

St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

Sunday 24th May 2026

PENTECOST

**TODAY MARKS THE END OF THE EASTER SEASON – WE
CELEBRATE THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AT
PENTECOST AND THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH!**

- 8am** Holy Communion – St Bridget's
10am Holy Communion – St Bridget's (livestreamed)
10am Service of The Word – Caldy
5pm Parish Book Club in the Centre
6.30pm Evening Prayer – St Bridget's



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Acts 2.1-21 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 John 20.19-23 or John 7.37-39

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end 2 Corinthians 13.11-end Matthew 28.16-20

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (24th – 30th May)

St Bridget: William James Shepherd, John Arthur Tunstall, Sheila Stewart Collinson.

Caldy: Florence Bessie Ledgerton, Esther Dorothy Kenchington, Geoffrey Heywood.

FLOWERS ON THE MEMORIAL TABLE at St Bridget's today are in memory of Alison Jean McAfee, on her birthday, given by the family.



CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY Saturday 23rd May 9.30am – 12 noon



We will be focussing on tidying some graves in the upper churchyard and the cremation plot near the Lychgate as well as continuing to clear weeds and tri-cornered leek. Hand forks, trowels and something to kneel on would be helpful. You don't have to stay for the whole morning.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

25th – 30th May

Monday		Rector's day off and Parish Office closed (Bank Holiday)
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	6pm	Choir practice
	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
	1.30pm	Contemplative Prayer in St Bridget's
Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom

The Rector is on annual leave from Friday 29th May until Friday 12th June. Thank you to all those who are doing extra duties during her time away.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Thank you to everyone who attended the annual meeting last Sunday and for all those willing to take up places on the PCC and serve as churchwardens and deputy wardens.

The churchwardens for the next 12 months are Anna Gibson and Priscilla Bench-Capon. Deputy Wardens (Caldy) are Joy Alcock and Rosemalin Willson. The PCC members are Mevalyn Bowman, Audrey Briggs, Greg Buckridge, Rev. Dave Chester, Graham Crowder, Angela Douglas, Katharine Fogg, David Hind, Rosemary Morgan, Izaak Perkins, John Roberts, Sue Shaw, John Smith, Pat Southworth, Louise Wood, David Wright.

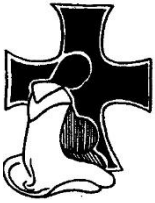
STORYTELLING SESSIONS ON SUNDAY MORNING

There will not be any storytelling sessions over the half-term holiday but some colouring and word search resources can be found at the back of church.

Wishing all families and children a lovely (and sunny!) half-term break.

PARISH BOOK CLUB Sunday 24th May 5 – 6pm in the Beacon Room, St Bridget's Centre

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.



CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER **Wednesday 27th May 1.30 – 2.30pm, St Bridget's**

Be still and know that I am God

Psalm 46

The still place is where God can dwell and speak to us. Do you remember Alex's sermon after her retreat on dwelling?

Within that stillness He can be our gentle guide in everything we think, say or do.

Hope to meet you in peace and quiet in church on Wednesday! Deborah Huthwaite.

PRAY IN MAY WITH MARY'S MEALS

We are invited to join **Mary's Meals UK** in their annual **Pray in May** campaign, praying for children worldwide who rely on a daily meal at school.

Mary's Meals UK has produced a range of **free prayer resources**, including prayers, reflections, stories and a prayer calendar, suitable for use in services, parish groups, and personal prayer.

These resources help us reflect on how prayer can lead to hope and practical action for those most in need:

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/churches-and-prayers/pray-in-may-resources>

PATHS, CLOCKS AND SCAFFOLDING

Some of you may have noticed that there is scaffolding up near the church tower. This is to make repairs to the Dormer windows which were showing signs of rotting and which our Quinquennial inspection identified as necessary repairs. The work has cost £4,716. This week a blocked pipe is being cleared under the pathway at the East end of St Bridget's church following a drain inspection and a section of the church path which has started to become uneven is being resurfaced. This work is costing £6,300. Thank you to those of you who give regularly and enable us to make these necessary repairs. If you feel able to give a one-off or a regular monthly donation please follow this link to the parish giving scheme:

parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/west-kirby-st-bridget-w-caldy-wirral



RECYCLE TO HELP THE CHURCH

We have a new collecting box outside the Parish Office, from [Recycling For Good Causes](#). Items wanted are Mobile Phones, Cameras, Games Consoles, Games, SatNavs and Gadgets; Jewellery including broken items, costume jewellery and Watches; UK or Foreign Coins and Banknotes, old or new; Stamps. We have a separate box for inkjet printer cartridges – this collection has raised over £500 for the parish, and keeps cartridges out of landfill.

ST BRIDGET'S TOWER CLOCK

The tower clock is currently with the Cumbrian clock company being repaired so that the striking mechanism works correctly. This is costing £2,016 and we are very grateful to those who donated to cover the cost.

PLEASE CHECK THE ELECTORAL ROLL

The new electoral roll is now available at the back of both churches (names only). Please do check that your name is on it, if you think it should be. If you think there is an error please contact the office tel. 0151 625 2739 or email office@stbridgetschurch.org.uk as soon as possible.

RUTH'S ORDINATION – YOU ARE INVITED

Everyone is invited to attend Ruth's ordination on **Saturday 20th June at 4pm**. This is the first time on record that an ordination has taken place in St Bridget's. Please come and support Ruth and hold her in your prayers during the next few weeks.

On **Sunday 21st June** Ruth will preside at Holy Communion in St Bridget's for the first time. We will mark this occasion with a joint parish service, followed by a Bring and Share lunch. Please come along, bring and share!

The next **BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY®** will be held at Riverway Church, Grange Road, West Kirby from June 17th for seven weeks, every Wednesday evening from 7-9pm. To register or find out more, phone 07718 646863 or 0151 625 2739 or email rectorwestkirby@gmail.com

We need 2 or 3 volunteers to welcome people and make a cup of tea at the beginning and half way through the session. This is a very important part of the course so we are hoping we can get together a team from St Bridget's. You would need to arrive at 6.30pm and would be free to go at 8pm. Please tell Ray Samuels, the Rector or Paula in the office if you can help.



ST BRIDGET'S SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 4th July

The Summer Fair Committee is busy preparing for the Fair. There is no White Elephant stall this year, but we would welcome donations of paperback books, and pre-loved designer/high-end clothes and accessories, for both children and adults. These can be left at the Parish Office.

We will be asking for pairs of hands on the day but before then we could REALLY do with people to sell Raffle Tickets. Please contact Helen Heggarty if you can help: 07775643353. Thank you.

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