



## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

13<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April

Monday		Rector's day off
Tuesday		Parish Office closed
	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
	1pm	Men's Shed visit to Gilmooss Recycling Centre
Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	10am	Caldy Baby & Toddler Group + STiCK
	2pm	Memorial Service (Shirley Taylor RIP) – St Bridget
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
	10am	St Bridget's Baby Group – Centre
	12 noon	Memorial Service (Stephen Uren RIP) – Caldy
Saturday	9.30am – 12	Churchyard Working Party

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR MAKING OUR EASTER CELEBRATIONS SO JOYOUS. A SPECIAL MENTION TO THE FLOWER ARRANGERS, MANY OF WHOM ARE NEW TO THE TEAM. ALL THE FLOWERS WERE ARRANGED WITHOUT THE USE OF FLORAL FOAM**

## CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

The next churchyard working party is on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April from 9.30am – 12 noon.

Please bring secateurs, hand forks, a kneeler and loppers if you have them. Amongst other jobs we will continue to clear brambles and ivy from graves and wild leek which has self-seeded.



## ST. BRIDGET'S MOTHERS' UNION

We meet this Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm in the Beacon Room when Elaine Bradshaw is coming to give an illustrated talk called *Stole My Heart*. If you are interested in the beautiful stoles that the clergy wear or the altar frontals do come along. Elaine has made some of the stoles and chasubles which our rector, Alex wears. Visitors are always welcome.

<https://www.stole-my-heart.co.uk/>

## THE NEXT FILM NIGHT IS FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL AT 7PM (doors 6.45)

Can you guess what it might be ...?

The film is a 1942 American romantic drama starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman and Paul Henreid. Filmed and set during World War II it focuses on American expatriate who must choose between his love for a woman and helping her husband a Czechoslovak resistance leader, escape from the Vichy-controlled city of Casablanca to continue his fight against the Nazis.



### TICK TOCK

Some of you may have noticed that our much-loved church clock intermittently stops striking the hour and sometimes the Westminster chimes also fail. It was last repaired in the 1970's and has simply worn out. If you would be willing to help us raise the necessary funds for the funds then please use this link

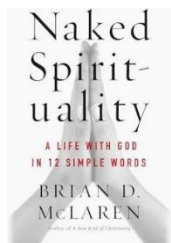
<https://givealittle.co/c/StBClock> or make a donation in the usual way including

putting your donation in an envelope marked church clock and popping it into the

office. Thank you.

### ELECTORAL ROLL

Pick up a form or sign up here <https://parishresources.org.uk/the-pcc-as-a-charity/apcms-and-electoral-roll/>



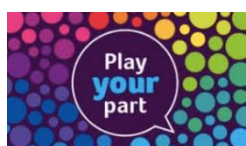
### PARISH BOOK CLUB May 24<sup>th</sup> 5 – 6pm the Beacon Room, St Bridget's Centre

This year's book! *Naked Spirituality* by Brian McLaren – A Life with God in Twelve Simple Words. We know how busy life can be and how for some the thought of reading a book in a month is overwhelming! So we invite you to read one chapter a month. Each chapter has a word – and even if all you read is that word you can come

along and listen or share your thoughts. First word... **'Here'** The book is widely available both new and second hand, on Kindle and from the West Kirby Bookshop with 10% off.

### VOLUNTEERS AND SAFEGUARDING

We are very lucky and incredibly grateful that we have lots of wonderful volunteers. We are currently updating all our safeguarding records and some of you may be asked to renew or complete training or fill in some new forms. It is very important that we safely recruit and support all our volunteers. Thank you for your help with this



### ELECTIONS TO PCC

Each year we elect people to serve on the PCC for 3 years. If you would be interested in standing please speak to the Rector or one of the churchwardens.

At its most recent meeting the PCC discussed funding of significant projects and how we prioritise where our energy and money are focussed to further the mission and ministry of the parish.



## DALE FARM TRUST, HESWALL

Every year the PCC agree a list of charities which we support financially.

This reflects our understanding that all that we have is a gift from God and our response is rightly one of generosity. One of the charities we are

supporting this year is Dale Farm ' a happy community of supported people, staff and volunteers. A people centred service for adults with learning and/or physical disabilities; providing people with disabilities meaningful work and opportunities.

Equality, diversity and inclusion is at the heart of all they do and anyone is welcome no matter their ability or disability .<https://dalefarmtrust.org/>

## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> 11.30AM IN ST BRIDGET'S CENTRE

A chance for us to celebrate all that we shared and did together in 2025. Please come along and hear about the mission, ministry, strategy and vision of the parish which is the work of us all.

## THE CHURCH IS RICH ISN'T IT?

It is often thought that the Church has more money than it needs but at a local level that is not the case. We receive NO external money and are entirely dependent on the generosity of those who donate to the parish. Every year we pay just over 100K to the Diocese to fund our Rector, the work of some diocesan roles and to support parishes in a less affluent areas. In addition, we have our regular bills which means we need to find 4K every week just to pay our way. The best form of helping is by a regular donation via the Parish Giving Scheme. Thank you for your generosity

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/west-kirby-st-bridget-w-caldy-wirral>



## ARE YOU READY FOR SUMMER? the Summer Fair is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July

If you would be willing to help with the planning and organisation of the Summer Fair please tell Andrew Gibb or Paula in the office.

Please continue to leave donations for the Foodbank, at the back of our churches or in the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity.



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