

St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

26th July 2026

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

8am	Holy Communion – St Bridget's
10am	Holy Communion – St Bridget's (livestreamed)
10am	Service of the Word – Caldy
12 noon	Holy Baptism – St Bridget's
5pm	Book Club in the Centre
6.30pm	Evening Prayer – St Bridget's led by John Barnett from the Methodist Church

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

1 Kings 3.5-12	Romans 8.26-end	Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52
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Lectionary readings next Sunday

Isaiah 55.1-5	Romans 9.1-5	Matthew 14.13-21
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FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (26th July – 1st August)

St Bridget: Mona Elizabeth Powell, Michael Trueman, Liz Povall, Lena Bessie Jones, Isabel Lavender Crook, Albert Wood, Shân Leslie Roberts, Pauline Bleasdale, Mark Clayton Ball, Mabel Elizabeth Taylor, Isabel Marie Price, Robert Owen Griffith.

Caldy: Kenneth Rutland Barrington, Mary McLean Nesbitt, Edith Emma Toon, Eileen Whale, William Dobson Bertenshaw.

A SORT OF BOOK CLUB – THANKS!

Whether you have been to the previous sessions or not you are very welcome to join us as we discuss the word 'thanks'. This is a very simple prayer – but a very important one! It's the next word for our 'Sort of Book Club' based on **chapters 6 & 7 of our book 'Naked Spirituality'**.

We meet on Sunday 26th July at 5pm in the Beacon Room, St Bridget's Centre.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

27th July – 1st August

Monday		Rector's day off
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldby Church followed by coffee / tea
	6pm	Choir practice – last one until September
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
Wednesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer – St Bridget
	9.30-11am	Summer Link Club for families – Centre
	9.30-11.30am	Link café – Centre
	10am	Knit & Natter, Craft and Chat group – Centre
	11.30am	Holy Communion – St Bridget
	12.30pm	Ministry Team meeting
	7pm	<i>Bereavement Journey</i> – Riverway Church, Grange Road
Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
Saturday	10am-12 noon	<i>Ethical Finances Exploration</i> at West Kirby Methodist Church

ETHICAL MONEY MATTERS Saturday 1st August 10am West Kirby Methodist Church

Ethical Finances Exploration: short presentations, a keynote speaker from the *Just Money* organisation, a choice of workshops, and a Q & A session. To book your place email

noelsharp@wirralmethodist.org.uk or click on the following link and reserve a space through

EventBrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1993008581317?aff=oddttdtcreator>

SUMMER DROP IN CRAFT AND ACTIVITY SESSIONS FOR FAMILIES

Over 50 people attended our first session which was a great success. Thank you to all our helpers. If you are looking for something to do with children or grandchildren then come along. Every Wednesday during the Summer Holidays 9.30 – 11am in the Beacon Room with refreshments from the Link café. All ages welcome; children must be accompanied.



THANK YOU

To all who worked in St Bridget's churchyard last Saturday morning clearing brambles and weeds. Also to Richard Mawdsley who repainted the white markings on the steps down from St Bridget's Centre.



JOIN CHRISTIANS AT LIVERPOOL PRIDE

Liverpool Pride Festival is back and we are invited to join in! In previous years over 100 Christians from a wide variety of churches came together and marched through the city's streets with a positive and affirming Christian presence adding our voices to the call for equality.

Saturday 25th July from 10am – the March starts from Clayton Square at **11.30am** followed by **ticketed events** and community stalls at the M&S Bank Arena.

Sunday 26th July [a reflective service in the Lady Chapel of Liverpool Cathedral](#) at 6.30pm. For more info or to go with a group from this parish, contact churchwardens@stbridgetschurch.org.uk



ONE OF THE CHARITIES WE SUPPORT – Deep Griha Society

Deep Griha Society is an independent charitable organisation working to better the lives of low income, informal communities in Pune, India. DGS works with participants in and around Pune through a range of family welfare programmes encompassing education, healthcare, child development and women's empowerment. Their vision is empowerment of the marginalised through capacity building and sustainable rural and urban development programmes.

ORGAN LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME

In full working order this electronic organ, Kawai EC16, is looking for a new home. Contact the Rector for more details.

We are delighted to report that the PCC are supporting the training of a young organist, Jess, who currently accompanies our choir rehearsals on the keyboard and has played at All Together Worship on the last two occasions.



LOOKING AFTER AND ENHANCING OUR BUILDINGS

The PCC were updated about the work being done by the buildings and enhancement team. They undertake practical work to keep both churches and halls/centres in good condition and draw up plans, negotiate with contractors and spend many hours taking forward our new projects. Thank you to all of them. The toilet extension at St Bridget's is now awaiting planning consent.

<https://www.wirralglobe.co.uk/news/26283608.plans-revealed-extension-wirral-church-building/>



Our local Foodbank is asking for Squash (500ml or 750ml), Tinned Potatoes, Size 6 Nappies, Tinned Fruit and Tinned Meat.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER STANDING FOR GENERAL SYNOD?

General Synod is the national assembly of the Church of England. It plays a vital role in shaping the life of the Church by approving legislation, authorising new forms of worship, debating issues of national and international importance, and agreeing the annual budget for the Church's work at a national level. Elections will take place in Autumn 2026 for a new five-year term of office. Synod members include bishops, clergy and lay people from across the Church of England.

Most people who attend their church regularly are likely to be eligible to stand as a lay member. You do not need to be a member of a PCC, Deanery Synod or Diocesan Synod. The Diocese is keen to encourage applications from people who reflect the full breadth and diversity of the Church of England, including those that may currently be underrepresented.

BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY

The current Bereavement Journey finishes next week. The next course will start on Thursday 17th September 10-12 noon at St Michael's Church, Frankby Road, Newton. To book a place please contact Paula in the office.



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SAFEGUARDING

If you are concerned about someone's safety or wellbeing contact:

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If someone is in immediate danger or harm, call 999 and ask for the police