

St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

Second Sunday of Advent

7th December 2025

We lit the first candle to pray for hope.

We light this second candle to pray for peace; peace for ourselves and for the whole world. We ask for the peace of mind that comes from seeing things clearly. We pray for everyone who lives in the midst of conflict or war. May they find some sign of peace that shines like this candle flame.

Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of peace, reign in our hearts and in all the world. Come close to us this Advent. Amen.



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

- 8am** **Holy Communion – St Bridget's**
10am **Holy Communion – St Bridget's (livestreamed)**
10am **Holy Communion – Caldy**
6.30pm **Stories of Encounter – St Bridget's – this week we hear from our curate Ruth**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Isaiah 11.1-10	Romans 15.4-13	Matthew 3.1-12
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Lectionary readings next Sunday

Isaiah 35.1-10	James 5.7-10	Matthew 11.2-11
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FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (7th – 13th December)

St Bridget: Alan Raymond Griffiths, Nancy Mounsey, Andrew Nicholas Bamforth,
Claude Beresford Alexander, "Mac" McKinnon, baby Eve Montgomery.

Caldy: Elizabeth Elliott Mitchell Nichol, Brian Douglas, Peter Kendrick Ralli, Eveline Cubbin,
Maurice Brown, Enid Patricia George.

RIP: Arthur Pennal.

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

WHAT'S ON this week

8th – 13th December

Monday	RECTOR'S DAY OFF	
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldly Church followed by coffee / tea
	2pm	Mothers' Union – Centre
	3.30pm	Toasty Tuesday in St Bridget's (last one this year)
	4.45pm	Sing Aloud
	6pm	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
	12.30pm	Wreath making workshop – Centre
Thursday	7.30am	Holy Communion – St Bridget
	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	10am	Caldly Baby & Toddler Group + STiCK
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
	10am	Avalon Christmas service – St Bridget
	10am	St Bridget's Baby Group – Centre (last this year)
	12.30pm	Praying with icons – St Bridget
	3.45pm	School Christingle – St Bridget
	7pm	Film night – Centre
Saturday	10.30am	Carol singing at Morrison's
	12 noon	Interment of ashes (Peta Mills RIP) – St Bridget

We will be interring Peta Mills' ashes at 12 noon on Saturday 13th December in the Long Garden at St Bridget's. Friends and members of the congregation are very welcome to attend.

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR CHRISTMAS

Sunday 7th December	6.30pm	Stories of Encounter
Friday 19th December	6.30pm	Outdoor carols at Caldly
Sunday 21st December	3.30pm	Christingle and Nativity at Caldly
	6.30pm	Carol service at St Bridget's
Wednesday 24th 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 Caldly	



ST BRIDGET'S MOTHERS' UNION Tuesday 9th December 2pm

in St Bridget's Centre when Andrew Gibb will be entertaining us with Christmas music.

A chance to sing along, have a chat and enjoy tea, coffee and mince pies. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Wednesday 10th December, 12.30 – 3.30pm in the Hilbre Room at St Bridget's Centre. Cost £20 to include all materials, tea, coffee and mince pie. Two spaces left – please give your name to Paula in the office. *If you have signed up for the workshop, please ensure you bring pruners and scissors with you on the day.*



THE LINK CAFE ... CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

We will be offering a special Christmas session on Wednesday 17th December with special 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 6.30pm Sunday 21st December

Our choirs have been rehearsing hard for this special service – please put the date in your diary.

FILM FRIDAYS Friday 12th December in St Bridget's Centre 7pm (doors 6.45pm)

Imagine having to spend your Christmas break in a boarding school! A seasonal tale of personal discovery, told with humour and pathos. Definitely a must-see. 97/100: Rotten Tomatoes. Join us for the final (seasonal) film of the year!



CINDERELLA UPSIDE DOWN DOLL

The date of her birthday was **25th June** and was won by Robin McLean who was the nearest with the 26th June. Thank you all for taking part: the money raised was £105.50 for church funds.

ECO CHURCH National Emergency Climate Briefing held November 27th

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/53801>

This is a link to an article that those with an eco church interest may want to read. It gives some reasons why it's important for us all to do what we can to be aware of and protect our earth.

ST BRIDGET'S SCHOOL Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS)

The school has recently had a SIAMS inspection and you can read the results [here](#).

KNIFE SHARPENING chop chop, look sharp

Peter Walker will have his machine at The Link for one last time on Wednesday 10 December.



COATS, HATS, JOGGING BOTTOMS and TRAINERS

We are still collecting these for the refugees arriving in Hoylake with few personal items, often in flip flops and with no suitable winter clothes. Please put items in the basket in St Bridget's porch.

WIRRAL FOODBANK



The last delivery of foodbank donations before Christmas from St Bridget's will be during the week of 15th December. If anyone wishes to make a donation of food to reach the Foodbank before Christmas, please bring it to church or the office by 14th December. Otherwise it will be January before the next donations are taken.

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 28th 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

CONCERT Saturday 13th December 7.30pm Lighthouse Church, Heswall

Wirral Symphony Orchestra (formerly the St Bridget's Orchestra) play Baroque music by J S Bach, Handel and Scarlatti, to celebrate the 340th anniversary of their birth in 1685. *The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba*, Bach's Oboe and Violin Concerto, and some short organ works by Bach and Scarlatti played by Viera Efflerova, one of our church organists. Tickets £16 (students £6) from Maccombs Pet Shop, Hoylake; Rod Tann or phone 0770 200 5409.



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The Parish Office in St Bridget's Centre is open Monday to Friday mornings, 9.30am – 12.30pm
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