

St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

27th September 2026

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.



- 8am** **Holy Communion – St Bridget's**
10am **Holy Communion – St Bridget's (livestreamed)**
10am **All Age Harvest Service – Caldy**
 PLEASE BRING DONATIONS FOR THE FOODBANK
12 noon **Holy Baptism – St Bridget's**
5pm **Book Club in the Centre**
6.30pm **Evening Prayer – St Bridget's**



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede us and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end Psalm 25.1-8 (St Bridget's) Philippians 2.1-13 Matthew 21.23-32

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Isaiah 5.1-7 Philippians 3.4b-14 Matthew 21.33-end

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (27th September – 3rd October)

St Bridget: Gertrude Tottey, Thomas Forshaw, Patricia Price, Elaine Billington, Isabel Marie Price, John Robert Gould, Gerald John Ellis, Richard John Floyd Rawlinson.

Caldy: Sylvia Ford.

RIP: Margaret Jewsbury, Kenneth Francis Trott, Marjorie Davies, Timothy Richard Elton.



Flowers on the Memorial Table at St Bridget's today have been given by Phil Price in memory of his wife Pat.

Margaret Jewsbury's funeral will be at 1pm on Wednesday 30th September in St Bridget's and will be livestreamed. A reception in St Bridget's Centre will follow.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

28th September – 3rd October

Monday		Rector's day off
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	2pm	Rossinière Home Group – Pikes Hey Road
	3.30pm	Toasty Tuesday in St Bridget's
	4.45pm	Sing Aloud
	6pm	Choir practice
	6.30pm	School Governors meet
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
Wednesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer – St Bridget
	8.30-11.30am	Link café – Centre
	10am	Knit & Natter, Craft and Chat group – Centre
	11.30am	Holy Communion – St Bridget
	1pm	Funeral (Margaret Jewsbury RIP) – St Bridget
Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom - for the service download it here .
	10am	Caldy Baby & Toddler Group + STiCK
	10am	<i>Bereavement Journey</i> – St Michael's Newton
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
	10am	St Bridget's Baby Group – Centre

The Rector will be attending a course from 2nd to 11th October at St Beuno's entitled Spiritual Conversation. Primarily the course aims to help deepen and improve one-to-one pastoral ministry, using Ignatian principles based on the Spiritual Exercises and introduces skills necessary for spiritual direction. Thank you to everyone who is taking on extra work and covering services to enable her to do so. Please pray for this to be a fruitful time.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

To everyone who brought wonderful tin can arrangements – they are wonderful and have resulted in lots of comments and many smiles. Thanks to everyone who decorated St Bridget's and to Ali and Helen for the amazing art installation over the font. As we have a baptism this Sunday it will sadly have to come down! And finally thank you for your wonderful generosity in donations to the Foodbank – see later for just how well we did!

DONATIONS TO THE FOODBANK last Sunday

We took 154kg of food to the Foodbank last Sunday after St Bridget's Harvest Festival service, a fantastic result. The Foodbank said this is equivalent to the total amount they sometimes receive in a whole day. A big Thank You to all who donated and also to those who will bring items to Caldy this Sunday.



We hope you will enjoy reading the next inspiring section of our book, entitled ‘O!’

A man and a woman, both wearing red aprons, are smiling and holding a certificate. The man is on the left, holding the certificate, and the woman is on the right, holding a string of red balloons. They are standing in front of a stone fireplace mantel decorated with a garland. A table with a red and white checkered tablecloth is in the foreground.

Toasty Tuesdays is a very popular event and a great blessing to our community with some families renaming Tuesdays after it! Our thanks to Andrew and Carolyn for running it so well and for all the amazing volunteers. Due to its success we're on the lookout for more helpers to join our wonderful team. It would be a commitment of around 1.5 hours every few weeks serving tea, toast please let Andrew, Carolyn or Paula know if you are interested. All volunteers are subject to our safeguarding requirements. **HAPPY 3RD BIRTHDAY TOASTY TUESDAY!**



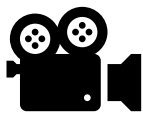
Due to popular demand, Peter Walker will be at the Link again with his sharpening machine next Wednesday 30th September. All donations to church funds.

Donations of cakes, home-made if possible, would be very welcome.

Are any of your ancestors named on War Memorials at St Bridget's either in the church or the graveyard? If so please let Rev'd Mary know: maryrailtoncrowder@gmail.com or mobile 07773 884961. Many thanks.

We have just received our first cheque from [Recycling For Good Causes](#), £66.45 from the collection of currency, stamps, phones, tablets, games consoles, satnavs, cameras, watches and jewellery in the box in St Bridget's Centre. So please keep bringing these items. But please don't put in items not on the list, as we are charged a disposal cost for them.

The **inkjet printer cartridge** collection (boxes in both churches and the Centre) has earned us £102.05 so far this year, so please keep bringing those as well.



THE PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING – what is happening to our climate and what can we do about it? We will be showing this 50 minute film on Sunday 4th October at 4pm in St Bridget's Centre, with discussion, sharing of ideas and

hopes for a better future (recommended age 16+, 12A rating from the British Board of Film Classification); followed by an Iona-style Prayer for Creation at 6.30pm in St Bridget's Church. For more info and to register email churchwardens@stbridgetschurch.org.uk or office@stbridgetschurch.org.uk



to BRIAN DODD who, on retiring from his Reader role at St Bridget's and Caldy churches, has had the title of Reader Emeritus conferred upon him by the Bishop of Chester "*with thanksgiving and joy*". We pray for Brian and Peggy and thank them for their faithful service among us.



PCC MEETING

The PCC met this week and amongst other items discussed Deanery revitalisation, possible sale of parish house, next steps for the toilet extension at St Bridget's, organ repairs, provision of pastoral care, our financial position, training of an organ scholar and achieving Bereavement Friendly Church status. Thanks to all who give of their time, energy and skills to serve on the PCC.



HOMEOPATHY FOR HEALTH IN AFRICA

Thank you from Rachel Williams for everyone's support and to all who bought cakes after Sunday refreshments last week. The money raised will go towards funding her voluntary work in Tanzania in October. If anyone would like to donate direct, please go to <https://www.homeopathyforhealthin africa.org/> Many, many thanks for your generosity.

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