

St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

2nd August 2026

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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| 8am | Holy Communion – St Bridget's |
| 10am | Holy Communion – St Bridget's (livestreamed) |
| 10am | Holy Communion – Caldy |
| 12 noon | Holy Baptism – Caldy |
| 6.30pm | Evening Prayer – St Bridget's |



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Isaiah 55.1-5	Romans 9.1-5	Matthew 14.13-21
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Lectionary readings next Sunday

1 Kings 19.9-18	Romans 10.5-15	Matthew 14.22-33
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We do not regularly read the psalms on a Sunday but here are words from **Psalms 145**, set today:

The Lord is gracious and merciful, long-suffering and of great goodness.

The Lord is loving to everyone and his mercy is over all his creatures.

The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all those who are bowed down.

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (2nd – 8th August)

St Bridget: Peter Donald Harvey, John Alexander Aitken.

Caldy: Una Alicia Allen, Henry Heslop Stitt, Rachel Daniels, Muriel Broomhead, Sheila Billeau, Virginia Nasmith Beausire, Britta Kristina Mawdsley, George Walford.



Flowers on the Memorial Table at St Bridget's have been given today by Madge Aitken in memory of her husband John.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

3rd – 8th August

Monday		Rector's day off
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	2pm	Holy Communion at Caldy Manor
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
Wednesday	8am	Holy Communion – Sisters of Jesus' Way, Abbey Road
	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
Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
Saturday	12 noon	Prayers for the needs of the world, of thanksgiving and blessing
	3pm	Blessing of marriage – St Bridget (Thomas Cureton and Liu Ye)



Jean Pilling retires this month as magazine distribution organiser at St Bridget's, a job she has done for many years, since she took over from the late Pat Price. Jean keeps track of the subscriptions (yes, a whole year of *The Bridge* is cheaper than buying it each month!) and sorts out the bundles for delivery. These bundles are then collected for delivery by

yet more volunteers. Thank you to Heather South for taking on this job for St Bridget's, and to Jenny Cooper who oversees the distribution of magazines at Caldy.

MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM

This is a lovely way to start the day and to join others as we pray for the needs of the parish and wider world. Every Thursday starting at 9am it lasts half an hour and is just a click away. There are hard copies of the service format at the back of our churches or you can download it here:



Morning prayer THURSDAY.pdf

MOTHERS' UNION 150th CELEBRATIONS – Mary Sumner Day, Sunday 9th August

Mary Sumner is the founder of the Mothers' Union. We celebrate this day at 11am with the reading of the York Provincial Prayer and the Chester Diocesan Prayer, both of which have been placed in the time capsule, and the lighting of a candle.

Our next event is on **Tuesday 11th August** when we will be holding a Strawberry

Tea in St Bridget's Centre from 2 – 4 pm. This is our fundraising effort for the work of the Mothers' Union in this country and around the world.



ST BRIDGET ICON

At the recent Wirral Open Studios the Rector met an icon painter Eamonn Kirke (www.eamonnkirkeart.co.uk) and mentioned that it was hard to find inspiring or beautiful icons of Bridget, who is often depicted as a little dour rather than the feisty woman we read of. It transpired that St Bridget has been part of Eamonn's religious and spiritual culture for as long as he could remember, that he grew up in Faughart (where St Bridget of Kildare was also believed to have been born) and as a child spent many hours constructing St Bridget's crosses in time for her feast in February. Eamonn was delighted to find that this very Saint was the patron of a church almost on his now doorstep and because of the conversation has contacted us wondering if we would be interested in working with him on creating an icon. However, icons aren't cheap and this would not be the first call on our funds but if sufficient people were interested, we could commission one. If this is something which appeals to you, please speak to Alex, the Rector.

WHY DO WE USE SUSTAINABLE CHURCH FLOWERS?

This is a link to a good, short video which we have shared before but it is well worth watching again as it explains why it's best to use sustainable flowers in churches. Well done to our flower arrangers who have now been working in a sustainable way for almost a year.

<https://youtu.be/a07qdu1GChs?feature=shared>

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.

ONE OF THE CHARITIES WE SUPPORT



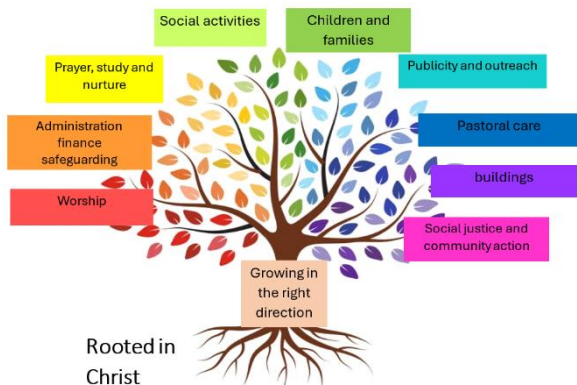
ShelterBox exists to ensure no one is without shelter after disaster. We often work in places that others don't, making sure that we reach families who need support to take the next step in resuming their livelihoods. By providing emergency shelter and tools for families robbed of their homes by disaster, we're transforming despair into hope. From Cameroon to Syria, all the way to the Philippines and the Caribbean, ShelterBox has provided shelter to over three million people so far. They are currently working in Venezuela helping those affected by the earthquake there.

BLISTER PACK RECYCLING

We are currently one of the few places to recycle these items. It costs us £112 per box so please remember to make a donation when you drop items in the box – in thanksgiving for the wonders of medicine and in recognition of the damage production of the blister packs cause to the earth.

ORGAN STILL 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.



I'D LIKE TO BE MORE INVOLVED!

If you are wondering how you might find your place or offer your time and skills within our church and parish community then look at our tree and see which branch you would find attractive! Speak to our churchwardens or the people who head up the focus groups (leaves).



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

BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY

The current Bereavement Journey has just finished. 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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If someone is in immediate danger or harm, call 999 and ask for the police