

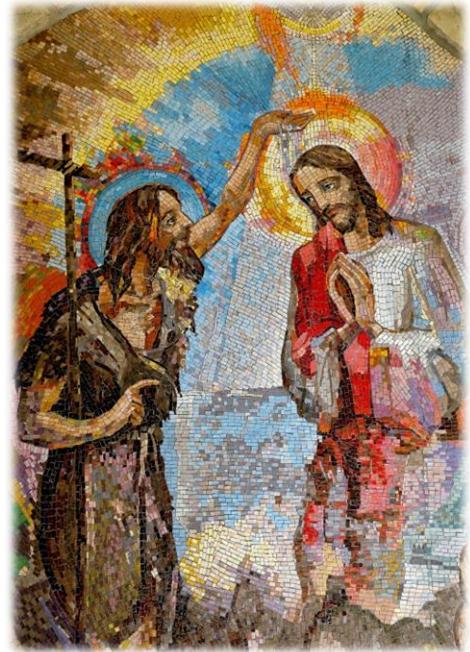
St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

Sunday 11th January 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. 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

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Isaiah 42.1-9	Acts 10.34-43	Matthew 3.13-end
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Lectionary readings next Sunday

Isaiah 49.1-7	1 Corinthians 1.1-9	John 1.29-42
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FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (11th – 17th January)

St Bridget: Kathleen Esther Creer, Audrey Emma Rankine, Ralph James Collinson, Katie Mellor, Marjorie Grace Hutchinson, Yvonne Angela Thomas, Irene Pope, Joy Tweed, Anthony John (Tony) Power.

Caldy: Jessie Violet Jane Webb, Kenneth Joseph Flockton, Charles Patrick Oldham, Edith Blanche Gillespie Wallace Smith, Florence Heywood Walford.

RIP: Helen Brooks, Irene Moores, Patricia Sumner.

PLEASE PRAY FOR our bell ringing team who have their AGM soon, for Randle Tinkler the Tower Captain and all the ringers who give of their time and talent.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE RECTORY THIS SUNDAY JANUARY 11th, 2 – 4pm

Everyone invited and very welcome. The Rectory is situated up a short steep drive opposite the Ring O' Bells pub. Come along and keep Christmas going! An opportunity to get to know folk so even if, especially, you feel you're a newcomer please come.



WHAT'S ON this week 12th – 17th January

Monday	RECTOR'S DAY OFF	
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	2pm	Mothers' Union – Centre
	3.30pm	Toasty Tuesday in St Bridget's
	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
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
	1pm	Funeral (Jo Ashcroft RIP) – St Bridget
	7pm	Film night – Centre
Saturday	11am	St Bridget's Bell Ringers AGM – Centre

CANDLEMAS AND ST BRIDGET'S DAY 2026

As is our tradition we will be celebrating these festivals on the same day, Sunday February 1st. 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.

ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY AT ST BRIDGET'S

Come along and 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 with you? All Together Worship is a shorter and more informal service including Holy Communion.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

Many of our activities restart after the Christmas break this week. These are very much dependent on volunteers so a huge thank you to those of you who give of your time. You make the world of difference.

CALDY TODDLERS AND CHRISTINGLE

One of our thriving groups is Caldy Toddlers who meet each Thursday. They played an important part in the Christingle at Caldy which welcomed over 100 people and brought alive the nativity story in their own wonderful way.

In the week before Christmas over 1,000 people attended services at St Bridget's and in the period between Sunday 21st and Christmas Day another 1,000 people worshipped with us across both churches. Thank you to all who worked tirelessly organising, leading & tidying up afterwards.

ST BRIDGET'S MOTHERS' UNION



Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 13th January at 2pm** when we will be having our AGM. Subscriptions are now due – £38: cheques payable to Mothers Union, and if you want to pay by direct debit speak to Carole or Chris. Please come if you are able. The Mothers' Union is celebrating 150 years this year and services and events are being held around the country. We are hoping to enrol new members in this special year ! If you would like to join or visit, come along to any of our meetings.

FILM NIGHT **Friday 16th January 7pm (Doors 6.45pm)**

In the summer of 1947, Britain prepares to commemorate the wedding of Princess Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. To get around food-rationing laws, Dr. Charles Swaby (Denholm Elliott), accountant Henry Allardyce (Richard Griffiths) and solicitor Frank Lockwood (John Normington) are fattening a black-market pig for the big day. With a script by Alan Bennett this film returns us to the post war years with humour aplenty.



The last film night raised over £100 for the charity War Child. Many thanks to all who contributed.

ST BRIDGET'S WEEKEND **Hotpot Supper Saturday 31st 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

BRIDGE AFTERNOON **Friday 20th 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.



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

SUPPORTING REFUGEES IN HOYLAKE



There is currently significant shortage of suitable winter coats and shoes and a constant need to buy essentials like shoes and underwear, and to fund travel cards, teaching supplies and so much more. If you can spare even a few pounds, every little helps <https://bit.ly/H4Adonate>

ECO CHURCH Food Waste – did you know?

100,000 tonnes of poultry go uneaten each year. 3.5 million carrots are thrown away each day. 8.2 million potatoes end up in the bin each day. A third of the food intended for human consumption – around 1.3 billion tons – is wasted or lost. This is enough to feed 3 billion people.

What can we do? Take a look here www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/take-action-save-food

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026



We have been asked for someone from St Bridget's or Caldy Church to be our representative for the World Day of Prayer service on **Friday 6th March** at St Catherine's Church, Meols. Please let the Rector know if you would be willing to be that person. It's a very small commitment.

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