

St Bridget's, West Kirby  
with Caldy Church

# EASTER DAY

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Please join us as we celebrate new life and hope**



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| 8am    | Holy Communion, lighting of the Paschal Candle and renewal of baptismal promises – St Bridget's                  |
| 10am   | Holy Communion 'All Together Worship' with renewal of baptismal promises – and eggs! St Bridget's (livestreamed) |
| 10am   | Holy Communion with decorating of the Easter cross – Caldy   |
| 6.30pm | Evening Prayer – St Bridget's  |

**A huge thank you to everyone who has played a part in the activities of Holy Week and in preparing for Easter Day – too many people to mention but Alleluia for you all!**

### **PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Acts 10.34-43

Colossians 3.1-4

Matthew 28.1-10

## Lectionary readings next Sunday

Acts 2.14a, 22-32

1 Peter 1.3-9

John 20.19-end

## FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> April)

**St Bridget:** Irene Mary Woodyer, Phyllis Marjorie Stahl, Lilian Jane Inett Ward, Donald MacNicoll, Albert Eric Haslem, James Keltie Aitken, Joyce Caroline Bartlett, Winifred Harvey, Lorna May Davies, Peter Joseph Price, Rita Isabella Spencer, Fierna Mary (Molly) Droop.

**Caldy:** May Bates, Sheila Noreen Oldham, Dorothy Holt, Frances Jean Wainwright, George Alcock.

**RIP:** Shirley Taylor.

## WHAT'S ON in EASTER WEEK 6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> April

Monday		Rector's day off and Parish Office closed (Bank Holiday)
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldly Church followed by coffee / tea
	2pm	Holy Communion at Caldly Manor
	2pm	Home Group – 1 Pikes Hey Road
	7pm	Theology Discussion Group at the Ring O' Bells
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
Wednesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer – St Bridget
	9.30 – 11.30am	Link café – Centre
	10am	Knit & Natter, Craft and Chat group – Centre
	11.30am	Holy Communion – St Bridget
	12 noon	Rector's additional time off until Friday
	1pm	Men's Shed visit to Gilmooss Recycling Centre
Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
Saturday	12 noon	Service of Prayers of thanksgiving, blessing and for the needs of our community. Please join us at the back of church for half an hour of prayer.

## IT'S ONLY JUST BEGUN ...

Easter lasts for 50 days, from Easter Sunday until Pentecost. What have been the fruits of Lent for you? Can we be resurrection people for the next 50 days and spread the joy!

## SPRING GIFTS AND LAST CHANCE TO BUY REAL EASTER EGGS

Available from the Fair Trade stall in St Bridget's Centre, after the 10am services on Sundays and at the Link café on Wednesday mornings. Thanks to Margaret Smith for providing a lovely range of Fairtrade and Eco friendly gifts.



## THANK YOU

Our white and gold frontal for Easter has been wonderfully restored by Elaine Bradshaw, a member of our choir. Please take a look. You will be able to see the fragility of the original fabric if you look at the super-frontal (the piece which sits above the top of the frontal!) Elaine hopes to be able to restore/replace the superfrontal too. Huge thanks for the hours of meticulous work. You can come and hear about and see more of Elaine's work at the April meeting of the Mothers' Union. <https://www.stole-my-heart.co.uk/>

## TICK TOCK



Some of you may have noticed that our much-loved church clock has stopped striking the hour. The Westminster chimes are still marking the quarter and half hours but the mechanism for striking has broken. It was last repaired in the 1970's and has simply worn out. The mechanism will need to be taken away and will cost approximately £3,000. If you would be willing to help us raise the necessary funds then please use this link <https://givealittle.co/c/StBClock> or make a donation in the usual ways including putting your donation in an envelope marked church clock and popping it into the office. Thank you.

## THEOLOGY DISCUSSION GROUP

We next meet this Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm in the upper room at the Ring O' Bells with the theme of Liberation Theology. All are very welcome.

## SERVICE OF PRAYER

We will be holding our monthly service of prayer on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April at the back of church in St Bridget's. This is a time for anyone to come and share in a time of prayer, bringing prayer requests for the needs of the world, our community and individuals. It also provides an opportunity to give thanks and pray for God's blessing. All are welcome and we will meet for half an hour.



## ST. BRIDGET'S MOTHERS' UNION

We meet on 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 that Alex wears. Visitors are always welcome.

## ELECTORAL ROLL

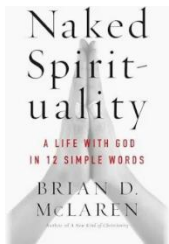
Pick up a form or download one here <https://parishresources.org.uk/the-pcc-as-a-charity/apcms-and-electoral-roll/> (Form 1).

## 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.



### 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.

## 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.



### ARE YOU READY FOR SUMMER?

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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