



# St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church



**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026**

## **Celebrating St Bridget and Candlemas**

- 8am**            **Holy Communion – St Bridget's**
- 10am**           **United Parish Communion – St Bridget's (livestreamed)**  
**(no service at Caldy today)**
- 3.30pm**        **Supper Sunday in the Centre**
- 6.30pm**        **Choral Evensong – St Bridget's**

**PRAYER FOR ST BRIDGET'S DAY** O God, whose servant Bridget, kindled with the flame of your love, became a shining light in your church: grant that we also may be aflame with the spirit of love and discipline, and walk before you as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of truth, whose Wisdom set her table and invited us to eat the bread and drink the wine of the kingdom: help us to lay aside all foolishness and to live and walk in the way of insight, that we may come in fellowship with Bridget to the eternal feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **PRAYER FOR THE WEEK            (Candlemas)**

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen.

### **LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY**

1 Kings 17.8-16	1 Corinthians 1.18-end	John 2.1-11
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### **Lectionary readings next Sunday**

Genesis 1.1-2.3	Romans 8.18-25	Matthew 6.25-34
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### **FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE    (1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> February)**

**St Bridget:**            James Robert Spencer, James Christian Hopper, Kenneth McKenzie Milligan, Terry John Crispin Pharaoh, Joyce Harvey, Harold Wortley, Alice Marjorie Clarke, Pat Crooks, Peter Ernest Manley, David Alan Jones, Henry Elliott White, Herbert Watson Taylor, Bernard Hutchinson Gilding, Lilian Jones.

**Caldy:** Margaret Scarisbrick Harrison, John Gordon Turner, Joan Corinna Heywood, Brian Hinton, James Hamilton (Jim) Brown.

**RIP:** Eileen Spark, Robert Edwin Jones.

**Flowers on the Memorial Table** at St Bridget's are given today by Caroline Ashcroft and Beth Miller remembering their mother Jo Ashcroft whose birthday was 28 January.



## ST BRIDGET'S WEEKEND

**Hotpot Supper Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 6.30pm (doors 6.15pm) – sold out!!**

thanks to all our organisers and we look forward to an evening of great food and entertainments.

## ON SUNDAY WE CELEBRATE ST BRIDGET'S DAY AND CANDLEMAS

The focus at our 10am service will be St Bridget, with more emphasis on Candlemas at our service of **CHORAL EVENSONG** according to the Book of Common Prayer at 6.30pm

**CANDLEMAS** marks the end of the Christmas Season. Our Christmas tree, crib and other decorations come down, and we briefly enter a period of Ordinary time before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Our vestments and altar frontals will be green to represent Ordinary time, changing to purple for Lent. Thanks to our sacristans, Doreen Smith and Barbara Christian at St Bridget's and Joy Alcock and Pat Southworth at Caldy who make these changes for us.

### WHAT'S ON this week

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Monday	RECTOR'S DAY OFF	
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	2pm	Holy Communion at Caldy Manor
	2pm	Home Group – Rossinière, Pikes Hey Road
	3.30pm	Toasty Tuesday in St Bridget's
	4.45pm	Sing Aloud
	6pm	Choir practice
	7pm	Theology Discussion Group at the Ring O' Bells
Wednesday	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
	8.30am	Morning Prayer – St Bridget
	8.30 – 11.30am Link café – Centre	
	10am	Knit & Natter, Craft and Chat group – Centre
Thursday	11.30am	Holy Communion – St Bridget
	12 noon	Ministry Team meeting
	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
Friday	10am	Caldy Baby & Toddler Group + STiCK
	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
	10am	St Bridget's Baby Group – Centre

**The clock at St Bridget's is back striking the hour - thank you to Greg Buckridge for sorting this out with the Cumbrian Clock Company who look after us – for a fee !**

## SAINTS

A link to an interesting conversation between Rupert Sheldrake and Mark Vernon about patron saints! To stimulate some thoughts around the festival of our patron, St Bridget:

<https://substack.com/@rupertsheldrake/note/p-184829797?r=3rgbyj>

## WHEN DID WE SEE YOU NAKED AND CLOTHE YOU?

Over the past four months, the group supporting the refugees in Hoylake has ensured that nearly 200 newly arrived refugees have a warm coat, a decent pair of shoes, and a full set of clothes. That's not just practical support - it's dignity, comfort, and a sense of welcome. As inspiring as this progress is, the need hasn't stopped. Each month, there are around 30 new arrivals needing to be clothed from head to toe. If you're able - please keep the generosity going. Clothing donations can be dropped off at the fabulous Quirky Community Hub, with our most urgent needs being: Men's coats, jumpers, jeans and jogging bottoms. If you don't have items to donate, a financial contribution can make a real difference, helping the team purchase essential underwear, shoes, and other clothing they are short of. [aasfztle.donorsupport.co/page/donate](https://aasfztle.donorsupport.co/page/donate)

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has helped to tidy our churches after Christmas. In particular to those who took down trees, put away crib sets, removed the Christmas floral decorations and put everything away safely for another year. Also, thanks to those who support our music making – the organists, musicians, singers and various choir members and leaders who have worked extra hard over the Christmas season.

## LOOKING FORWARD TO LENT – LENT CALL

Easter is early this year, and Lent will soon be upon us. Why not sign up for '**LENT CALL**' which link pairs of people together once a week to talk on the phone about the Gospel reading used the previous Sunday? Please give your name and telephone number to Paula if you would like to take part.

## THE ELECTORAL ROLL

Applications to join the electoral roll for the parish of St Bridget's West Kirby and All Saints Caldy can be made at any time. This means you can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The number on the roll is used by the Diocese and Grant-awarding bodies as a performance measure for the Parish and the Rector; and lately, although we are a growing church, we have a falling roll. **So please do sign up.** It also affects our representation on Synods (C of E decision making bodies). Forms are available at the back of church or [online](#). Completed forms can be handed in at the office in the Centre, or emailed to the electoral roll officer Mary Rees [mrees433@gmail.com](mailto:mrees433@gmail.com) 0151 625 1598. If you complete the form online, you may type your name for a signature.



**FLOWER GUILD Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30pm at the Rectory** An opportunity to get together and discuss what we are going to do

week by week and on special occasions this year. Anyone interested in what the Flower Guild does is most welcome to come and join us. Refreshments too!

## THEOLOGY DISCUSSION GROUP

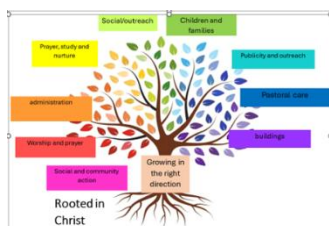
We next meet this Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 7pm in the upper room at the Ring O' Bells with the theme of the Apostle Paul, his work, writings and influence. All are very welcome

**BRIDGE AFTERNOON     Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 1 for 1.30pm St Bridget's Centre**

**Encourage bridge-playing friends to come ! Refreshments and prizes.**

Donations of cakes, home-made if possible, would be very welcome.

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



## WHAT KEEPS THE PCC BUSY?

The PCC met this week and here is a flavour of what was discussed.

Next steps for the toilet extension at St Bridget's which is now ready for planning application. The continued challenge that our regular income

does not meet our regular expenditure. Development of Caldby church and hall. News on the return of the organ at St Bridget's but the need for work on the organ at Caldby. Charitable giving. A proposal for both churches to be come 'Pilgrim Places'. The use of Prayers of Love and Faith following the marriage of same-sex couples. The need for volunteers to keep the West Kirby Museum open. Our spending forecast – what we want to do and when we might do it. Our 'church life priorities 'tree' -have we got any gaps and how are we fulfilling our mission? The safeguarding policies and action plan. We reflected on reports received from teams looking after finance pastoral care, buildings, children and young people, study, nurture, worship and prayer, social action, inclusive and eco church, publicity and outreach, St Bridget's Centre and the churchyard teams. Never believe anyone who says that PCC is dull. We will be electing new members to PCC at our Annual Parochial Church Meeting in May: perhaps you would like to be involved?

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