

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

27th April – 2nd May

The Rector will be back from her retreat at St Beuno's on Wednesday

Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	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 and visit from Claire House representative – 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

SUNDAY 3rd MAY 6.30pm CHORAL EVENSONG – St Bridget

This Sunday 26th April is VOCATIONS SUNDAY. Might you have a calling?

The Diocese has some resources [here](#). There is a [short online event about Reader ministry on the evening of April 30th](#) and a longer [online Called to Serve event on the evening of June 8th](#).

ELECTORAL ROLL – LAST CHANCE Pick up a form or download one here (Form 1):

<https://parishresources.org.uk/the-pcc-as-a-charity/apcms-and-electoral-roll/>

New entries can be made up to **2nd May when the Roll will close**, before the APCM on 17th May.



ELECTIONS TO PCC

Would you be willing to be part of our Parochial Church Council? 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. For more information, see

<https://parishresources.org.uk/the-pcc-as-a-charity/trusteeship-for-members-of-the-pcc/>

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 17th MAY 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.

ART WORK IN THE LADY CHAPEL

A member of our music group (Mickey) has requested permission to put a piece of artwork temporarily in the Lady Chapel to reflect the resurrected body of Christ. Painted by a friend, Michael Ferri, Mickey felt it is especially appropriate for the accounts of the resurrection appearances – especially Jesus being made known in the bread and wine. It is quite simply fixed to the rail above the altar and will only be temporary. The artist writes:

“The triptych began simply as a welcoming gesture, for those lost, alone, burdened, dejected, desolate, wandering idly about (Matt 11:28) yet searching. I called it “A Home for the Lonely.” The wounded palms of Christ stretched out, signalling acceptance and a longed for embrace. His body, once dead, now risen and glorified. Offering eternal life by simple faith in His “*It is Finished!*” His work – not ours! God’s grace providing a home of eternal sabbath rest, peace and freedom. The temple structure is symbolic, not of any physical brick and mortar structure made of man’s hands, but of the body of Spirit-filled believers (the temple of God dwelling in us) that Christ is building in the Spirit throughout time and space”.

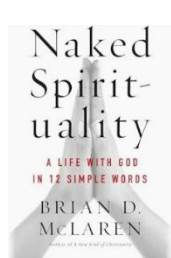
Mickey has also written a poem, “*At Communion*” which is displayed with the triptych.

CONCERT

The Wirral Symphony Orchestra (formerly St Bridget's Orchestra) with EVR Choir from Le Havre and the St Peter's Singers will perform Verdi's *Requiem* at the **Liverpool Philharmonic Hall** on the afternoon of **Sunday 3rd May**, starting at **2pm**.



Rod Tann writes – we would be especially grateful if you could support us in what is a very exciting (and very expensive!) venture for us. The French choir members have come over especially for this one performance so we are keen that they have a good audience. Tickets (£22) are available only from the Phil Box Office 0151 709 3789 or via its website. Many thanks.



PARISH BOOK CLUB May 24th 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. The book is widely available both new and second hand, on Kindle and from the West Kirby Bookshop with 10% off.



TICK TOCK

Thank you to everyone who has contributed: we almost have enough funds for the necessary repairs. If you would be willing to help us reach the target then please use this link <https://givealittle.co/c/StBClock> for secure card donations, 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.

FLORAL TRIBUTES IN CALDY CHURCH

Did you know that we can offer a floral memory for an anniversary tribute to a loved one at Caldy? Flowers will be dedicated to them on the week chosen by you, and noted in the weekly newsletter. We ask for a donation towards the cost, and we will display them on top of the piano. This could be a one-off or a regular request. Please contact Jenny Cooper on 625 9587 if you are interested.



ASHTON PARK MAY FAIR

Monday 4th May 10am – 4pm



Children's funfair, bouncy elephant, donkey rides, Viking re-enactment, model boating, stalls, hot and cold food and drinks, junior football, tennis coaching, performing arts. St Bridget's Church and the West Kirby Museum (with a display on 125 Years of Ashton Park) will be open.



ST BRIDGET'S SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 4th July

The Summer Fair Committee is busy beavering away already. A quick request: we are having a pre-loved designer/high-end clothes and accessories stall this year, for both children and adults. Might you have an article of clothing in clean/good condition for such a stall? If so, please drop it off at the Parish Office or give Andrew a call if you have any questions 07456 394 194. Thank you!



Donations for the Foodbank can be left at the back of our churches or in the Parish Office at any time.

We are also asked to pray for the work of Wirral Foodbank as they come into contact with Wirral families who are really struggling at the moment.

Changes in liability to pay Council Tax, increases in the cost of petrol for people to get to work and the general cost of living are having a big effect upon the lives of many local people.

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