



# St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

## Third Sunday of Advent

**14<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

We light the third candle to pray for joy, for ourselves and for everyone. We give thanks for the beauty of joy and the way it comes to us when we don't expect it. We pray for everyone who feels no joy. May they find some hint of joy that shines like this candle flame. Lord Jesus Christ, joy of the hearts that know you, fill us and all your world with joy. Come close to us this Advent. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ 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

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

### LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Isaiah 35.1-10                      James 5.7-10                      Matthew 11.2-11

### Lectionary readings next Sunday

Isaiah 7.10-16                      Romans 1.1-7                      Matthew 1.18-end

### FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE    (14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> December)

**St Bridget:**            Mary Annie Addison, baby Richard Granton, Anita Margaret Smith,  
George Harold Morgan, Jack Beanland, Kathleen Murray, Thomas Hingely Edge,  
Lillian Ernessa (Nessa) May, Derek Fathers, William Henry Ferguson, Minnie Celia Bailey.  
**Caldy:**            Edith Winifred Pryce Bibby, Aimée Gorton Forwood Bower, Peter Norman Cox,  
Joan Ciceley Harding, Patricia Matthews.  
**RIP:**    Arthur Pennal.

**ADVENT: a time of waiting, watching and preparing a space for God to dwell with us.**

## ADVANCE NOTICE – CHANGES TO REGULAR SERVICES OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December NO morning service of Holy Communion at St Bridget's

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December NO service of Evening Prayer at St Bridget's

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December NO service of Holy Communion at Caldý

Also please note that the Museum will be closed on Saturdays 27<sup>th</sup> December and 3<sup>rd</sup> January



### WHAT'S ON this week

15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> December

Monday	RECTOR'S DAY OFF	
	9.30am	School Christmas service (FS2) – St Bridget
Tuesday	9.30am	School Christmas service (Y1) – St Bridget
	10am	<b>Holy Communion – Caldý Church</b> followed by coffee / tea
	2pm	Rossinière Home Group – 1, Pikes Hey Road
	3pm	Party tea for Toasty Tuesday volunteers – Centre
	4.45pm	Sing Aloud
	6pm	Choir practice
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
Wednesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer – St Bridget
	8.30 – 11.30am Pre-Christmas celebration at the Link café – Centre	
	10am	Knit & Natter, Craft and Chat group – Centre
	11.30am	<b>Holy Communion – St Bridget</b>
	2.15pm	School Christmas service (Y2) – St Bridget
Thursday	7.30am	<b>Holy Communion – St Bridget</b>
	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	9.30am	Funeral (Arthur Pennal RIP) – Landican
	10am	Caldý Baby & Toddler Group + STiCK
	2.15pm	School Christmas service (Y4) – St Bridget
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
	12.30pm	<b>Praying with the sacrament – St Bridget</b>
	6.30pm	Outdoor Carols at Caldý Church followed by mulled wine and mince pies

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

6.30pm Outdoor carols at Caldý

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December

3.30pm Christingle and Nativity at Caldý

6.30pm Carol service at St Bridget's

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

3.30 for 4pm start Outdoor – indoor Nativity at St Bridget's

11.30pm Midnight Mass at St Bridget's

### CHRISTMAS DAY

8am and 10am at St Bridget's and 10am at Caldý



## **OUTDOOR CAROLS AROUND THE TREE AT CALDY**

**6.30 pm FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

A short community sing-a-long of carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Our music group will be leading the singing so please come and join us. If the weather is bad, we will be in church.

## **THE LINK CAFE ... CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR**

We will be offering a special Christmas session on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December with festive refreshments and a visit from St Bridget's school choir.

There will be **NO LINK** on Christmas Eve but there will be a session on New Year's Eve.

## **ST BRIDGET'S CAROL SERVICE 6.30 pm Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

A traditional Carol Service of readings, congregational carols and choir pieces by our adult and Sing Aloud junior choir. The choirs have been working hard, and we hope this will be a beautiful start to the last days of Advent and the anticipation of Christmas. The service is likely to last 1 hour.



## **CHRISTINGLE AT CALDY 3.30 pm Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

A simple retelling of the nativity story with the help of the toddlers and including a Christingle. The service is likely to last just over half an hour, depending on how the camels and sheep behave ...

## **CHRISTMAS EVE: NO ROOM AT THE INN arrive from 3.30 pm for 4 pm start**

Now a firm favourite – journey with us to Bethlehem to witness the birth of the baby Jesus. Meet the Shepherds, try and find an inn keeper who will let you in, dodge the tax collectors and if you're very lucky find a space inside as the Christmas story unfolds in lights and music. Ideal for all ages and lasts about an hour.

If you would be willing to help us tidy up afterwards then please come along at 5pm. This enables us to get home sooner!



## **CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS DAY A mixture of services to welcome Jesus**

### **At ST BRIDGET'S:**

**Midnight Mass** – Holy Communion, carols and candle-light. Starts at 11.30pm Christmas Eve.

**8 am** Christmas Morning – quiet said Communion (traditional language) lasts approx. 40 minutes

**10 am** Holy Communion with short address and with all ages in mind. We aim to be finished in under an hour. The Rector likes to see what Santa has brought you ...

**At CALDY: Christmas Day 10am** Holy Communion with carols.

## BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY

The next *Bereavement Journey*®, a 7 session programme which assists bereaved people to process their loss will be held at the West Kirby Methodist Church from January 28<sup>th</sup> for seven weeks, every Wednesday from 2-4pm. If you are interested in attending or know someone who might benefit, please let Paula in the office know, or contact Susan Rice-Oxley on 07867 544964 or [susanriceoxley@live.co.uk](mailto:susanriceoxley@live.co.uk)

## THEOLOGY DISCUSSION GROUP

The next meeting will be upstairs at the Ring O' Bells at **7pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026**, and the focus will be on **Liturgy**. Richard Williams has kindly agreed to lead this session and will be circulating some material ahead of the meeting.

## COATS, HATS, JOGGING BOTTOMS and TRAINERS

A huge thank you for your generous donations which are massively appreciated and have made a big difference to those arriving in Hoylake with very little. We are continuing to collect items – please leave in the church porch.



## NOT ANY OLD FOIL!

Please can we ask that **only blister packs** are put in the blister pack recycling boxes and not other foil items. Thank you.

## KNIFE SHARPENING

*Thank you from Peter to all who brought their knives to be sharpened – he had lots of customers and says it has been the best one yet. Let's razor toast and be careful we don't cut our fingers.*



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