

St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

The Second Sunday of Lent

1st March 2026

- 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



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

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

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Exodus 17.1-7 Romans 5.1-11 John 4.5-42

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (1st – 7th March)

St Bridget: Katya Rebecca McGhee, Catherine Barbara Cross, June Marjorie Mary MacLavery, Madge Jones, David Sheppard, David Norman Howell, Herbert Ashcroft, Ada Southern, John Millward Shennan.

Caldy: Leonard Revell, Doris Jean Dodgson, Charles Berry, Sheila Margaret Sutherland, Nigel Meredith Jones, John Patrick Fuller.

RIP: Dale Ann Lowry, Harold Pugh, Janet West, Shirley Taylor, Dorothy June Chambers, Boyd Maxwell (Max) Hyslop.

STORIES OF ENCOUNTER

Our first of the month Sunday evening service this week at St Bridget's is *Stories of Encounter* when we will hear something of Graham Crowder's journey of faith.

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY at St Bridget's – Saturday 28th February, 9.30am to 12 noon.

We will be tidying and weeding graves, tidying pathways and general weeding.

Please bring secateurs, hand forks, loppers etc.



WHAT'S ON this week **2nd – 7th March**

Monday		Rector's day off
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	2pm	Holy Communion at Caldy Manor
	2pm	Bible Study – 1 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
	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 noon	Ministry Team meeting
Thursday	7.30am	Holy Communion – St Bridget
	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
	12 noon	Stations of the Cross – St Bridget
	1pm	Memorial Service (Dale Ann Lowry RIP) – Caldy
	2pm	World Day of Prayer – St Catherine's Hoylake

ELECTORAL ROLL

Please join the electoral roll for the parish if you are a newcomer. It means you can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in May; 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 if you are new to St Bridget's or Caldy churches. The number also affects our representation on Synods (C of E decision making bodies). Forms are available at the back of church or from the Parish Resources website <https://parishresources.org.uk/the-pcc-as-a-charity/apcms-and-electoral-roll/> Please ask for assistance if you cannot find them – and apologies for the broken link in recent weeks.



THURSDAYS IN LENT 7.30am a half hour service of Holy Communion

LENT BIBLE REFLECTION at the home of Joy Alcock, 1 Pikes Hey Road, Caldy at **2pm** on March 3rd, 11th, 17th, and 24th. 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 and Thursdays 7.30am 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?

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. The second of these sessions take place on Thursday 26th March 10am at the Rectory and is **repeated** on Sunday 29th March 4.30pm in the Centre.

THEOLOGY DISCUSSION GROUP

We next meet this Tuesday, 3rd March, 7pm in the upper room at the Ring O' Bells with the theme of St John, Apostle and Evangelist. All are very welcome.

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.*

SATURDAY 14th MARCH FROM 10.30am IN THE BEACON ROOM, ST BRIDGET'S CENTRE MAKING POSIES FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY

Come and help us make small posies to give out on Mothering Sunday in both our churches. We like to make posies for everyone because we have all been mothered or mothered others in some way. It's a fun morning and no previous experience needed – and the more people the merrier.



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.

MAKING PALM CROSSES



We will be making Palm Crosses for both churches in the Beacon Room on **Friday 27th March at 2pm**. It is a very sociable occasion and anyone wishing to join us will be more than welcome. Please bring a strong pair of scissors and a sense of humour ! Refreshments provided.

REAL EASTER EGGS

The Real Easter Egg campaign has been running since 2010. Of the 80 million chocolate Easter eggs sold each year in the UK, The Real Easter Egg is the first and only Fairtrade chocolate Easter egg to share the Easter story.

Real Easter Eggs support Fairtrade and charitable projects. They are not available in supermarkets, but they can be purchased from the Fair Trade stall in St Bridget's Centre, after the 10am services on Sundays and at the Link café on Wednesday mornings. As well as the Milk Chocolate eggs



other options are available, including Dark Chocolate Eggs and Easter Blessings chocolate bars.

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT Saturday 7 March 7.30pm Hope Church, Hoylake



Take the High Road – an all Scottish-themed programme by the Wirral Symphony Orchestra (formerly the St Bridget's Orchestra) conducted by

Jonathan Small, including Mendelssohn's *Fingal's Cave Overture* and Hamish McCunn's *Land of the Mountain & the Flood Overture*. Tickets £16 (Students £6) from Maccombs Pet Shop, Hoylake, The West Kirby Bookshop, Rod Tann or phone 0770 200 5409.



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.

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