. We haven't fixed a date yet until we know if anyone is interested: please contact Ann Holden (ann.holden@cantab.net) if you are, or the office 625 2739.

REAL ADVENT CALENDARS Fairtrade chocolate and the Christmas story

Not on sale in supermarkets but available from the Fair Trade stall in the Centre on Sunday after the main morning services, and on Wednesday at the Link Café.





WIRRAL FOODBANK – A DIFFERENT KIND OF ADVENT CALENDAR

Follow this link to find a reverse Advent Calendar which can help families using the Foodbank this Christmas. [https://wirral.foodbank.org.uk/wp-](https://wirral.foodbank.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/198/2025/10/Advent-Calendar-2025-1.pdf)

[content/uploads/sites/198/2025/10/Advent-Calendar-2025-1.pdf](https://wirral.foodbank.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/198/2025/10/Advent-Calendar-2025-1.pdf) It begins on the first of November but it's not too hard to catch up – the first 9 days included rice pudding, tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes, tinned fish, tinned meat, chocolate bars, cereal and shower gel.

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? 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.

ART FOR THE SOUL **Sunday 30th November 1 – 4pm in St Bridget's Centre**

Local artist Alice Price is available to lead an afternoon workshop with a mix of art, creativity and spirituality: £12 per person including all materials and refreshments. Please let Paula know asap if you would like to come, and after this week we will open the invitation to the wider community.



SUPPORTING REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

Thank you for your donations so far. We will be passing on 3 bikes, as well as warm hats. There is still a need for warm coats, joggers and trainers.

Smaller items such as clothing can be left in the baskets at church.

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, November** and **3, 10 December**.



CONTACTS

Rector	Rev. Alex Williams	625 1052	rectorwestkirby@gmail.com
Curate	Rev. Ruth Abbott		curatewestkirby@gmail.com
Churchwardens	Ann Holden		churchwardens@stbridgetschurch.org.uk
	Anna Gibson		churchwardens@stbridgetschurch.org.uk
Retired Clergy	Rev. David Chester	625 8004	
	Rev. Mary Railton-Crowder	384 2482	
	Rev. Canon Anne Samuels and Rev. Canon Ray Samuels		625 3492
Parish Safeguarding Officer	Rosemary Morgan		0782 1672232
			safeguardingwestkirby@gmail.com
Parish Office	0151 625 2739		office@stbridgetschurch.org.uk