

# St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

# 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion – St Bridget’s</b>
<b>10am</b>	<b>All Together Worship – St Bridget’s (livestreamed)</b>
<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Communion – Caldy</b>
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Compline – St Bridget’s</b>

**TODAY at ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP** we will hear from not only the wise men but a wise woman too. A chance to reflect on our journeying and think about where God is leading us next. Why not invite someone to come along with you?

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Isaiah 49.1-7                      1 Corinthians 1.1-9                      John 1.29-42

## Lectionary readings next Sunday

Isaiah 9.1-4                      1 Corinthians 1.10-18                      Matthew 4.12-23

**FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE** (18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January)

**St Bridget:** Norman Thompson Parry, Thomas Henry Lightfoot, Sophia Thornton, Iris Duffy, Finn James Goff, June Maris Stella Buckridge, Margaret Irené Getty, Frank Ernest Rowley, Elsie Irene Marr, Florence May Creer, Judy Whiston, Bridget Balfour Johnston, Thomas Eric Parr, John Durrant Ashcroft, Enid Taylor.

**Caldy:** Geoffrey Robson Newton, Eileen Gravett, Bernard Ernest Harper, Iris Challoner Price, Vivienne Fairclough.

**RIP:** Helen Brooks, Irene Moores, Patricia Sumner.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** our churchwardens, Ann Holden and Anna Gibson and our Deputy Warden Joy Alcock. We give thanks for all they do and the support they offer.

**WHAT'S ON this week                      19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January**



**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

Monday	RECTOR'S DAY OFF
Tuesday	Parish Office closed
	10am            Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	2pm            Home Group – Rossinière, Pikes Hey Road
	3.30pm        Toasty Tuesday in St Bridget's
	4.45pm        Sing Aloud
	6pm            Choir practice
	7.30pm        Bell ringing practice
Wednesday	Parish Office closed
	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 and Business Meeting – Centre
	1.30pm        Funeral (Eileen Romnes RIP) – St Bridget
Thursday	9am            Morning Prayer on Zoom
	10am           Caldy Baby & Toddler Group + STiCK
	11.30am       Funeral (Helen Brooks RIP) – St Bridget
	1.30pm        Funeral (Patricia Sumner RIP) – Landican
Friday	9am            Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
	10am           St Bridget's Baby Group – Centre
	11.20pm       Funeral (Irene Moores RIP) – Chester Crematorium (Blacon)

**A HYMN WHICH MAY BE NEW TO SOME OF YOU ...**

Have a listen to this hymn which we will be singing next week <https://youtu.be/26cyYoBqiQ8>

Alex, the Rector has two copies of the **Sacred Space 2026 prayer book**. They are £10. If you enjoyed using last year's prayer book and/or would like a copy of this year's, please speak to Alex.

**THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** starts this Sunday and ends on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>.

St Bridget's is hosting the Ecumenical service next Sunday at 4.30pm with guest preacher Pastor Paul McMichael. The service begins at the earlier time of 4.30pm and will replace our typical Evening Service. All are welcome to attend. You can also follow the [daily prayer guide here](#)



## PARISH MAGAZINE

The deadline for material for the February parish magazine is Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Please send articles or information to Ann Holden – [ann.holden@cantab.net](mailto:ann.holden@cantab.net)

## CANDLEMAS AND ST BRIDGET'S DAY 2026

As is our tradition we will be celebrating these festivals on the same day, Sunday February 1<sup>st</sup>. The 10 am service will be a joint parish service – there will be no service at Caldy that day. In the evening we will have a service of Choral Evensong at 6.30pm at St Bridget's. Please join us, invite friends and help us celebrate themes of light and new life which also herald the arrival of Spring.

## THE MEN'S SHED BUSINESS MEETING

The Men's Shed meets this Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January in St Bridget's Centre at 12 noon. We will have our usual soup and sandwich lunch together but, more importantly, will hold a business meeting to discuss the year ahead and the future of the group. Please do your best to attend.



## ST BRIDGET'S WEEKEND

### Hotpot Supper Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 6.30pm (doors 6.15pm)



St. Bridget's Patronal weekend will be marked by a wholesome hotpot supper evening with joyful entertainments.

Tickets £10 which includes hotpot and a drink (Veggie, Vegan and GF will be available) from the Parish Office or from Andrew Gibb (07456 394 194)

**Any profits from the evening will go to Wirral Foodbank**

The celebrations will continue with a parish service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February in St Bridget's at 10am (no service in Caldy) and a Choral Evensong at 6.30pm.

## 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.



## SUPPORTING REFUGEES IN HOYLAKE



When the men arrive in this country the Home Office provide a plain grey (very cheap) tracksuit and a pair of thin cotton slip on shoes. They are not given any other support with clothing from the Home Office even though they are living in a climate which requires warm clothing. If they do not have more than

one set of clothes it is incredibly difficult to take them off and wash them. It costs £55 to buy suitable shoes and a coat for each refugee. You can support here <https://bit.ly/H4Adonate>

## **ECO CHURCH – Hoylake Zero Waste**

Make a visit to the Zero Waste shop at 5 Market Street Hoylake. They stock clothing, beauty items, food and cleaning products and during January they have a focus on vegan products.

## **BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY**

The next *Bereavement Journey*® is almost full so please sign up quickly if you were hoping to attend. It is to be held at West Kirby Methodist Church from January 28<sup>th</sup> for seven weeks, every Wednesday from 2-4pm. 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)

## **ADVANCE NOTICE**

### **HOSPITALITY**

St Bridget's school holds their Lent Service in church on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February led by Year 5. We offer the year 5 children and their parents refreshments in the Centre after the service so would be very grateful for help with serving and clearing up as well as donations of cake and biscuits. Year 3 lead the Easter Service on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March and we will be looking for similar help so please let us know if you would be willing to volunteer.

Donations of cake and biscuits can be brought to the Centre.

## **RUTH'S ORDINATION**

**Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> 4pm at St Bridget's**

This is something of a change to what has previously happened. Bishop Mark is keen that those completing their diaconate year should be priested in their local context rather than in the cathedral. We are delighted to say that Bishop Julie will be coming to St Bridget's to ordain Ruth amongst us all. Please put the date in your diary.

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(please note the Parish office will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday this week)