

St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

The First Sunday of Lent

22nd February 2026

- 8am Holy Communion – St Bridget's
10am Holy Communion – St Bridget's (livestreamed)
10am Holy Communion – Caldy
4.30pm *Something More* Session 1 – Centre
6.30pm Evening Prayer – St Bridget's



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 Romans 5.12-19 Matthew 4.1-11

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Genesis 12.1-4a Romans 4.1-5, 13-17 John 3.1-17

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (22nd – 28th February)

St Bridget: Margaret Joan Taylor, Kathleen Mary Haslem, Dorothy Hilton, Muriel Garland, Daisy Jessie Griffiths, Duncan Forbes, Malcolm Terence (Terry) Barrett, Leonard Albert Shepherd, Percy Edward Street.

Caldy: Victoria Trott, Diana Mary Simpson.

RIP: Robert Edwin Jones, Nicholas Lean, Dale Ann Lowry, Harold Pugh, Janet West.

Please pray for: five people this Lent asking that they may know the love of God. Take a moment to think of who you might pray for and then try to remember them each day in prayer.

WHAT'S ON this week**23rd – 28th February**

Monday		Rector's day off
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	2pm	Bible Study – 1 Pikes Hey Road
	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
	1.30pm	Funeral (Robert Edwin Jones RIP) – St Bridget
Thursday	7.30am	Holy Communion – St Bridget
	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	10am	<i>Something More</i> Session 1 repeated – Rectory
	10am	Caldy Baby & Toddler Group + STiCK
	1pm	Funeral (Nicholas Lean RIP) – Caldy Church
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
	10am	St Bridget's Baby Group – Centre
	12 noon	Stations of the Cross – St Bridget
Saturday	9.30am – 12 noon	Churchyard working party at St Bridget's

**TAKE SOMETHING UP FOR LENT**

THURSDAYS IN LENT an early morning half hour service of Holy Communion at 7.30am.

LENT CALL A chance to talk to someone about the Bible reading used in church that week. No previous knowledge needed – it's simply a short phone call or facetime chat or coffee. A chance to talk about what puzzled you or particularly spoke to you. If you're interested let Paula know.

LENT BIBLE REFLECTION at the home of Joy Alcock, 1 Pikes Hey Road, Caldy at **2pm** on February 24th, March 3rd, 11th, 17th, and 24th. Sessions last an hour, will focus on the previous Sunday's Gospel and will be led by members of the ministry team, followed by a cuppa. Please message Joy on 07778 976678 if you would like to come.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS a 30 minute service each Friday during Lent at 12 noon in the Lady Chapel at St Bridget's.

HOLY COMMUNION Tuesdays 10am at Caldy Church, Wednesdays 11.30am in St Bridget's.

MORNING PRAYER is said in St Bridget's on Wednesdays at 8.30am, Thursdays on Zoom at 9am and Fridays on Facebook at 9am.

SOMETHING MORE? CURRENTLY NO ONE HAS SIGNED UP FOR THESE SESSIONS!

We intend to cancel this Sunday's session unless a number of people tell us they are intending to come.

A small group discussion to explore questions of faith: if you are someone who has questions but worry you should already have the answers then this could be the group for you. There are just 2 sessions and they will last for 90 minutes with refreshments!

Session 1: Sunday 22nd February 4.30pm in the Centre and **repeated** on Thursday 26th February 10am at the Rectory and will consider what we understand or think about God.

Session 2: Thursday 26th March 10am at the Rectory and **repeated** on Sunday 29th March 4.30pm in the Centre and will be what we understand or think about Jesus.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped at Caldy Church last week giving an extra clean inside and out. Thanks also to Rachel Summers who is working on the border along the path – take a look at the transformation next time you are passing.

The next **CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY** at St Bridget's will be on Saturday 28th February, 9.30am to 12 noon.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

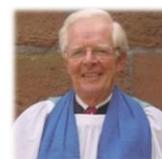


Friday 6th March 2pm St Catherine's Church, Birkenhead Road, Hoylake

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome us to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. This year the service has been prepared by women from Nigeria with the theme *I will give you rest, come.*

SAVE THE DATE

Celebratory bring and share lunch for the ministry of Brian Dodd, and his wife Peggy: Sunday March 22nd in St Bridget's Centre after the 10am services. All welcome.



FOODBANK



If you are thinking of giving during Lent please consider the Foodbank. The amount of help needed is outstripping the donations received. The top ten items on the Foodbank shopping list are: tinned custard, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, tinned meat, toothbrushes, tinned rice pudding, tinned spaghetti, shampoo and sanitary towels.

THE ELECTORAL ROLL Don't forget to join the electoral roll for the parish. 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 0151 625 1598. If you complete the form online, you may type your name for a signature.

A GENEROUS GOD – A GENEROUS CHURCH

If there is a charity you would like to suggest we might support financially, please send your proposal to John Smith (smithjmdj@btinternet.com) or Jane Tann (ejtann@btinternet.com)

UPGRADE OF AUDIO VISUAL IN THE BEACON ROOM

The work is almost complete in the Beacon Room in St Bridget's Centre and we will soon have very easy to use excellent audio visual technology. Two new microphones have been installed and we are hopeful that anyone with hearing loss will benefit from this. Come along to the next film night to discover the difference! Thank you to the PCC and the disability grant from the Diocese for funding this.

LOOKING TOWARDS EASTER

We will be running some extra activities for children as we draw closer to Easter. There will be several sessions of The Easter Experience for St Bridget's School and a Good Friday Activity morning for children and families. If you would be interested in helping, please speak to Andrew Gibb, Carolyn Tallents or the Rector.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

This season of the church's year is a time when there are lots of extra jobs in our churches. It would be lovely to have a few more people who can help with changing the altar frontals, setting up for services and helping tidy away afterwards. If you have some time to spare once or twice a month and could keep things running smoothly please speak to Alex the Rector.

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